



The University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Erskine Bowles, President
University of North Carolina
Hannah Gage, Chairman
UNC Board of Governors

CC: Members of the UNC Board of Governors
Appropriate members of UNC General Administration
Executive Officers of the UNC Association of Student Governments

FROM: T. Greg Doucette, President *T. Greg Doucette*

DATE: October 12th, 2008

RE: Status update following September business meeting of UNCASG

The UNC Association of Student Governments held its second full business meeting on the campus of UNC Greensboro from approximately 7:00pm on Friday, September 26th until approximately 11:00am on Sunday, September 28th.

This meeting reflected the continued progress the Association is making in both its reforms and programs.

September Attendance Exceeds Projections; Some Concerns Remain

In recent history, the September and October business meetings of the Association have lacked quorum due to conflicts with Homecoming celebrations and related events at many institutions. My Senior Vice President and I both expected a similar situation for this meeting, and as a result we crafted the agendas to focus on committee projects.

Surprisingly, many of the delegations that could not attend provided proxies on their behalf. September meeting attendance was comparable to the August meeting with a voting quorum present for the duration. This marks the 3rd consecutive meeting of the Association (including the July meeting of the Council of Student Body Presidents and the full August meeting at UNC Wilmington) with sufficient attendance to legally conduct business.

This meeting also marked the return of a delegation from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, the first meeting attended by UNCASA since April 2007.

Although the culture within the Association is slowly evolving into a business-oriented focus with regular attendance, some concerns remain as two delegations (Western Carolina University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) continue to have limited participation in the Association. WCU did not send a delegation at all to the

August or September meetings, and has not responded to inquiries if it would send a delegation to the October meeting located at Appalachian State University. UNCCH has sent individuals on its behalf to both meetings but it has lacked a full delegation with regular delegates, sending 3 proxies to the August meeting and 1 delegate and 1 proxy to the September meeting.

Although the WCU absence has received only limited attention from other institutions (mostly rivalry-related mocking from the Appalachian State delegation), the limited participation of UNCCH has generated frustration from other universities in light of dismissive comments made by the UNCCH Student Government to the Daily Tar Heel. As an example, when the N.C. State delegation sent 4 proxies to the September meeting, delegates from another institution teased NCSU for “pulling a Chapel Hill.”

My concerns regarding UNCCH are somewhat mitigated by the reality that 5 of our Executive Branch officials in ASG attend that particular institution, but remarks such as those referenced – even while meant in jest – challenge the future cohesiveness of the organization if/when UNCCH resumes full participation.

I have raised these respective concerns to the Student Body Presidents of both WCU and UNCCH, and neither has indicated hostility toward the Association as the reason for their respective absences; WCU is “rebuilding” its Student Government while UNCCH faces the vagaries of its legislative confirmation process. In both cases we will continue working to bring both institutions back into full participation in the Association.

Collaboration with Community Colleges Begins; Executive Staff Expanded for Partnership

In my September report to the Board of Governors, I indicated the Association would be working more closely with the North Carolina Community College system. At this meeting we were privileged to have the attendance of Mr. Jason Britt and Miss Corrie Wilson, respectively the Vice President and Local Interactions Committee Chairman of the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association (N4CSGA).

Mr. Britt and Miss Wilson met with members of the ASG leadership team as we work on a coordinated campaign for a Students Day at the Capital in March 2009. We have also expanded the Executive Branch staff to help facilitate this partnership, including the addition of Mr. Chazz Clevinger and Mr. Keith Gordon (both of UNCCH) to the Division of Legislative & Public Affairs. I am looking forward to a joint meeting with myself, Mr. Clevinger and Dr. Scott Ralls of NCCCS in the weeks ahead to discuss potential areas of collaboration.

Get Out The Vote Grant Funds Successfully Allocated; Program Reports Due in November

One of the key focuses of this meeting was the review of campus applications for \$11,500.00 in Get Out The Vote (GOTV) grant funding as part of the Association’s new Campus Innovation Grant program. The Committee on Government Operations & Community Services, comprised of 1 delegate from each of the 17 member institutions, reviewed applications submitted by 10 universities for various programs focused on voter registration and mobilization.

In a methodical and objective fashion, the Committee awarded funding to 8 of the 10 requesting institutions. The Committee members' willingness to objectively review these requests without regard for their own institutional affiliations represents a remarkable shift in focus for the Association, and one which will hopefully be reinforced in the months ahead.

Implementation of the Campus Innovation Grant program now shifts to UNC General Administration, where Mr. Atul Bhula and Miss Cydney Swofford of our ASG leadership team will be working with Sarah Smith of UNCGA to iron out the contractual details with campus Student Governments. The respective campus Student Governments are already preparing implementation of their various programs; each campus receiving funds is to provide a full report on the effectiveness of its programming at our November business meeting, to be held on the campus of N.C. Central University on November 21-23, 2008.

UNC Today Initiative Under Development, Targeted for November Launch

The Association's Committee on Academic & Student Affairs continues its preparatory work on the UNC Today Initiative, a statewide student survey to gather student opinion on satisfaction with existing university services and suggestions on where the Association and the Board of Governors should focus its resources and efforts over the next 2-4 years.

Survey preparation will continue among members of the Committee in coordination with a team of students in the College of Management at N.C. State University. Implementation details for the actual voting/survey system will be determined through the Division of Information Technology. Deployment is targeted for November 1st, with the survey period to run until November 30th.

Other SG-related Events Since the Previous Board Meeting

The Student Government Association of UNC Charlotte held a student rally in support of its potential football program on the evening of Tuesday, September 16th. Attended by well over 1,300 students despite cold and rainy weather, the rally was held in anticipation of UNCC's September 18th Board of Trustees meeting and the recommendation of Chancellor Dubois regarding the program. Members of the ASG Executive Branch attended the Trustees meeting in support of UNCC Student Body President Tim Ernst and his SGA team, and ASG will continue to work with the UNCC SGA as discussions of its potential football program move forward.

