

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
98th Student Congress
27 September, 7:30pm
Genome Sciences Building, Room 010
Minutes by legislative assistant Jonathan Huml

- 1) Call to Order- 7:33PM
- 2) Roll Call (Absent at roll call-McConnachie; absent- Canter, Echeverria, Hernandez, Lai, Morrison, Russell) Quorum met.
- 3) Approval of the Minutes -none
- 4) Receipts of Petitions and Messages
 - i) Messages from the Student Body President-Busy week. Sexual assault prevention task force, continuing to push all external appointments (represented by Sam Green).
 - ii) Messages from the GPSF President-none
 - iii) Messages from the Student Body Treasurer-(Edwards). Voted against student application fee rise; voted against program enhancement fee for business school students (\$3,000 for majors, \$1,500 for minors). Several executives still collecting information and deciding on these fees. Voted against establishment of undergraduate nursing fee for training.
 - iv) Messages from the Director of State and External Affairs-none
 - v) Messages from the Student Attorney General-appreciated those members of Congress who helped with Honor court.
 - vi) Messages from the Honor Court Chair-none
- 5) Reports of the Officers of Congress
 - i) Speaker's Report-Speaker Simons welcomes four new members, and is excited for select committees and new members joining said committees. Deciding on at-large member for Carolina directors.
 - ii) Speaker Pro Tempore's Report-none
 - iii) Finance Committee Chair's Report-Currently hearing and deciding 3 funding requests
 - iv) Rules & Judiciary Committee Chair's Report-Would like to welcome four new members. New bill for undergraduate teaching awards and deciding co-chair. Has been very active as of late. No queries.
 - v) Oversight & Advocacy Committee Chair's Report-Recent activity: brainstormed for select committees (campus development, health, etc.) all of last week. No queries.
 - vi) Ethics Committee Chair's Report-none
- 6) Public Comment Period-none
- 7) Introduction of Concurrent Resolutions-none
- 8) Unfinished business of preceding meeting-none
- 9) Consent Calendar-Motion to pass consent calendar (with exception of Art Heels deficit; this exception will be addressed in general orders). Second. Consent. Approved.
- 10) General Orders Calendar
 - i) Undergraduate Teaching Awards Nominee-Completely funded by undergraduate fees. Committee representative impressed with proposed applicant's (Caroline Bass) passion

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and leadership capacity; co-chair to help select professors worthy of award. Bass is a new member to the committee; sophomore transfer student at UNC. Question-how can you contribute to student government? Answer (Bass)-can offer new/"outsider" perspective, using past experience from Meredith College. Question-How will you select members of the board? Answer (Bass)-she will select a wide range of members, diverse set of grade years/demographics/clubs/experiences. Tammy will be administrator for committee. Motion to approve resolution. Consent. Approved. Caroline Bass joins the Undergraduate Teaching Awards organization.

- ii) Sangam Funding-Sangam is a South Asian Awareness Organization. Vice president and treasurer present. Represents 8 countries, founded 29 years ago. Hosts intercollegiate dance competition at Memorial Hall. Because of inclement weather, lost money due to cancellation of dance competition last year. Question-How does Congress fund both Aaj Ka Dhamaka (AKD) and Hasan Minhaj events. Due to budget constraints, will be difficult to fund both events. Q-Which would you prefer? Answer-Sangam paid for AKD last year, lost all that money/sunk cost. AKD is essential to Sangam, but the organization would like to bring a high profile comedian to campus as it is a rare opportunity. Both are highly important to the organization. Question-Could Sangam look at Office of Student Affairs for other sources of funding? MSA got \$6,000, Minhaj costs \$19,000; \$13,000 gap there. Speaker Simons would also like to add that we would still need \$7,000 for Monsoon. Also adds that the best thing would be to fund AKD; might not be able to fund Minhaj. Last 16 years, Sangam has put on AKD. They sell tickets, get sponsorships, and have \$75 entrance fee for AKD teams; they also bring in performers for AKD. Do not have a performer for AKD this year. In past, have paid \$8,000 for a performer, which is not the case this year in an attempt to cut costs. Congress does not generally fund local travel. Motion to reduce travel to \$32.40. Second. Consent. Approved. Question-what is cost of Triangle Mixer travel? Answer-students transported via shuttle. Travel is difficult to pass through finance committee. Keep motion to reduce travel by another \$100. Second. Consent. No objections. Approved. Travel money for Canadian speaker, and lodging for one night. The maximum that Congress can fund is \$90/night for lodging. Motion to reduce lodging by \$110 to \$1,080. Motion to fund AKD in full. Consent. Approved. Question-professional labor fees of \$4,500? Yes, \$4, 500 is professional labor fees, \$1,000 rental fee (\$5,500 in total venue rental of Graham Memorial). Production is \$700 fee for AKD; Miscellaneous Cabinet event has \$200 production; \$300 for Meditation vs. Medication (mental illness awareness) event at Great Hall. No other issues with AKD. Question-is there planning oversight of these events? Answer-25 executives come up with ideas, but VP manages and oversees events. Finance would rather approve something that's already planned (some aforementioned events are not planned). To AKD, Minhaj second most important event. Sangam wants funding for Minhaj over all others, besides AKD. However, in totality, Minhaj event is more than all other events combined. Mental illness awareness planned; in two weeks. Congress has roughly \$48,000 left, after \$8,000 cost, down to \$40k. Budget is \$170, 000 for this semester, down to \$100, 000 mark. After tonight, down to \$35-40,000 range. Sangam requesting about \$20,000 in total. Speaker Simons points out Congressional budget is

