

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 39

A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADJOURNMENT *SINE DIE*  
OF THE 37TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

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**Short Title:** Adjournment *Sine Die* (Public)

**Sponsored by:** President DOUCETTE (corresponding), Senior Vice President YOPP

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1 **Section 1.** The General Assembly of the University of North Carolina Association of Student  
2 Governments adopts the following resolution:  
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4 **WHEREAS,** on August 30th, 2008, the 37th Session of the University of North Carolina  
5 Association of Student Governments convened on the campus of the University of  
6 North Carolina at Wilmington, with Senior Vice President Ashley Yopp presiding  
7 and President T. Greg Doucette in attendance; and,  
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9 **WHEREAS,** among many other highlights throughout the year, the 37th Session of the  
10 Association saw unprecedented student interest with active, reliable participation  
11 throughout the year from all 17 constituent institutions of the University for the  
12 first time in the Association's history; and,  
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14 **WHEREAS,** the 37th Session of the Association also set an all-time record for the highest  
15 number of voting members to ever attend an Association meeting, with 54 voting  
16 delegates and alternates in attendance at its February meeting at East Carolina  
17 University, and had quorum at every single meeting throughout the year for the  
18 first time in the Association's history; and,  
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20 **WHEREAS,** the President and Senior Vice President also expanded their Listening Tour into a  
21 full Campus Outreach Initiative, leading to over 78 individual campus visits to all  
22 17 institutions throughout the 37th Session; and,  
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24 **WHEREAS,** prior to its first meeting of the Session, in July the members of the Council of  
25 Student Body Presidents and appointed Executive Officers met for a four-day  
26 planning retreat in Burlington, as well as trustee training at UNC General  
27 Administration in Chapel Hill; and,  
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29 **WHEREAS,** this widely-attended retreat produced a consensus recommendation on a budget  
30 for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the creation of a comprehensive strategic plan for  
31 the first time in recent Association history, a newly-developed mission statement

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for the organization, and extensive training on Robert's Rules of Order, advocacy, gauging student opinion and other items; and,

**WHEREAS,** in addition, the retreat was attended by State Senator Tony Foriest (D - Alamance, Caswell) who offered his advice to the gathered student leaders on how to advocate on behalf students; and,

**WHEREAS,** the retreat concluded with a banquet titled "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream: the Student Agenda for 2008-2009" that was widely attended by administrators from several constituent institutions, officials with UNC General Administration, UNC Board of Governors member Charlie Mercer and Chairman Hannah Gage, and State Senator Ellie Kinnaird (D - Orange); and,

**WHEREAS,** also prior to its inaugural meeting, the 37th Session of the Association sent 14 members from across North Carolina to attend the National Student Congress of the United States Student Association, where the state's delegation exerted an influence well beyond its size in securing the unanimous adoption of a resolution on Department of Education rules governing financial aid, and the adoption by a vote of 77-75 of a resolution calling for federal support of ending the knowledge tax on textbooks; and,

**WHEREAS,** in August, the General Assembly unanimously adopted its first resolution entitled "The 2008-2009 Minimum Achievement Plan (M.A.P.) Act" formally setting out the objectives of the Association for its 37th Session; and,

**WHEREAS,** at the same meeting the 37th Session of the Association also unanimously adopted a commendation of Dr. Terry Wall, who had served as the Association's office manager for five years, as well as the unanimous confirmation of its initial Executive Officers, and the unanimous adoption of the 2008-2009 budget, and the unanimous ratification of a new Constitution that corrected many of the Association's past structural challenges; and,

**WHEREAS,** the General Assembly also elected a Speaker *Pro Tempore*, Secretary and Parliamentarian without controversy, heard presentations from both Miss Carmen Berkeley, President of the United States Student Association, and Dr. Ron Campbell, J.D., regarding National Dracula Day, and had its Council of Student Body Presidents meeting visited by UNC Board of Governors member Charlie Mercer; and,