Student Body President Marcus Bass and the Student Government Association of N.C. Agricultural & Technical State University held a Campus Unity Conference from September 17th to September 21st. Featuring Student Body President *Emeritus* Rasheed Ali Cromwell (NCAT '97) of the Washington, D.C.-based Harbor Institute, widely-attended discussions and related events were held each night in the student union on unifying Aggie students and presenting a unified collective voice to challenges facing the University. The Conference concluded on Sunday with a panel discussion on campus unity featuring Mr. Cromwell, the ASG President, SBP Bass and several officials from the NCAT SGA.

On September 29th and 30th, students at N.C. State University voted on student fee requests in the NCSU Student Government's 2nd annual Student Fee Referenda. All registered students were given access to online videos of the presentations made by each group requesting an increase in student fees, along with links to related documentation, and able to vote their preference both on the amount of each increase they would support as well as an exit poll soliciting qualitative feedback on the various requests. Following extensive publicity by Student Body President Jay Dawkins and his SG team, 3,400 students cast ballots – more than triple the number of students who voted in the 2007 referenda.

What's Next?

Six members of the ASG Executive Branch will be meeting with Student Government officials from western region universities in the days ahead. Starting with attendance at the Board of Governors meeting in Cullowhee and meeting with SG personnel at Western Carolina University this Thursday and Friday, the group will travel to UNC Asheville to meet with that institution's SG staff following the adjournment of the Board of Governors on Friday. The team will attend a voter mobilization event at UNCA on Saturday before traveling to Winston-Salem to meet with both Winston-Salem State University and the UNC School of the Arts.

The next official business meeting of the Association will take place the following week, October 24th through October 26th, on the campus of Appalachian State University.

The application period for the Association's SPA Office Manager vacancy will end on October 24th, and over the following weeks the members of the Association's Board of Directors will meet to interview applicants and ultimately select the group's new office manager.

The date and time for the Association's 2009 John L. Sanders Award Banquet has been set for Saturday, April 25th, 2009 at 7:00pm at the Park Alumni Center of N.C. State University.

Documents Attached for Your Information

In addition to the contents of this report, I have attached the following documents for your information:

- The current organizational chart for the Executive Branch of the Association, including the officers' names, titles, and institutions;
- The guidelines and application for GOTV funding under the Campus Innovation Grant program, and a spreadsheet of the amounts awarded; and,
- The approved minutes of the August business meeting held on the campus of UNC Wilmington.

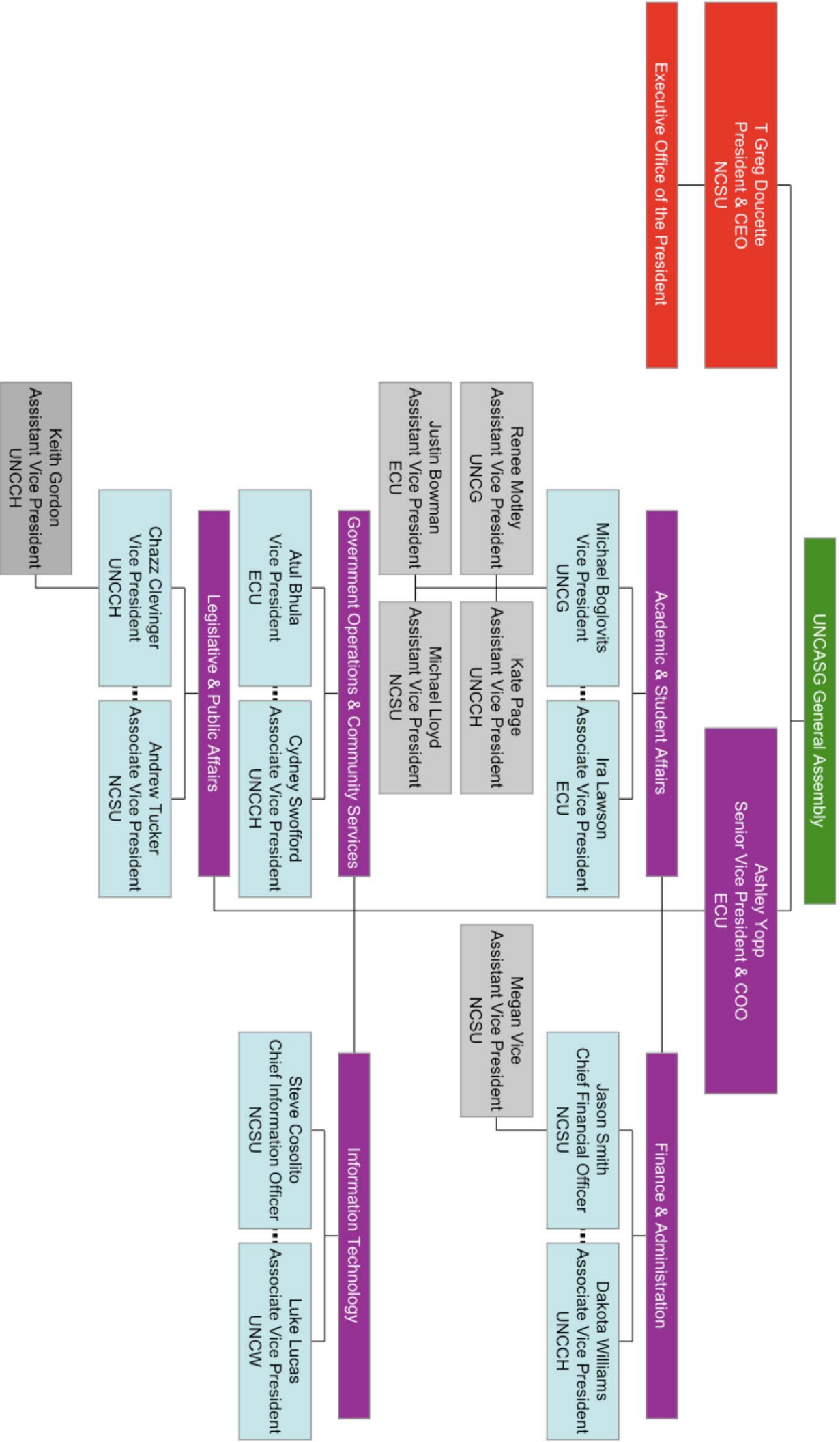
Questions?

