

**Student Government Association**

**The University of North Carolina at Greensboro**

**89th Session of the Student Senate**

**Tuesday, March 27, 2012, 7:00 p.m.**

**Maple Room, Elliot University Center**

-Presidential and Vice Presidential Debate:

-Vice Presidential Debate:

-Meredith Swain:

-Started career as a Freshman at UNCG, fell in love with the school. Dedicated herself to the school. Motto of "mi casa is su casa". UNCG represents where she is and where she wants to be.

-Campus involvement, Spartan spirit

-Questions by Vice President John Johnston:

-What would you do to increase Senator retention within Senate?

-Answer: SGA is an amazing organization to help lend the voice of students. Increase Senator retention by introductions, and getting to know who they are. Want to let students know that their voices are heard and valued

-SGA socials were very popular, how would you change the attendance at the end of the school year?

-Answer: Wants to let Senators know how good they are doing. Want to bring excitement to SGA. Students and Senators should be able to go to any event. A committee social would help to continue retention

-Feedback about VP, some people felt disconnected because they did not know Robert's Rules of Order, how would you change that?

-Answer: Although it is confusing, it would be effective to have a cabinet that understands. Workshops would help, talking about motions being made. Questions need to be asked. Robert's Rules are a great way for organizations to run. Can learn and ask questions together

-What is one weakness that the current VP has, and what would better that?

-Answer: Don't believe in placing blame, or placing flaws. Current office is authoritative and direct. Personal style is more charismatic. Having a different style will help students ask more questions

-What would you say to student that wants to be involved, but doesn't have a reason to be? Accountability?

-Answer: No real way to have accountability. We are students first. We wear many hats. Unified body working together for great change. Jump into a role and will work with you to find strengths.

-How would you continue the relationship of the Executive and Legislative Branches?

-Answer: Huge fan of emailing. Believe communication is great between the boards. Sit people down on a one on one basis, to get to know the person and what is important about their role. Encouragement.

-How do you feel about the rumor that SGA doesn't do anything? Informing students about what SGA actually does according to students.

-Answer: Asked around what people thought SGA stood for. The answer most common was Student Government Association. We need to advertise and be accountable for our personal merit. We need the meetings every Tuesday packed with students.

-What is one thing that you want the audience to know?

-Answer: A very driven and dedicated person. Is intense because she cares. Always around to work through things to find solutions

-Student Questions:

-As chairwoman of the Senate, will oversee pieces of Legislation. What do you say about people saying SGA should not debate about national and local issues?

-Answer: What is important to the students is important to the University. To help our Senators know what the mission is. Need to support students that defines SGA as a whole.

-In what way will you work with the SGA President to make the body a whole?

-Answer: Needs open communication with the President. Loves being one on one with someone. Easy to send an email, but when you take time to reach out and know about the person, it will come back positive.

-Closing remarks:

-Thank you for all the support throughout the campaign. Good to see people talking about SGA and values. Goals are encouraging, inspiring.

-Presidential Debate:

-Chelsea Boccardo:

-Three main things to specifically address:

-The first is to refocus freshman students in FFL courses and Living Learning Communities to attend one student organization meeting of their interest

-The second is to look at revising our curricula to integrate social media and online applications into the classroom, relative to a field of study

-The third is to continue putting UNCG everywhere. This campus will be bleeding Blue and Gold

-The most important thing about these elections will be motivating people to vote. Encourage your peers to take part in this illustrious process, for they have great ideas and concerns that we long to hear. We are here to make UNCG better for everyone

-Questions by Vice President John Johnston:

-What would be your first issue that you would be working on as the new year approaches?

-Answer: Need to figure out what types of people that she needs to be working with. There is a lot of work to be done and this is critical to working with the Executive Branch

-What do you think that students like most about this campus, and how would you implement that?

-Answer: Bleed blue and gold. Hear it everywhere, but this is the spirit that brings a culture together. Bring people together through various outlets. Promoting athletics, as well as student affairs and academics. Need to go through with initiatives. Need to inspiring peers to be Blue and Gold. Wants to instill pride in the students

-With the recent closing of the Quad and Fountain, where do you feel now and in the future is the largest student hangout?

-Answer: Need to work with the Vice President to work on implementing. Being where the events are to show the organization

-What do you think students enjoy most about UNCG?

-Answer: First thing you will hear what people say is falling in love with the campus. The diversity is a great thing. This is the point that brings people together. People learn from diversity and thrive from it

-Do you think SGA over the 89<sup>th</sup> session has made a positive contribution to the University?

-Answer: Yes. Have retained more Senators than any other year thus far. Says we are engaged personally. Wants to hold people accountable to be outside of SGA and show our faces. Key for Senators will be a key turning point to get ourselves out there

-Identify one major issue of the student body and how the administration handled it.