**WHEREAS,** in September the 37th Session of the Association convened on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where it heard from Miss Corrie Wilson of the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association on a planned partnership with the Association; and,

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76 **WHEREAS,** at the same meeting, the Committee on Government Operations & Community  
77 Services reviewed proposals for the new Campus Innovation Grants program, for  
78 the first time in the Association's history providing funding directly to campus  
79 Student Governments for Get Out The Vote programs on each campus; and,  
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81 **WHEREAS,** the Committee on Academic & Student Affairs reviewed concerns regarding  
82 academic advising, textbook issues and voter registration plans, while the  
83 Committee on Legislative & Public Affairs continued plans for the recreation of  
84 the Association's Advocacy Corps, reviewed strategy for the Association's  
85 legislative agenda, and made initial plans for Students' Day at the Capital 2009;  
86 and,  
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88 **WHEREAS,** in October the 37th Session of the Association convened on the campus of  
89 Appalachian State University in Boone, where it was welcomed by ASU  
90 Chancellor Ken Peacock and Mrs. Peacock, and was visited by several members  
91 of the ASU administration as well as UNC Board of Governors member Clarice  
92 Cato Goodyear; and,  
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94 **WHEREAS,** at the same meeting, the 37th Session of the Association set a four-year record for  
95 attendance, received a letter from UNC Board of Governors member J. Craig  
96 Souza encouraging the Association to take action on tuition and fee issues,  
97 confirmed the appointment of a Vice President of Legislative & Public Affairs,  
98 unanimously approved a resolution supporting the creation of a football team at  
99 UNC Charlotte, and unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the Board of  
100 Governors to preemptively lower the maximum-allowed tuition and fee increases  
101 in anticipation of a downturn in the economy; and,  
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103 **WHEREAS,** the respective committees of the Association also continued their expansive work  
104 on a number of issues, setting a date for Students' Day at the Capital 2009,  
105 confirming appointments to the Association's Advocacy Corps, beginning to  
106 revitalize the Service North Carolina community service program, and starting an  
107 analysis of textbook cost containment strategies at the request of UNC President  
108 Erskine Bowles; and,  
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110 **WHEREAS,** in November the 37th Session of the Association convened on the campus of  
111 North Carolina Central University in Durham, where it began detailed discussions  
112 on the admission of undocumented immigrants to the community college system  
113 and a comprehensive review of new ethics regulations for Association officials;  
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116 **WHEREAS,** at the same meeting, the committees of the Association finalized a date for  
117 training the members of the Association's Advocacy Corps, reviewed plans for its  
118 inaugural NCinDC Advocacy Event, began planning for its biennial Conference  
119 on Student Government Elections, and reviewed a new "Potential Policy Items for

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Review” document that served as a repository for student concerns that needed to be addressed by the Association; and,

**WHEREAS,** in December the newly-constituted Board of Directors of the 37th Session of the Association convened in Raleigh for the purposes of electing its officers and interviewing candidates for the position of the Association’s Office Manager, electing Ashley Yopp as Chairman of the Board, Jason Smith as Vice Chairman of the Board, and Dakota Williams as Corporate Secretary, and unanimously selecting Miss Judy Munson to serve as the Association’s Office Manager; and,

**WHEREAS,** also in December, the Council of Student Body Presidents and Executive Officers of the 37th Session of the Association convened on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where it engaged in a comprehensive and objective review of all appointed and elected Executive Officers, including the Senior Vice President and President, for the first time in the Association’s history; and,

**WHEREAS,** at this same meeting, the Student Body Presidents and Executive Officers offered thorough input responding to a sustainability policy proposed by UNC General Administration, suggested several administrative changes to how the Association operates to improve its efficiency, and reviewed a number of ideas and discussion topics to help make the Association more responsive to students in the difficult economic environment; and,