Please feel free to get in touch with me by mobile phone or email if you have any questions about this memorandum or any other Association-related business. My mobile number is 919.606.7158 and email is president@uncasg.org.

Attachment A

Organizational Chart for the Executive Branch of the UNC Association of Student Governments

UNCASG Executive Branch



Attachment B

Campus Innovation Grant Program GOTV Funding Guidelines, Application and Funding Spreadsheet

ASG CAMPUS INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM
Evaluation Guidelines for the “Get Out The Vote 2008” Grant Application

General Note

Competitively evaluating requests for funding – either as part of an institution’s appropriations process to student organizations or here as part of the Campus Innovation Grant program – is always an inherently imperfect process. The members of the UNCASG Committee on Government Operations & Community Services are ultimately responsible for the Committee’s decisions on which requests receive funding, and are given wide latitude in making those decisions.

To ensure as fair a process as possible for grant applicants, while at the same time preserving the Committee’s flexibility in its decision-making, the following general evaluation guidelines are provided to guide both applicants and Committee members as they review funding requests.

General Application Information

- Does the request have a sponsor who is a voting delegate of UNCASG? Do either the sponsor or secondary sponsor (if applicable) serve on the Committee for Government Operations & Community Services?

All requests must be sponsored by a voting delegate, and neither the sponsor nor secondary sponsor can serve on the Committee for Government Operations & Community Services. Requests that are not sponsored, or are sponsored by a Committee member, will be automatically rejected.

- Is the application complete, with all questions thoroughly answered? Is the provided budget balanced, with revenues equaling expenses?

Applications with insufficient information to explain the intended program and uses of funding will not receive funding. Applications with unbalanced budgets will be automatically rejected.

- Was the application submitted to grants@uncasg.org by September 25, 2008 @ 11:59pm?

All applications must be submitted by deadline to the UNCASG Grants email address listed above. Applications that are not submitted by deadline will be automatically rejected.

- Was a signed paper copy of the application submitted to the Association President at the Friday business session of UNCASG on September 26, 2008?

Signed applications must be received prior to consideration by the Committee. Applications that are not signed, or that are submitted after the deadline, will be automatically rejected.

Program Details

- Is the initiative information presented thoroughly in the application? Does the supporting documentation verify the program's goals?

All applications must adequately describe the program and intended purpose of the funding request, and any supporting documentation submitted should verify the program's intended goals and objectives. Generally, applications with more detail and information will receive greater funding than applications that provide less.

- Is the event non-partisan?

As a non-partisan and publicly funded organization, events funded by UNCASG must be non-partisan in nature.

- What percentage of the university's Student Body does this initiative intend to reach?

Programs that serve more students (as a percentage of the overall campus population) will generally receive greater funding than programs that serve less.

- How does this program provide outreach to the surrounding community, in addition to the campus itself?

Generally, programs that provide a net positive benefit to students as well as the surrounding community will receive greater funding than programs that do not.

Funding

- Is the amount of funding requested less than \$2,000.00?

For the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the maximum amount of funding that can be requested for each institution is \$2,000.00

- Does the application budget provide for funding from revenue sources other than UNCASG? Do these outside sources of funding match or exceed the funding requested?

The UNCASG Campus Innovation Grant program provides a \$1-for-\$1 match to funded initiatives, and the amount of funding provided by UNCASG cannot exceed the amount of funding received from all other sources. Requests that do not include external sources of revenue at all will be automatically rejected.

- Does the total budget revenue faithfully reflect the amount needed to accomplish the project?

UNCASG cannot fund projects designed to run a profit or operate at a loss. Funding requests should reflect, as accurately as possible, the precise amount needed to accomplish the project.

ASG CAMPUS INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM***“Get Out the Vote 2008” Application Information*****Overview**

The University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments (UNCASG) has allocated approximately \$15,000.00 this fiscal year for Get Out the Vote (GOTV) programs on constituent member campuses. Out of this total allocation, \$11,500.00 will be distributed in a competitive grant-funding process by the Association’s Committee on Government Operations & Community Services based on applications submitted by the Student Governments of participating institutions.

In order to qualify for program funding, applicant universities must follow guidelines published by the Committee on Government Operations & Community Services to facilitate an objective review of requests and to ensure an accountable use of student funds.

Executive Summary Section

The beginning section of each application shall include basic information about the program request, including the requesting institution, the amount sought, contact information and a brief summary of the program.

Each request **must** be sponsored by a voting UNCASG delegate from the requesting institution. The sponsoring delegate will be responsible for attending an interview by the Committee on Government Operations & Community Services and will be the primary point-of-contact for any questions about the program by the Committee or the Executive Officers.

In addition to a primary sponsor, each institution may also designate the Student Body Treasurer or some comparable official as a secondary contact for information about the request.

Program Details Section

Each request must include a thorough and complete description of the program/event for which funding is being requested. This section will include:

- the name of the program/event;
- the date, time and location the program will be taking place;
- any other student organizations, non-profit groups or companies who will be helping with the program or acting as co-sponsors; and
- a fully detailed description of what the program will entail.