-Answer: Talking to Greek organizations because they show community around campus. Believe in Greek life although not personally Greek. Most concerned Greek housing among students. A lot of students wanted Greek housing, a Greek row. Wants to rekindle this relationship to compromise to work towards the master plan

-What would you say to students that respond about not being Greek? About getting involved?

-Answer: Have had this questions a lot at SOAR. There are other options to explore about how to get involved. SGA is not a Greek Association. There are many more organizations to get involved with. Have participated in many different pockets of campus. Would encourage students to find what their niche is

-Rumor is that UNCG will experience program cuts and academic cuts, how would you highlight the truth of that, explain?

-Answer: Sat on UPRC committee. This process was to find strengths and weaknesses of UNCG. Academic program review was to review the academic curricula at UNCG and find more about ourselves. There will be areas that need improvement but not necessarily cut from the curricula

-With the rise in social media, how would you work with academic services as a rep of the student body to see the strengths and weaknesses of the integration of social media?

-Answer: Really important to integrate social media in the classroom. Is important to get technology for business and social life. Tons of free applications that can apply to a student's field of study. Do not believe that applications will apply to every aspect of the classroom, but does give an

advantage and competitive in the workforce. We have our hands of social media every day and will make us more marketable as professionals

-Student Questions:

-What is SGA doing about the Glenwood expansion and the expansion in general of UNCG?

-Answer: Personally would like to participate with SGA and the community neighborhood involvement. Has information about what type of space is to be filled with the Glenwood expansion. Has sustainable strategies that is working on. We need to rekindle our relationship with these facilities. Is an ongoing process

-What efforts are you making to further make awareness about budget cuts? And what do you know about the upcoming year?

-Answer: Will inform students about certain cuts. Wants students to know how exactly budget cuts actually happen. Breaking down the budget. Wants to educate everyone of the process. Wants to get our students out there in our State institutions. We need to collaborate with transportation to get students out there

-How can SGA strengthen its position as leaders within SGA and other organizations?

-Answer: We need to make the face of SGA. Our leaders need to be the face of the organization. Thinks that if our leaders are peers, will get out there and get our name out there. Need to be a friend and not just a Senator

-Closing remarks:

-Mahatma Gandhi: "The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems"

-Vision for the University: To connect freshman in FFL and Living Learning Communities to student organizations; to integrate social media and online applications into the classroom, to make this University bleed Blue and Gold

-These statements have been shaped from the advice from my mentors, using the Strategic Plan as an alignment tool, and addressed because they were issues that we, the students, are truly concerned with. Met with administrators about ideas. These initiatives are attainable and truly benefit the students of UNCG

-Fifteen Minute Recess

-Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

-This meeting was called to order by Vice President John Johnston at 8:34 p.m.

-Brittany Butler, Legislative Assistant was present and recorded the minutes

-Roll Call

-Quorum exists

-Approval of Minutes:

-Approved without debate

-Approval of Agenda:

-Approved without debate

-Student Forum:

-Jonathan Light: Former Senator at Large. In a communications course. Plan was chosen to do for SGA. Standing plan for a year. Some of the goals that SGA wishes to achieve will be in the plan. A focus group of 10 to 12 people for the increase of student involvement. Next Tuesday before the SGA meeting for one hour

-Dillon Tyler: Succeeded from the Presidential race. Needs to reveal something. Sometimes quiet, sometimes speak up about an issue. Has challenges in life, but can still instigate changes.

-Reports:

A. President Isaac Miller:

-Great T-shirt exchange is Monday and Tuesday of next week, will go out and will need help. The Executive cabinet has invested a lot of effort and money for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. A fun event that is for the students provided for SGA. Plan is to table 9-5:30 Monday and Tuesday of next week

-Wants feedback of integrating marketing plan project. Has not talked a lot about it. UNCG just did an overhaul with marketing. UNCG is now in one direction. Administrators are interested in feedback. Images are standing out because of the black and white signs. Suggestions:

-Shorter, more impactful signs

-A good idea. Catches the eye because of the color

-Met with Chancellor yesterday morning about what SGA has done and where it is going in the future. Talked about ASG. Talked about how we are going to leave our impact and sharing knowledge that we know now

-Outstanding Student group award-SGA was nominated, April 16<sup>th</sup>-the winner will be announced. Worked on the application to get it submitted

-Annual Executive Reports

-Spartan TV interview. Specifically about the mural competition. Wants committee on board about what inspired SGA to do this and why they chose that mural

-Transitions: Gathering transition information

-Questions:

-Reed Sheffield: How long has this marketing change been in works and how much does it cost?

-Answer: Started sometime over 2 years, wanting UNCG to have one look

-Latoya Wright: Will there be a sign-up sheet for the t-shirt exchange?

-Answer: There will be a sign-up sheet

#### B. Vice President John Johnston:

-Voting online March 28 and 29: Sent out a Student Body wide e-mail about elections

-Elections will conclude 9 pm on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup>

-Interim Publicity CC: Pick up your SGA pins after the meeting tonight!