**WHEREAS,** during this same weekend in Raleigh, the members of the Association’s Advocacy Corps received formal training on how to effectively engage lawmakers on behalf of students and were extensively prepared for both the Students’ Day at the Capital and the NCinDC Advocacy Event; and,

**WHEREAS,** in January the 37th Session of the Association led a largely privately-funded NCinDC Advocacy Event to the nation’s capital of Washington, DC, where interested participants met with several United States Congressmen on issues facing students in North Carolina, had a two-hour meeting with United States Senator Richard Burr (R - NC) as well as Senator-elect Kay Hagan (D - NC) on pressing student policy issues, met with John Cardarelli of C-SPAN regarding pursuing a professional career in Washington, and learned a great deal of information about the nation’s capital and the federal legislative process; and,

**WHEREAS,** also in January, the 37th Session of the Association convened on the campus of Fayetteville State University, where it was greeted by both FSU Chief of Staff Thomas Conway and State Senator Tony Rand (D - Bladen, Cumberland), who willingly gave two hours of his time to talk with students regarding the state’s budget and answering questions of members of the Association; and,

**WHEREAS,** at this same meeting, the 37th Session of the Association unanimously adopted a resolution encouraging the North Carolina Community College System to reopen

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its doors to undocumented students, unanimously adopted comprehensive ethics reforms designed to address past challenges faced by the Association, unanimously adopted a resolution rechartering the Association's Service North Carolina community service program, adopted a resolution calling upon students to avoid using websites that engaging in anonymous attacks on other students, and unanimously adopted a full legislative agenda for the 2008-2009 academic year; and,

**WHEREAS,** also at this meeting, the Association unanimously adopted two separate resolutions on tuition and fees, calling upon the UNC Board of Governors to protect access and campus flexibility in weighing its decisions on tuition and fees, and calling upon UNC General Administration to improve how University's conduct their tuition and fee reviews to provide for a more student-oriented decision-making process; and,

**WHEREAS,** at the end of January, the 37th Session of the Association held its 2nd Biennial Conference on Student Government Elections, providing a forum for discussion and dissemination of ideas, problems and strategies for improving the campus election processes for the constituent institutions of the University; and,

**WHEREAS,** in February the 37th Session of the Association convened on the campus of East Carolina University in Greenville, where it was greeted by Association President *Emeritus* M. Cole Jones who conveyed to attendees the importance of student leadership; and,

**WHEREAS,** at this same meeting, the 37th Session of the Association set its all-time record for attendance, unanimously adopted a resolution supporting a free expression wall at the campus of UNC Asheville, unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing legislative action to grant a Board of Trustee position to the Student Body President at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon UNC General Administration to support suggestions for improving the affordability of textbooks, and unanimously selected Mr. Andy Willis with the Office of Governor Beverly Perdue to be the recipient of the Association's annual John L. Sanders Student Advocate Award; and,

**WHEREAS,** the respective committees of the Association continued their previous work on a number of matters affecting students, including a review of tuition and fees, a discussion on how campus judicial processes are administered at the respective institutions, and mobilization plans for both the Students' Day at the Capital and Service North Carolina; and,

**WHEREAS,** on March 17th the 37th Session of the Association held its annual Students' Day at the Capital event, directly coinciding with the day Governor Beverly Perdue released her proposed budget, where over 30 students from across North Carolina

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met at the NC General Assembly and met with over two dozen lawmakers on the Association's legislative agenda and the proposed budget; and,

**WHEREAS,** also in March, the 37th Session of the Association convened on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where its committees began discussion of transition plans, the status of Student Health Centers on the respective campuses, a wide-ranging discussion on environmental sustainability, and discussions on campus safety; and,

**WHEREAS,** at this same meeting, the 37th Session of the Association unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the establishment of comprehensive articulation agreements between the NC School of Science and Mathematics and the sixteen constituent universities, unanimously adopted a resolution urging the North Carolina General Assembly to provide furlough authority to the University President to help address the acute fiscal crisis facing the state, nominated and voted for the recipients of the Delegate of the Year, Delegation of the Year, Officer of the Year, and Eve Marie Carson Servant Leader Awards, and nominated candidates for President and Senior Vice President for the 38th Session; and,