Sponsors can submit supporting documentation (e.g. brochures, fliers, PowerPoint presentations, and so on) regarding the program as an addition to this application.

In preparing the application, sponsors should provide enough information that the Committee on Government Operations & Community Services could reasonably evaluate the program’s utility without having to ask additional questions of the sponsor.

Program Rationale and Accountability Section

The UNCASG Committee on Government Operations & Community Services will base its decisions on the potential impact each program/event will have on the requesting campus, the surrounding community, and the State of North Carolina as a whole.

The Program Rationale and Accountability section provides an opportunity for the sponsor to explain several factors that the Committee will use in determining overall funding decisions:

- Has this program been implemented in the past? If so, how successful was it?
- If this program is new, what research has been done to confirm the program will achieve the desired results?
- How have programs similar to this one been funded in the past? Are these sources of funding still available?
- What alternative funding options have been explored?
- How is this program considered a success? What quantifiable, objective standard will be established to evaluate the program's effectiveness?

In addition to responding to these questions, each application will require an estimated line-item budget of proposed income and expenditures. Estimates of expenses by specific vendors should be included as supporting documentation with this application. All line item budgets must be balanced and provide for the total expenditure of UNCASG funding received.

ALL REQUESTS THAT RECEIVE FUNDING *MUST* PROVIDE A FINANCIAL SUMMARY TO UNCASG TO VERIFY FUNDING WAS APPROPRIATELY SPENT

IN ADDITION, ALL REQUESTS THAT RECEIVE FUNDING MUST KEEP *ALL* RECEIPTS FOR RANDOM AUDIT

At the conclusion of the program/event, any unexpended funds remaining in the possession of the applicant must be refunded back to the Association. Remaining unexpended funds are determined by taking the amount given to the requesting Student Government by the Association and subtracting the amount of verified expenses on receipts provided by the Student Government to the Association.

The UNCASG Division of Finance & Administration retains the right to inspect and/or audit expenditures for programs that receive funding from the Association at any time, and will also conduct inspections/audits of randomly selected programs.

ASG CAMPUS INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

“Get Out the Vote 2008” Application

Executive Summary

Requesting Institution:_____ Amount Requested:_____

Sponsoring Delegate’s Name:_____

Email:_____ Phone:_____

Secondary Sponsor’s Name:_____

Email:_____ Phone:_____

Brief description of program/event:_____

Program Details

Official Event Name:_____

Date(s)/Time(s) of Program:_____

Location(s) of Program:_____

Program Sponsors (list all):_____

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Campus Innovation Grant Request

Program Rationale and Accountability

How will this program benefit your campus? The surrounding community? The state?

Has this program been implemented in the past? If so, how successful was it?

If this program is new, what research has been done to confirm it will achieve the desired results?

How have programs similar to this one been funded in the past? Are these funding sources still available? What other alternative funding options have been explored?

Please attach to this application the following items:

- line item budget for all revenues and expenditures for this event
- cost estimates from vendors for planned expenditures

**NOTE: THE ATTACHED BUDGET *MUST* BE BALANCED OR YOUR REQUEST
WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DENIED!**

PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY: How is this program considered a success? What quantifiable and objective standard will be used to evaluate the program's effectiveness?

Certification and Agreement

By signing below, I certify on behalf of my delegation that the information contained in this application, as well as all attachments submitted, are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that this application meets the requirements for consideration, including having a balanced line item budget included in it.

In the event any funding is received by the Association for this program, I agree to ensure all funds are spent as designated in this application. I agree to provide a financial summary of all expenses for this event to the Association for its records, and at the conclusion of the program I agree to return any unused funds to the Association. I further agree to retain original copies of all receipts for inspection/audit. In the event funds received by the Association are misspent in any way, I agree to be held responsible for repaying the misspent funds.

I recognize the Association retains the right to inspect and/or audit at any time the expenditures for programs funded by it, and agree to cooperate fully in any such inspection and/or audit.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____ Institution: _____

ASG Committee on Government Operations & Community Services
Campus Innovation Grant Program: GOTV Grant Funding Matrix
Meeting Date: 9/27/08

<u>Req #</u>	<u>Requesting Institution</u>	<u>\$\$\$ Requested</u>	<u>% Funded</u>	<u>\$\$\$ Funded</u>	
1	NCAT	\$2,000.00	100.00%	\$2,000.00	
2	UNCSA	\$1,014.00	81.26%	\$824.00	
3	ASU	\$1,835.00	100.00%	\$1,835.00	
4	WSSU	\$950.00	100.00%	\$950.00	
5	ECU	\$2,000.00	20.00%	\$400.00	
6	NCSU	\$1,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	No signed paper copy + bad budget
7	UNCP	\$1,830.00	71.04%	\$1,300.00	
8	UNCC	\$1,820.00	100.00%	\$1,820.00	
9	FSU	\$2,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	No signed paper copy + bad budget
10	UNCA	\$1,999.78	100.00%	\$1,999.78	
<u>TOTALS:</u>		\$16,448.78	67.66%	\$11,128.78	
<u>MAX AVAILABLE:</u>			69.91%	\$11,500.00	
<u>REMAINING:</u>				\$371.22	

Attachment C

Approved Journal of the August 30th
Business Meeting of the UNC Association of
Student Governments

JOURNAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Regular Meeting, Saturday August 30th, 2008 @ UNC Wilmington
Ashley M. Yopp, Senior Vice President, Presiding

Call to Order and Opening Roll Call

Senior Vice President Yopp called the General Assembly to order at approximately 10:25am. President Doucette stated that the attendance roll and future votes would be done on a delegate-by-delegate basis rather than by delegation.

