A. Call to Order *(Quorum met: 62 Senators present)*
   1) Attendance (Please sign in and pick up ballots [one per unit])
      If unit submits two ballots, both ballots will be removed and not counted.
   2) Motion to Approve Agenda
      Motion to approve tonight’s agenda. Motion approved and seconded.

B. Old Business
   1) Motion to Approve Minutes from 6 September 2016 Meeting
      No changes from last meeting’s minutes. Motion approved and seconded.

C. Open Forum

Senator Dan Orep (Bioinformatics) – Civic Engagement Task Force
Civic engagement starts with voting. 18-29 year olds: only about 45% of people in the cohort are estimated to vote. Task force aims to increase this percentile.
   - October 27th, 12-6pm: March to the polls
      - Voting early: easier than election day, lines will be shorter, any problems with voting registration can be fixed here
      - Davis Courtyard near Pit: draw students in (undergrad and grad) with speakers, food, musical performances
      - Walk to nearest early voting poll location (Chapel of the Cross)
      - In collaboration with NCPIRG, undergrads, Young Democrats, College Republicans, etc.
      - **What is needed from senators**: attendance, publicity within respective departments, interest in musical performances

Senator Kwame Gyampo (Dental Senator)
   - Free screenings: x-rays and accompany to exam; students will direct you to the right person
   - 1:30-3:30 every Friday until end of October at the dental school
   - No stipulations: ideal for those who haven’t had dental screenings within the last year

D. Guest Speakers
   1) Carolina Union Activities Board
      Travis Broadhurst – undergrad from CUAB, Vice President of Programming
      - Student organization operating solely on student fees: $330,000 for programming for Carolina students. Trying to improve initiatives for graduate students – grad students also pay fees to CUAB.
      - October calendar of events passed out: open to everyone, as long as one member of party has valid UNC one card. Morehead Night at Planetarium, family activities/movie night, Linda mixers, coffee socials with graduate school
• Grad/Professional Student Committee seat of CUAB is open: responsible for deciding how to spend $12,000 of funding on CUAB events
• Advertise vacancy in newsletter, link is in newsletter sent out on October 15th, grad/prof student CUAB calendar will also be sent out in Oct 15th newsletter
• Time commitment for CUAB seat: one hour per week for programming board (every Thursday at 7PM in Union); all other work you do is up to you

2) Taylor Moss, NCPIRG, by request of the Task Force on Civic Engagement
Edhriz (Biochemistry/Biophysics Senator) introduces Taylor. Friendly competition: take registration forms to departments and make sure they are registered to vote. If you register less than 5 in department: Starbucks gift card; more than 5: VIP tickets to dinner on Nov. 4th with Senator Deborah Ross and maybe Richard Burr
- NCPIRG: nonpartisan nonprofit to pursue student advocacy on campus (mostly undergrads)
- Campaigns throughout year. Main focus: new voters campaign. Make sure new/young voters are making it to the polls. This age group cares about affordable education, careers post-graduation, future job market, health insurance: aren’t being dealt with in political world right now. By getting young voters to the polls, we can help elect those who we think will work on the topics that we care about.
- NC voting laws are one of most stringent in the nation. Update your address every time you move.
- NCPIRG voter pledges: add your name, a promise to vote: solidarity and symbolism. Contact information given back to signed up people, with information/steps about how to vote. If interested in getting involved: take interns and volunteers on rolling basis.
- Include voter pledge in competition: many have already registered and won’t stop to talk to you – by pledging, you may be able to hold a conversation, answer their questions, etc.
- Question: what’s available on candidates summary, etc.? how to distribute it to people? Let Taylor know so that she can give you enough materials. Candidate info guides in next week.
- Contact: taylor@ncpirg.org

Senator Taylor Warhauser: Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise – putting together conference What’s next America – speakers on important areas that people may be interested in: October 14th
$25 registration; $35 with lunch – send to constituents