-Sign up for the polls

#### C. Attorney General Emmy Downs:

-Threatening or causing physical harm or harassment 1, Violations of federal or state laws, or local ordinances which affect the interests of the University community 1, Conduct which is disorderly 3, Violation of University policy or law regarding alcohol 7

#### D. Chief of Staff Chelsea Boccardo:

-The SGA banquet: Monday April 23

-Dietary restrictions? Tell Chelsea, email

-Guest policy: notified if allowed to bring guests

-Chalk Policy Review Ad-Hoc Committee: not allowed to chalk on campus currently

-Wants to work with UNCG to allow organizations to chalk on campus

-Leadership Challenge: Last workshop

-April 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>: Be there

-Final reflection papers

-LC Banquet Tuesday April 10 at 4:30 p.m.

-SGA website meeting with URE

-The Great T-shirt exchange: Talking with people around campus about changing their shirt for a UNCG shirt. We want students to give us shirts from other Universities in exchange for a UNCG Spartan shirt

-Questions/Comments:

-Temilola Ajibulu: Would be better to restrict chalking to one area, would make campus more appealing

-Isaac Miller: Visited Georgetown University, they had chalk everywhere, it seemed to work and it could work here

-Dillon Tyler: Part of the committee, personal opinion is agreeing with Isaac. Seen a lot of artwork displaying personal messages. Hasn't seen anything vulgar so far, but hold people accountable

-Chelsea Boccardo: Chalk is inexpensive, would take place of flyers. North Carolina has a strict restriction on chalking. Want to hear other people's thoughts about this

-Temilola Ajibulu: About where to put the chalk, NC State has an expression tunnel to express ideas that people have, would be a good idea for UNCG

-Dillon Tyler: The excellence awards banquet is separate from everything else?

-Answer: It recognizes organizations that are related to campus that are nominated for awards. More of a campus wide awards

E. Secretary of Student Affairs Reko Daye:

-No report

F. Secretary of Community Affairs Jonathan Gonzalez:

-Continuing the World Wide Book Drive: Will contact volunteers soon



- Working with Laura Keilson on The Great T-shirt exchange

G. Secretary of Academic Affairs Madison Sampson:

- No report

H. Secretary of Business Affairs Laura Keilson:

- DVD Now

- Business sold

- Contacting new owner

- Looking into other options

- Time Warner Cable

- Flex partners

- Top Freshman student concerns

- General concern of all students

- Survey results: Papa Johns and a Buger joint

- Working with Wendy's

- Meeting with Kevin Deans about Cafe hours, will be extended next year

-Old Business:

- No Old Business for the body to consider

-New Business:

- SB 89-13: SGA T-shirts: Debate:

- Ariana Bushweller: Get SGA's name out there. T-shirts are a great way to do this. SGA's logo on the t-shirt and a big paint splash on the back

- Motion to approve the bill

- Moved and seconded

- Crystal Bayne: Motion to change the amount of \$770 to \$784

-Reed Sheffield, point of information: How with our upcoming banquet, are there any plans to use those initiatives that will affect the legislative budget?

-Answer: The SGA banquet is funded from other sources

-Chelsea Boccardo point of information: Is this an exact quote?

-Answer: 200 shirts cost 1,140. With 100 shirts we can get them to the people of Senate now and in the future of the fall

-Crystal Bayne: Rise in support of this bill

-Move to a vote, changing 770 to 784

-Voted upon

-Dillon Tyler: Move to 784 dollars to “up to \$800”. Dealing with businesses, sometimes fees are hidden, need possible allocated funds

-Voted upon and motion approved

-David Vreeland: In publicity committee, questioned getting shirts at the end of the year, because of people graduating. Doing this at the end doesn't seem useful and is in opposition

-Reed Sheffield: Rise in support of this bill, we have enough money. Will not create budgetary problems. Even though people will be leaving, there are people staying and they can be used next year to get publicity out there

-Temilola Ajibulu, point of information: Will we be able to wear these for Food for your concerns?

-Answer: Food for your concerns is no longer happening

-Laura Keilson: If this bill passes how long would this take?

-Answer: Will get the order out tomorrow, can take less than a month

-Riva Kanjagu: Have spent all year talking about getting a t-shirt, would still like to represent SGA after graduation

-Temilola Ajibulu: Move to previous question

-Voted and passed

-SB 89 13 has passed

-Senator Forum:

-Ariana Bushweller: Thank you for approving the bill. Button will be given out after the meeting

-Temilola Ajibulu: Please sign-up for the polls tonight

-Reed Sheffield: Would like to recognize Ariana Bushweller for just coming into this position and getting things done

-Riva Kanjangu: Would like to thank David for the button idea

-Announcements:

-Food is still left over

-Adjournment to Committees at 9:40 p.m.