President Doucette called the roll at 10:29am.

There were 40 regular delegates present (**Adonis, Baker, Blackwell, Brown, Burke, Cuthbertson, Dawkins, Dunbar, Ernst, Frazier, Heath-Stanley, Hicks, Jefferson, D. Johnson, Kelly, K. Kimball, Ladd, Lawless, Lewis, Mack, Marshall, McCoy, Ness, Pambu, Pearson-Farrer, Peres-da-Silva, Phillips, Pierce, Purohit, Respass, Reynolds, Robinson, Rogers, Roney, Seal, Sherwood, Simpson, Tusso, Wilkes and Williams**). There were also 4 alternates present (**Swanner** for Griffin, **Waskom** for A. Johnson, **Humphrey** for Nichols and **Liles** for Raynor).

There were 19 regular delegates absent (**Bass, Durham, Frixen, Gaillard, Griffin, A. Johnson, K. Johnson, Jones, W. Kimball, Melvin, Miller, Mofford, Mullins, Nichols, Oakley, Raynor, Schronce, Thomas and Wade**).

There were also 11 Executive Officers present (**Bhula, Boglovits, Cosolito, Doucette, Lawson, Meutsch, Smith, Swofford, Tucker, Williams and Yopp**).

The following guests were also present: **Guillame Bagal** of ECU and **Sherika Merriwether** of FSU.

A quorum was present.

Approval of the Journal of the April 19th meeting

President Doucette stated he spoke with the Secretary of the previous session and several other officials. No one has any record of the April 19th meeting so no minutes can be approved.

Miscellaneous Business: Election of Speaker *Pro Tempore*

Senior Vice President Yopp explained the rules for elections of General Assembly officers.

SVP Yopp discussed the role of Speaker *Pro Tempore*. Nominations were opened for the position of Speaker *Pro Tempore*. Delegate Heath-Stanley of UNCW nominated Delegate Roney of UNCW. Delegate Roney accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the period for nominations was closed by consent.

Delegate Roney delivered a brief speech regarding her qualifications and goals for the Association. Delegate Roney left the room and the floor was opened for debate.

There being no debate, the period for debate was closed by consent and the Assembly proceeded to a vote. With no votes in opposition, Delegate Roney was elected Speaker *Pro Tempore* by consent.

Miscellaneous Business: Election of Secretary

President Doucette gave a description of the role of the Association Secretary. Nominations were opened for the position of Secretary.

There being no nominations for Secretary, election of the Secretary was postponed temporarily.

Miscellaneous Business: Election of Parliamentarian

SVP Yopp explained the role of the Association Parliamentarian. Nominations were opened for the position of Parliamentarian.

Delegate Ness of NCSSM nominated Delegate W. Kimball of NCAT. Delegate W. Kimball accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the period for nominations was closed.

Delegate W. Kimball delivered a brief speech regarding his qualifications and goals for the Association. Delegate W. Kimball left the room and the floor was opened for debate.

There being no debate, the period for debate was closed by consent and the Assembly proceeded to a vote. With no votes in opposition, Delegate W. Kimball was elected Parliamentarian by consent.

Miscellaneous Business: Election of Secretary (cont'd)

Election of the Secretary resumed. Nominations were opened for the position of Secretary.

Delegate Ladd of UNCA nominated Delegate Purohit of UNCA. Delegate Purohit accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the period for nominations was closed.

Delegate Purohit delivered a brief speech regarding her qualifications and goals for the Association. Delegate Purohit left the room and the floor was opened for debate.

There being no debate, the period for debate was closed by consent and the Assembly proceeded to a vote. With no votes in opposition, Delegate Purohit was elected Secretary by consent.

Recess for Afternoon Committee Meetings

SVP Yopp stated she had not yet received committee assignments from all 17 delegations.

President Doucette noted that all committees must adjourn by 12:30pm and this would be the new regular procedure for the Association.

Delegate Blackwell of UNCW was given the floor to direct delegates to committee room locations.

The General Assembly recessed at approximately 10:49am.

During the lunch break, the Association watched a presentation by Dr. Ron Campbell of N.C. State University regarding National Dracula Day.

The General Assembly reconvened at approximately 1:57pm and was called to order by SVP Yopp.

President Doucette indicated the agenda order would be changed to ensure most important items were addressed in case the Assembly lost quorum.

Second Reading of Legislation: FB03, Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Act

A copy of the budget is called for; the budget is displayed on the projection screen. SVP Yopp recognizes President Doucette for the sponsor's report.

President Doucette notes the budget was supposed to be adopted last year, however no budget was in place when he and SVP Yopp took office on July 1. Initial budget proposal was distributed on May 1 and was approved by the Council of Student Body Presidents to provide working capacity until this meeting. General Assembly is to decide whether any changes to the budget should be made based on the recommended budget approved by the Council of Student Body Presidents.

At the request of delegates, President Doucette did not review each individual line item but instead gave general overviews. Budget is now structured to work more like a government budget. Includes 6 pools of cash which make it easier to track year to year what money is being spent on.

1,000 block breakdown includes recurring revenue, donations, contributions and users fees (if you want to pay to participate in specific ASG events), \$20,000 of non-recurring funds for DC advocacy event in January, reimbursements (like universities reimbursing ASG for extra hotel rooms), and surplus which is accumulated student fees not spent in previous budget years.

2,000 block covers stipends and compensation. Officer stipends are broken up into tiers. In any tier, you will be paid what the rest of the people in your tier are paid except for Tier 4 which is discretionary. To pay any one officer a certain amount, every other person in the tier must get the same stipend. There will be a set cap on stipends exceeding a certain percentage of the budget to be adopted with future by-law reforms.