**WHEREAS,** prior to its meeting on the UNCCH campus, over 30 members of the Association met with administrators at UNC General Administration to discuss key issues facing students including the UNC in Washington program's cancellation, the impact of the budget on the UNC Tomorrow program, ideas for containing textbook costs, issues with environmental sustainability, and the process for considering tuition and fee increases in the upcoming fiscal year; and,

**[WHEREAS,** in April the 37th Session of the Association convened on the campus of North Carolina State University in Raleigh, where its committees undertook initial transition efforts to ensure the 38th Session of the Association continues upon the successes built in the 37th Session; and,]

**[WHEREAS,** at this same meeting, the Association unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the North Carolina General Assembly to find additional state funding to improve equity among the University institutions, unanimously adopted a resolution asking UNC General Administration to articulate a minimum level of acceptable security on each campus, unanimously adopted an amendment to the Association Constitution moving the elections for President and Senior Vice President to March, and, for the first time in three years, adopted in a timely fashion a budget of recurring revenues for the successive fiscal year; and,]

**WHEREAS,** the 37th Session of the Association honored [TBD] as the recipient of its Eve Marie Carson Servant Leader Award for extraordinary commitment to service on [his/her] campus at [TBD]; and,

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**WHEREAS,** the 37th Session of the Association honored [TBD] as its Payne-Ducote Delegate of the Year, [TBD] as its Delegation of the Year, and [TBD] as its Officer of the Year, for exemplary service to the Association that was vital to its continued success throughout the session; and,

**WHEREAS,** the 37th Session of the Association elected [TBD] of [TBD] to serve as its President of its 38th Session, and elected [TBD] of [TBD] to serve as its Senior Vice President of the 38th Session; and,

**WHEREAS,** in addition to the numerous outreach initiatives, policy statements and meeting-related items, the 37th Session of the Association also began work on comprehensively revising its internet properties, redesigning the [uncasg.org](http://uncasg.org) website, recreating the [servicenc.com](http://servicenc.com) website, and creating an entirely new website for student feedback at [iwantmydollarback.org](http://iwantmydollarback.org); and,

**WHEREAS,** the 37th Session of the Association also provided an unprecedented level of transparency in its internal operations, posting all agendas, documents and emails, creating new email listservs with publicly-accessible archives, and providing a detailed budget itemization of every single expenditure by the Association distributed to members of the public monthly; and,

**WHEREAS,** to any objective observer, the 37th Session of the Association has enjoyed a level of interest unprecedented in the Association's recent history and served capably as the recognized voice of students across the University of North Carolina, providing a level of value to each student in that truly "gives students their dollar back"; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the 37th Session of the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments shall stand adjourned *sine die*, effective at 11:59pm on Thursday, April 30th, 2009; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that any portions of the journal yet unapproved shall stand approved, including minutes of the April 2009 meeting, effective at noon on June 1st, 2009, provided that the Secretary shall provide for online review by all delegates prior to that date; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** in the event of vetoes or other crises, the Senior Vice President shall be empowered to suspend *sine die* adjournment for a period up to one month for purposes of reconvening the General Assembly; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** in all cases where this act and the Association Statutes may conflict, this act shall govern.

**Section 2.** The Association President shall be empowered to make minor amendments to those clauses of this Act enclosed in brackets ("[ ]") for the purposes of

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299 completeness, provided that any such amendments relating to Association honors  
300 shall be disclosed only after the conclusion of the 7th Annual John L. Sanders  
301 Student Advocate Award Banquet.

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303 **Section 3.** This Act shall take effect upon adoption by a majority of those delegates present  
304 and voting at the final meeting of the Association.