E. Resolutions / Bills
1) 16-07 Amendment to the Constitution – Committees (GPSF VPIA, Brian Coussens)
Amendments to committees: restructured committees. Committees talked about more generally, then individual duties further down.
- University Research Day Committee becomes Special Projects Committee (restructuring to 5 members [currently 3 members]). Duties changed: in charge of UNC ARC and Second Semester Check-in (instead of only UNC ARC), and can add another event if desired
- VPIA is non-voting, ex-officio of Resolutions and Travel Awards Committees
- Minor changes in working (constitution, treasury law, and travel awards law)
- Clarification: 4b – not everything has to pass through Resolutions: Finance, Travel, and Appropriations have their own
- Public reporting for each committee is clarified

2) 16-10 Select Committee on the Future of GPSF (GPSF VPIA, Brian Coussens)
   - Two tasks: produce 5-year plan for GPSF and educating grad students on possibility of separation; encouraging them to vote in referendum
   - Voted for separation last year: didn’t have enough votes. Election thrown out by UNC Supreme Court because of law accidentally signed in and possibly misinterpreted. Election has to be done again in early November.
   - 5 senators, 5 from general grad/prof student body, executive committee

3) 16-11 Select Committee on Graduate & Professional Student Rights (GPSF VPIA, Brian Coussens)
   - Charged with writing Bill of Rights for grad/prof students. Want to create an outline for what graduate students expect
   - Dean of Graduate School (Dean Matson) is in support
   - Question: what happens if Bill is approved? How will it be enforced?
     - Expect that Bill will pass Senate, Faculty Council, BOT: if it is violated, it will be brought to dept head, etc. There will be limits, but right now, nothing exists to protect graduate students.

Motion to put 1st 3 resolutions to vote. (Must be approved before getting nominations for committee later). Motion approved and seconded.

4) 16-06 Appropriations Recommendations Bill (Appropriations Chair, Nathan Dollar)
   Senator Dollar (Sociology): chair of Appropriations Committee. 5 requests for appropriations.
   - 2 fully funded (Carolina Ed Policy Student Assoc; Science Policy Advocacy Group). 2 partially funded (MBA Student Association; Islamicate Grad Student Assoc). 1 not funded (NC Journal of Law and Tech – retracted after finding other funding source)
   - Total requested: $5810.40; Total recommended: $1631.20
   - Question: why was MBA Student Association not funded more for Stop Hunger Now request? A: committee felt that project wasn’t necessarily in line with goal of our funding. Wanted to see more impact on impact for educational opportunity, better ways of volunteering. Fairly unanimous vote, much discussion. Last year $900 was given. Philanthropic event was giving money to them to give money to somewhere else. We should instead be funding philanthropic efforts that are benefiting the community as a whole. Still support the initiative, so some funding was recommended.

5) 16-08 Budget Amendment (GPSF Treasurer, Marie Eszenyi)
   Bill to move money around in budget to fund Civic Engagement Task Force. Money is coming from Executive branch members’ stipends who aren’t able to take them. Would go to Reserves at end of the year, but want to move to Cabinet to use for Civic Engagement Task Force.
   - How will budget be used? Two major areas: dinner with Senate candidates and March to the Polls events. 6 initiatives total, most will be spent on the two listed.
   - Question: who can attend dinner? A: open to anyone.
- Question: what is the goal of dinner? A: to promote awareness of senate candidates; create a more informed electorate
- Task force is nonpartisan; both candidates have been invited.
- Dinner is free. VIP ticket is meet and greet with senator candidates; better chance of interaction with candidates.
- Question: can returning candidates (if any are returning) also be invited? A: yes, Task Force will look into it.
- $1500 may also be used to pay for musical performances for March to the Polls
- Additional funding applied for through ASG
- Any money not spent by Task Force will go back into stipends account (line 5130)

