The Joint Governance Council  
of the  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  

Agenda  
3 October, 5:00 pm  
Union Room 3102  

1) Call to Order  
   a. Chair Shriver called the meeting to order at 5:04.  
2) Call to Roll  
3) Approval of the previous minutes  
   a. Minutes were approved unanimously.  
4) Public Comment Period  
   a. No one is present for the public comment period.  
5) Receipt of Petitions and Messages  
   a. Student Body President / Undergraduate Student Body President  
      i. Voter mobilization efforts are in full swing; misunderstanding and lack of  
         knowledge about registration is a problem facing the UNC campus. Please  
         attempt to spread the word and information concerning these details.  
      ii. Red Zone is underway, so please understand the risks and those who could  
         be facing increased risks of sexual assault.  
   b. Graduate and Professional Student Federation President  
      i. Coordinated efforts to produce presentations that show graduate and  
         professional student needs is underway this week.  
      ii. Barriers to resources and other concerns will be brought to the attention of  
         the Chancellor.  
      iii. GPSF had lunch with the Chancellor and discussed issues that affect the  
         campus, such as the relocation of Silent Sam.  
         1. Opinions and concerns regarding Silent Sam will be compiled into a  
            report, and will be sent to the Chancellor.  
         2. Also discussed pay disparity and health and dental insurance for  
            students, as well as diversity and sexual assault on campus.  
   c. Undergraduate Student Body Treasurer  
      i. Increased fees will allow the Carolina Union to run more smoothly from a  
         financial standpoint.  
      ii. Will continue to hear feedback, requests, and other comments in the coming  
         weeks.  
      iii. Using funding and distributing it to ensure that each committee is able to  
         fulfill their tasks to the best of their ability.  
   d. Graduate and Professional Student Federation Treasurer  
6) Reports of the Senate
a. Undergraduate Senate
   i. Back on its regular schedule and met last night, and is full staffed.

b. Graduate and Professional Student Senate
   i. Met last night with the regular schedule; projects and legislation have begun for the year.
   ii. Applications for travel awards are expected to rise.

7) Introduction of Senate Business
8) Informal Business Discussion
   a. LatinX Center
      i. The School of Education has reinstated the previous hub due to student backlash.
   b. November 2018 Election
      i. Online voter registration is not possible in North Carolina; this information must be spread around the campus and across the state.
      ii. Issues with registration surrounding those who moved recently should also be addressed.
      iii. Absentee ballots can be faxed or mailed.
   c. Alert Carolina
      i. Lack of correspondence from the university regarding the aftermath of Florence: not communication about what roads or areas were flooded.
         1. Is this something that needs to be brought to the attention of the safety office?
            a. The decision was supposed to be given at 3pm, then another response was given at 8pm. The disregard for students who needed to evacuate or travel was disconcerting.
            b. Plan of action
               i. Release a statement or directly contact the office about these issues.
               ii. Have the office members to be present to facilitate a discussion on these issues and problems that occurred.
                  1. This could allow more details to come to the surface.
                  2. Have questions prepared so that it is most beneficial and the most information is received from the meeting.
   d. Involvement of Senators for Future Joint Legislation
The legislation passed here last week only passed through the Undergraduate Senate and had been waiting since April; however, the practice of passing legislation through both legislatures should be emphasized.

1. Thoughts on this practice?
   a. Is there a mechanism in the joint code of the legislatures to allow for the legislation to be sent to both legislatures?
      i. A code exists allowing that if one legislature has passed a piece of legislation, it goes to the JGC.
      ii. Holding legislation for prolonged periods of time is not ideal; communication would make it harder for issues with the current practice to rise.
      iii. Questions regarding this code are encouraged.
         1. If something passes with a certain high majority, should this be allowed to go straight through to the JGC, rather than a bare majority?
   2. The current practice will continue until the next meeting; the issue will be addressed again at a short time in the future.
      a. Communication between Speaker Kennith and Vice President Michelle should suffice for the time being so that no problem grows out of hand.
      b. Coordinating with the committees will also help streamline confusion in this process.

c. Current Climate - Dr. Ford
   i. Two senators expressed desire to release a statement in support of Dr. Ford in the undergraduate senate.
      1. Dr. Ford is a Carolina alumni, so this support may be appropriate.
      ii. An advertisement in the Daily Tarheel depicting alumni and current students and faculty has been put out that supports Dr. Ford and any sexual assault and harassment victims.
      iii. Related scenario: GPSF executive branch encountered an issue last year around the new tax bill.
         1. An MBA student was adamant that if GPSF was going to release statements that are political, the organization must be registered as a 501.
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a. Why is GPSF executive branch advocating for something the entire student body does not represent.

9) Notices and Announcements
   a. Fall Break Meeting
      i. Confirmation that the next meeting is October 17th at 5pm.
         1. The Union may be closed this day, but if attendance is an issue use a proxy.
         2. Absences: there are only two reasons to miss a meeting, as recognized per last meeting.

10) Adjournment