The first of the amendments made by the Council of Student Body Presidents came in this block. President Doucette kept his salary the same. Initially said to pay Secretary the same as the Tier 3 Vice Presidents and then split the difference between the Senior Vice President and Speaker *Pro Tempore* positions. The Council amended that so the Speaker *Pro Tempore* is unpaid and the Secretary is paid \$1,000. Ideally the Speaker *Pro Tempore* compensation will work similar to the UNCG model. Everything else regarding stipends was left unchanged. Tier 1 and Tier 0 officials are all other ASG members. They are put in a tier so if it was decided to pay every delegate they could figure how much to put into the tier.

There were no questions on this portion.

2700 block covers non-student position. Salary, health insurance. 2800 block covers employer-required payroll taxes. These were paid by the Association in previous years but never documented in the budget. 2900 block covers other general compensation items like lapel pins, t-shirts and so on.

Delegate Ladd asked what health insurance was provided to the office manager. President Doucette replied he was not 100% certain but fairly sure it was the same plan provided for all state employees.

3100 block covers fixed infrastructure expenses to run the Association, such as rent, parking, telecommunications, internet service and so on. These amounts were based off last year's budget with adjustments for inflation. 3200 block includes variable operation expenses such as the annual report, which is sent to members of the state legislature, media, and so on. 3300 block is for information technology services, particularly the SGIMS Student Government Information Management System which will contain all agendas, all minutes, profiles of delegates. It is a way to deal with all information on the Association.

4000 group covers meetings and travel expenses. 4100 block covers travel grants. ASG usually pays for one vehicle per campus. Process has been restructured so a campus can request money up front if they cannot get a car through State Motor Pool. 4300 block included leadership development and special events such as the Council of Student Body President's retreat during the summer and the Sanders Award Dinner which will be held in April. Officer mobile phones were eliminated in the 4400 block. The Association had them for a couple years but President Doucette would rather officers fund their telephone calls through the increases in stipends.

5000 group covers the programming aspects of ASG. 5100 block is a discretionary line item for the 3 main committees to use however they see fit (e.g. folders for committee members). 5200 block is advocacy and service projects. Students Day at the Capital 2008 was eliminated due to no planning by previous administration; will be resumed in 2009.

November will include a conference on Student Government elections where each campus will bring head of elections board, intended to help avoid pitfalls such as 4 campuses that had to have new elections and 3 that had serious allegations of misconduct.

Service NC was an ASG-created project that has disappeared, way to get all campuses to dedicate one week of community service. Working to bring it back.

NC in DC advocacy trip proposed last year, supported in principal but structured so individual participants paid for lodging and student governments paid for transportation. Created incentive for people not to participate. This year will be 4 days, 3 nights, at \$200 per person. ASG will provide transportation via 2 55-passenger buses from Raleigh to Washington, DC.

UNC Today Initiative will hopefully be a signature program of this session. Designed to complement UNC Tomorrow strategic plan focusing on 10-20 years. Will be an online poll, hopefully running October to November. Any student in the system can participate. Run through an academic course in a College of Management at a constituent institution. Results will be analyzed and published so it will be in the hands of each Board of Governors member by the February meeting when they discuss tuition and fees.

5300 block covers voter mobilization grants. 5301 is the general pool of GOTV funds. In the past grant funding was prevented because of a lack of accountability. After working with General Administration to guidelines, ways to measure success, and so on a pilot program has been allowed for mobilizing student voters in 2008. Funding can be used for events like Fayetteville State's march to the polls on November 4th, N.C. State's "Pack the Polls" initiative headed up by Delegate Dawkins, something like UNC Asheville's program taking buses to the polls at regular intervals, anything an institution can think of to request funding. Requests will be decided at September meeting.

5302 and 5303 are earmarks for the 2 high schools in the system, NCSSM and the high school portion of UNCSEA. Initially had \$2,000 set aside for both, but after realizing NCSSM was twice the size of UNCSEA the money was adjusted accordingly. Each campus will have to come up with a proposal for the funding and they can use the money to register students who are able to vote at the high schools.

5400 block covers expenses for being involved in the US Students Association. Includes membership dues and participated in various conferences. 5402 initially included money for 5 participants from NC. Based on responses added supplements 1 and 2; Council of Student Body Presidents added supplement 3 so all sections of the state could be represented at the National Student Congress in Wisconsin. 2 members were elected to the USSA Board, Aryn Bussey of NCAT and Maritza Adonis of NCSU.

5500 block originally contained consulting expenses, but was modified when 6200 block was added to differentiate what was approved by the previous administration.

5600 block are special projects. Mid-Summer Night's Dream banquet from the summer. Real estate acquisition. Every three years Association to find new office. Current office is downtown, inconvenient and expensive. Trying to find new space, found a place near NC State, would have saved thousands of dollars over the 3 years. Requests to change have been denied by State Property

Office. Next three years will continue downtown office in Raleigh. Hope is that afterward ASG will buy its own land and have a permanent office.

Delegate Ladd of UNCA asked if there was an appeals process for the State Property Office's ruling. President Doucette responded he did not know for certain but that the Finance Division of UNC General Administration was working on this as hard as they could and if there was anything they could do they have done it.

5603 covers office equipment and furniture. Eliminated in this session because of past abuse, such as flat screen TV in the office as an example of stupid expenses. 5604 covers any office renovations needed. 5606 was unallocated funding for the Spring semester, to go toward new ideas proposed by delegates.

Delegate Baker of FSU asked why \$10,000 was allocated for the banquet and why it was so much money. President Doucette responded that it coincided with the retreat so it also covered lodging for the Student Body Presidents and officers as well.