tight for this semester. Motion to fund mental illness awareness in full (Meditation vs. Medication) . Second. Objection. No withdrawal of objection. Rep. Hennessey keeps motion in place. Roll call vote on whether to fund Meditation vs. Medication in full-16 (no)-7 (yes) vote. Motion fails. Speaker Simons would like someone to propose a motion for funding Hasan Minhaj. Q-What would happen if Minhaj did not happen? A-Minhaj has agreed to come to UNC. Student Affairs is a long shot for funding. Motion to fund Minhaj event at an extra \$6,000 on top of sunk cost of \$8,000. Roll call-unanimously no. Motion fails. Motion to cut travel by \$100 to \$32.40. Consent. Approved. Motion to fund AKD cost to Sangam \$7,000. Second. Consent. Objection from Rep. Hennessey. Objection withdrawn. Motion withdrawn. Motion to cut lodging to \$540. Second. Consent. Approved. Congress appropriates \$6,799.40 to Sangam (\$5,500 to building/venue rental, \$540 to lodging, \$27 to printing/publicity, \$700 to production \$32.40 to travel excluding lodging)

(1) Sangam proposal-\$6,000 for Minhaj event if they will cut out every other event.

However, as noted, this cost would outweigh all other events combined.

iii) Delta Sigma Iota Fraternity Funding-President representing DSI. Biggest event of year is Sangeet Saagar. Goal is to bring people of the Triangle together; sold out NC State venue last two years. Have booked Memorial Hall for 3rd year. Motion to extend speaking time by one minute. Consent. Approved. Finance committee comment-DSI could not get funding; Congress has already half-funded this event, but DSI requesting other half, which was not provided from partner organization at NC State. Question-Should Congress bridge this gap? DSI has tried other sources of funding; they were told the event was not within most organizations' (such as Student Affairs) jurisdiction. Alternating cost between UNC and NC State chapters. NCSU covered the costs for the last two years when at their venue. Asking for \$4,777. Motion to fund Sangeet Saagar in full. Second. Consent. Approved. DSI is postponing health presentation. Noted that congressional representatives appreciate DSI's initiative to privately raise money via fundraising. Motion to fund fraternity dues and fees in full. Second. Consent. Objection. Motion withdrawn. Precedent of Congress is to not fund fraternity dues and fees. Motion to approve request as is. Second. Consent. Approved. Congress appropriates \$4,777 to Delta Sigma Iota.

iv) UNC Club Table Tennis Funding

(1) Founder/president, treasurer present. Club sport. Shared tables in underground of the Union. Biggest conflict is the equipment/equipment rental. Tables falling apart, not professional grade. Need professional tables, and can get these at discounted price. Already paid for tables, one table paid off, but are attempting to reimburse individuals who initially purchased the tables. Questions-will tables be open to public? Yes, in the Union underground. However, UNC Club Table Tennis would eventually like to put 5-6 professional grade tables in safe storage. Q-Have there been public events in the past? Yes; for example, one event in partnership with the Red Cross Club of UNC-CH; tables are used frequently. Sports club matches dues and fees; club needs to pay for ping pong balls, paddles. One table paid off, club moderator got two more tables. Q-Is there a rush to pay these tables off? Not

necessarily, but founder (senior, started club as freshman) has personal mission to pay off tables. Noted that the president has testified to Congress nine times. Motion to fund equipment rental at \$1,000. Second. Consent. Approved. Motion to fund fully. Second. Consent. Approved. Congress appropriates \$1,277 in totality to UNC Club Table Tennis.

v) SCB-98-XXX- Settle dispute with Art Heels, which had a deficit of \$300. Miscategorized by student government. Transfer of money from 04 to 01 fund, an unusual occurrence. Motion to fund the Art Heel deficit. Roll call-21 yes; unanimous. Approved.

11) Notices & Announcements

i) Election of New Members to Standing Committees

(1) Two new members need to go to Finance. One new member to each other standing committee. Motion to move these members to their respective committees. Second. Approved.

12) Adjournment-roll call. Congress adjourned.