6) 16-09 Amendment to Treasury Law (GPSF COS, Anginelle Alabanza)
- Anginelle: Introducing a bill to include the Emergency Fund in the Treasury Funds. GPSF has an emergency fund this is open to all graduate and professional students. Founded in 2013, problem is that it is not in the treasury funds. None of the guidelines are listed. GPSF has created a set of guidelines detailing how the funds will be processed, who the selection committee will be. Brian has written out what will be included in the treasury laws.
- Question: Length of the enrollment. 6 year enrollment. Answer: We don’t want to use these funds for travel costs but for accident related injuries.
- Q: What is current funding
  - Answer: we are at 17,000 dollars. No way to replenish funds. We take some of the money and move it into the funds and replenish it. 15,000 every school year. We haven’t decided on anything yet, but that is the direction we are moving. Students were charged an extra dollar a year ago in their student fees.
  - Q: Average disbursement. Answer: on Average 200-300 on person. Last year the committee awarded $4,000. The committee has never founded more than $500. No cap on how much we should spend.
  - Q: What is the threshold for minimum funding emergency; Answer: Not declared, Costs stemming from an emergency situation.
  - Q: is there a mechanism to report how the money is used. Answer: WE send out a survey to every person awarded funds and then it is uploaded to Sakai. If there is interest we can include that to Senators so GPSF can see where costs are going.
  - Stephanie Watkins-Cruz: Would be nice to outline how much has been used and for what emergency. Trying to gather how much has been spent in the past few years.
  - Comment: Lots of the past awards have been for airfare or medical bill issues.
  - Q: Any considerations in place to ensure that it is not in conflict with legal issues: Answer: Yes, mechanisms are in place.
  - Answer: International student advocate able to provide input.

7) 16-12 Travel Awards Recommendations Bill (Travel Awards, Candace Buckner)
Senator Buckner: Chair for Travel Awards
- 9 Travel awards given this cycle. 10 less than last year’s application season (usually 25-30)
- Fall session 2 round typically has more application – now have more to allot
- Several alternates in case awardees get multiple awards (can’t get more than 1 source of funding with GPSF Travel Award) – all but 2 were cleared off waitlist after declines
o Question: why can’t funding be combined? (for international travel, etc.) A: they want to make sure there are no other funding sources
o Working on making sure funding to professional development conferences for law, business, non-research conferences
o VPIA: Quick correction. Not that they want to make sure there are no other funding sources. It is for those who have no other funding sources.
 o Question (Nick, Biology): how often do they get research applications? A: none this funding cycle, but typically get 5
o Made research applications more competitive. Tell on application what your project is
o Question (Nutrition): do they work as reimbursements? A: you can apply before you travel, but it will be a reimbursement process
o Max: $600 international travel; $400 for domestic

8) 16-13 External Appointments Charter (GPSF VPEA, Anel Jaramillo)
   Update on charter: additional applications, some changes based on availability but mostly the same

   Motion to put resolutions to ballot. Motion approved and seconded.

Bill 16-07: 60-0 pass
Bill 16-10: 59-1-0(abs) pass
Bill 16-11: 59-0-1(abs) pass

F. Ballot Voting on Resolutions

G. Nominations for Open Committees (Pending Passage of 16-07, 16-10, 16-11) Motion to open floor for nominations. Motion approved and seconded.
   Senators can serve on 2 committees if those departments who aren’t participating don’t want extra allocations. Can have large allocations boost

   Special Projects (at least 2 nominees)
   o Nicolas Hernandez (Health Policy Management) – self-nominated
   o Zainab Alidina (Maternal and Child Health) - self-nominated

   ***Motion to Suspend Rules and hear presidential Report. Seconded***

   Future of GPSF Task Force Nominations (at least 5 nominees)
   o Mac Gilliland (Chemistry) - self-nominated
   o Caroline Miller (Social Work) – self-nominated
   o Katie Stember (Pathology) – self-nominated
   o Nick Levis (Biology) – self-nominated
   o Toney Thompson (MPA) – self-nominated

   Graduate and Professional Student Rights (at least 5 nominees)
   o Mark Hornberg (History) – self-nominated, poli sci
   o Sarah Owens (Psychology) – self-nominated, exp working with vulnerable pops
   o Meg Orita (Musicology) – self-nominated, own student body government
   o Nae Won (Public Health Leadership) – not present
   o Toney Thompson (MPA) – 3rd student body served on, has crafted constitutions before
- Min Tang (Philosophy) – self-nominated, comfortable working w/ admin
- Lindsey Horrell (Nursing) – self-nominated, in a PhD and Masters program: can represent both