Delegate Baker asked why so much money was spent over the course of the four days if lumping the retreat and banquet expenses together. President Doucette responded that the previous administration never adopted a budget, so the expense totals are based on his initial draft in May that was approved by the Council of Student Body Presidents. President Doucette noted the items funded by those allocations, including the retreat and training, the "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" banquet where officers were sworn in and served to publicly break from previous years.

Delegate Baker indicated his concern was for somebody outside looking in. President Doucette responded that as we move forward and the budget is reconciled some line items will end up over budget and others will end up under budget, then the General Assembly can reallocate. The Council of Student Body Presidents approved the initial allocation of \$10,000 to the banquet. Chief Financial Officer Smith noted that the total expense for dinner and accommodations was closer to \$3,000 for that night. A good chunk of money is still there and things can be changed moving forward.

President Doucette asked if there were any further questions.

Speaker *Pro Tempore* Roney asked regarding line item 5302/5303 why voter mobilization grant was prorated by using 620 students when most of them cannot vote. President Doucette responded that he did not have data for what sub-percentage of each high school's population would be eligible to vote, but he assumed it would be roughly the same for both NCSSM and UNCSA. Given that assumption, using the total enrollment of each school was a suitable way for providing a proportional allocation of funding.

President Doucette continued with explanation of the proposed budget. 6000 group covers General Administration fee for things like legal advice, auditing of finances, and other general office services. Set at 10% of budget. Telecommunications expense was not being paid on time, this is to catch up. Cable bill was not being paid on time, this is to catch up. Officer travel covers

reimbursements for travel in the previous fiscal year. Consulting services were for the consultant at the retreat.

Delegate Ladd asked what General Administration services could be provided to individual campuses. President Doucette replied he did not know but he would find out.

President Doucette asked if there were further questions. There being none, SVP Yopp opened the floor for debate.

There being no debate, the question on the adoption of the legislation was put to a vote. There being no votes in the negative, Finance Bill 3 was adopted by consent.

Second Reading of Legislation: R1, 2008-2009 M.A.P. Act

Referred to the Committee on Government Operations & Community Services and recommended by the Committee by consent. President Doucette gave the sponsor's report. Professionally developed strategic plan at retreat in July. Resolution states that the goals outlined in the strategic plan will be formally adopted as goals for this session. At each meeting we can look back at progress based on those goals. When President Doucette has to write his end-of-year report, he can easily see the progress over the year.

President Doucette asked if there were questions. There being none, SVP Yopp opened the floor for debate.

There being no debate, the question on the adoption of the legislation was put to a vote. There being no votes in the negative, Resolution 1 was adopted by consent.

Second Reading of Legislation: R2, Dr. Terry Wall Commendation Act

Referred to the Committee on Legislative & Public Affairs and recommended by the Committee by consent. President Doucette was recognized for the sponsor's report. Terry Wall was the first-ever ASG office manager and was with the Association for four years. Stepped down after the Council retreat in July to pursue new opportunities. This resolution honors her service with the Association.

Delegate Ladd of UNCA asked what the "honors and privileges" referenced in the resolution entails. President Doucette indicated there were none at this time; it would be at the discretion of the General Assembly if it ever decided to establish any.

President Doucette asked if there were any further questions. There being none, SVP Yopp opened the floor for debate.

There being no debate, the question on the adoption of the legislation was put to a vote. There being no votes in the negative, Resolution 2 was adopted by consent.

Second Reading of Legislation: GB14, Comprehensive Constitution Reform Act

President Doucette was recognized for the sponsor's report. Last year, everything that could go wrong with the Association did go wrong. Every hole in our governing documents was revealed. Went through existing documents as well as past recommendations and governing documents of individual campus SGAs, took the best parts of each, put this Constitution together and asked UNCGA Legal Affairs to review it. Spent 2.5 hours on a conference call with UNCGA reviewing changes. Only UNCGA change was to include a clause saying we cannot do anything illegal. New clause limiting President to 10 days to veto legislation. New Board of Directors that pulls from Council of Student Body Presidents, legislative and executive; previously Council was a self-policing body only accountable to itself. Structure is intended so that if situation arises like last year, the body can continue to function without the President.

President Doucette asked if there were any questions. Delegate Baker of FSU mentioned that the Board of Directors was an important piece and it represented a cross-section of ASG, the other changes are mostly semantic or procedural.

Delegate Roney of UNCW asked why positions like Secretary were not included in the Constitution. President Doucette replied that the only offices defined in the Constitution are the ones that sit on the Board of Directors: the elected President, the elected Senior Vice President, the elected Speaker *Pro Tempore*, the elected Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council of Student Body Presidents, the appointed Chief Financial Officer and the appointed Associate Vice President of Finance. This Board structure is designed to ensure there are 5 elected positions and 2 appointed positions so the elected positions have the majority. There are also 4 legislative positions and 3 executive positions so the legislative branch has the majority. It also ensures that at least 3 members are directly elected by the new session, and 2 more are indirectly elected through the General Assembly's power to block confirmations, to ensure that the current group of members always has control in deciding a majority of the Board of Directors.

Delegate Roney further asked how the position like Secretary would be handled. President Doucette responded that the General Assembly has the power to create offices in the Association Statutes.

A delegate asked about the Board of Directors and when they meet. President Doucette responded that meetings would be at the discretion of the Board. Its functions are for the hiring and firing of state employees of the Association and day-to-day control over the executive branch as needed. If they needed an official meeting they would decide the date and time among themselves and it would have to be publicly announced.

Delegate Roney asked why there were not more powers and duties defined for the Speaker *Pro Tempore*. President Doucette responded that person will preside in the absence of the Senior Vice President, sit on the Board of Directors, and sit as a member of the Council of Student Body Presidents. Those roles are specified in the applicable sections of the Constitution, instead of consolidated into one area like with the President and Senior Vice President. Any additional roles would be ones that would have to be decided by the General Assembly.