H. Committee Reports

1) Appropriations (Chair, Nathan Dollar)
2) Finance (Chair, Orrin Stone)
3) Resolutions Development (Chair, Brian Coussens)
   i. Explanation of alternates: differences between how alternates are viewed acting in senate vs acting in committees.
   ii. 3 possible solutions: will bring preferred senate choice to resolutions committee:
      1. Choice 1: maintain current language
      2. Choice 2: Adopt Co-senator language: maintain 1 vote/unit, only 1 shows up per meeting
      3. Choice 3: eliminate alternate position: ~50% of units use alternates
   iii. Resolutions will look at Choice 2
4) Senate Election Process (Chair, Vicky Bham)
   i. In the research phase: gathering ideas about how to change senate election process and see how all departments are electing
   ii. Fill out survey sent from Brian and sent in Newsletter
5) Travel Awards (Chair, Candace Buckner)
6) University Research Day (Chair, Ashley Moody)
   i. January 26: 2nd semester checkin
   ii. April 6th: university research day

I. Executive Committee Reports

1) Vice-President of Internal Affairs – Brian Coussens
   i. Update on Senate: 93% of department seats filled; Need: Biomedical/Health informatics (MPS), Business Admin (PhD), Comp Sci, Germanic/Slavic Lang, Info/Library Sciences
2) Vice-President of External Affairs – Anel Jaramillo
   i. Anel, Dylan, and Academic Policy chair will meet with SAGE this week – advocate for grad student issues and talk about health care issue
   ii. Grad students are in violation of AFA because we are receiving subsidized health insurance plans. Affecting grad students across nation; meeting with chancellor and working to fix it
3) Chief of Staff – Anginelle Alabanza
   i. Updates on events and past socials
4) Treasurer – Marie Eszenyi
   i. Meeting with appropriations and finance committee to get on track. Meeting with SFAC and SFAS to handle student fees and how they are paid
   ii. Transportation/parking committee
5) Secretary – Madelyn Percy
   i. In Galapagos!
6) President – Dylan Russell
   o Priorities: protect grad/prof student rights, increase civic engagement, create a strong future for GPSF, promote diverse/inclusive grad body, become better advocates
   o Strong future for GPSF: Task Force
      o Campaign for separation and create 5-year plan
      o Timeline of conflict: it’s unclear who governs what between undergrads and grads. 1968: grad students realized they’re not represented at Carolina like they
should be. Formed their own political organization to govern themselves – administrations aid no. 1971: protests, undergrads were out of control. Administration splits government into student government and GPSF. We now have the opportunity to define what graduate student government looks like at UNC. 1979: student government attempts to defund GPSF.

- **October 2015:** Congress threatens to audit GPSF funds and prevent international travel
- **November:** GPSF President resigns, cites Congress hostility. Two more eboard members resign, cite Congress hostility.
- **December:** Remaining eboard members pen petition to Chancellor to partition Student government. Over 1400 signatures collected
- **January:** GPSF and undergrads create document for 2 separate governments. GPSF Senate endorses constitution; Congress does not.
- **April:** GPSF collects signatures and wings election with 51% of vote. Board of Elections rules against GPSF. GPSF sues Supreme Court, orders new election in fall
- **November 2016:** New election for self-governance at UNC
  - First meeting: Tomorrow (10/5) in Bondurant 4074, 5:15pm
  - Question: how does separation work and what does it mean? A: currently, entire student body elects student body president: has only student voting power on BOT. Student Congress and funding:

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## K. Announcements

1) Next Meeting: November 1, Michael Hooker 0001
2) GPSF Appropriations Deadline: October 14
3) GPSF Travel Awards Deadline: November 1
4) Senate Election Process Survey due by October 14
5) Upcoming GPSF Events and Initiatives:
   i. GPSF Senior Citizen Prom: October 7 (6:00–9:00pm)
   ii. Louisiana Digital Drive: October 6–14
   iii. March to the Polls: October 27
   iv. Halloween Party: October 31 (Northside District, 8:00pm)
   v. Women’s Self-Defense Seminar: November 1 (8:00–9:00pm)
6) Scheduled Senate Committee Meetings:
   i. Committee on the Future of GPSF: October 5 at 5:15pm
   ii. Resolutions Development Committee: October 25 (Proposals due by October 18)
7) Don’t forget to send out your STOF!!!

L. Adjournment