President Doucette asked if there were any further questions. There being none, SVP Yopp opened the floor for debate.

There being no debate, the question on the adoption of the legislation was put to a vote. There being no votes in the negative, Government Bill 14 was adopted by consent.

Second Reading of Legislation: Association Resolutions 4 through 13 (confirmations)

President Doucette explained that under the Association's governing documents, the executive branch is in charge of hiring the Vice Presidents and Associate Vice Presidents. There are 5 executive divisions: Academic & Student Affairs, Legislative & Public Affairs, Government Operations & Community Services, Finance & Administration, and Information Technology. If you go to the Facebook group there is a movie which shows the new hiring process. In the past Vice Presidents would be personal friends of the President. This year the process was revamped to include a comprehensive application requiring responses to essay questions, copies of transcripts and three letters of recommendation. Blind hiring process was implemented where office manager crossed out identifying aspects of applicant (name, institution, etc). Applications were reviewed and ranked, and the top 3 for each division were given telephone interviews prior to final decisions. No school can control both positions in a division, and no school can control a majority of any given tier of officials.

President Doucette noted there were a couple changes made following the resignation of Alexander Scott and the withdrawal of the nomination of Michaelina Antahades. Cydney Swofford of UNC Chapel Hill will take over as Associate Vice President of Government Operations, and Atul Bhula will be taking over as Vice President of Government Operations. This will leave a vacancy in the position of Associate Vice President of Information Technology.

Approvals will take place by department to save time.

Information Technology: Steve Cosolito

Junior at N.C. State. Webmaster for fraternity. Delegate Ladd of UNCA asked when new website would go up. Cosolito replied that the SGIMS module will be available as soon as hosting change is completed.

SVP Yopp asked if there were any further questions. There being none, the question on the adoption of the legislation was put to a vote. There being no negative votes, Association Resolution 6 was adopted by consent and the appointment was confirmed.

Following this confirmation, it was decided to have appointees leave the room prior to voting.

Finance & Administration: Jason Smith and Dakota Williams

CFO Jason Smith, N.C. State student. Double major in international studies and finance. Former Student Body Treasurer, Finance Committee chairman and two-time Student Senator.

Dakota Williams, freshmen at UNC Chapel Hill. Student Body Treasurer at N.C. School of Science and Mathematics and student senator.

SVP Yopp asked if there were any questions. A delegate asked about the circumstances of the Association's finances and any plans that were needed. CFO Smith replied since he has taken office on July 1 he has had several meetings with UNC General Administration, Vice President of Finance to see what UNCGA is looking for from ASG. Primarily accountability, transparency and better recordkeeping.

There being no further questions, the appointees left the room and SVP Yopp opened the floor for debate.

President Doucette commented that having two Student Body Treasurers from different institutions willing to take on a role in ASG is impressive.

SVP Yopp asked if there was any further debate. There being none, the question on adoption of the legislation was put to a vote. Consent was called. There being no objection, Association Resolution 4 and Association Resolution 5 were adopted by consent.

Academic & Student Affairs

VP Michael Boglovits, junior at UNCG majoring in Spanish education, minor in political science. Has plans regarding tax-free textbooks, rate my professor database, improving advising, and to make transfer credits easier.

AVP Ira Lawson, sophomore at ECU. Applied for position, supports same goals as Boglovits. Believes ASG has potential to be most powerful student body in North Carolina.

SVP Yopp opened the floor for questions. There being none, the appointees left the room and the floor was opened for debate.

There being no debate, the question on the adoption of the legislation was put to a vote. Consent was called. There being no objection, Association Resolution 8 and Association Resolution 9 were adopted by consent.

Legislative & Public Affairs

VP Thomas Meutsch, political science major at ECU. Reads pre-written letter to Council of Student Body Presidents regarding absence related to Air Force ROTC training. AVP Andrew Tucker researched and reported in his place.

AVP Andrew Tucker, student at NCSU. Focus this year is on Advocacy Corps and transforming it from a piecemeal type operation like last year. Has worked on comparing UNC against similar systems like in Georgia and Alabama. Pursuing a 3-tier system to focus on legislative affairs at the federal, state and local level. Also wants to unite to push interests of all campuses (e.g. public safety).

SVP Yopp asked if there were any questions. There being none, the appointees left the room and the floor was opened for debate.

There being no debate, the question on the adoption of the legislation was put to a vote. Consent was called. There being no objection, Association Resolution 12 and Association Resolution 13 were adopted by consent.

Government Operations & Community Services

VP Atul Bhula, student at ECU. AVP Cydney Swofford, student at UNCCH. Want to reinvent Service NC, interested in reaching out to individual SGAs.

SVP Yopp asked if there were any questions. There being none, the appointees left the room and the floor was opened for debate.

There being no debate, the question on the adoption of the legislation was put to a vote. Consent was called. There being no objection, Association Resolution 10 and Association Resolution 11 were adopted by consent.

Campus Updates

President Doucette explained that in visiting UNC Asheville there were concerns expressed about not having enough knowledge shared between campuses, list of potential discussion topics, what campuses are dealing with. Each delegation will have about 3 minutes to report on issues at each meeting.

Appalachian State

- Within Boone, liquor by the drink was passed. Boone was a historically dry town but that is now changed.
- 1st week of school over 1000 students registered to vote (visited classes)
- REI (renewable energy institution), solar panels outside building that houses all servers to offset energy costs.

East Carolina

- Mandatory hard waiver insurance. Put off for a year by chancellor. Substantial amount of financial aid given, hard to require the students to also then pay for mandatory insurance.
- Grade appeal process, has been in the works for some years. Pushed by wayside by faculty senate. Will be redone this year. Not really an appeal process
- Plus/minus grade system to be implemented in 2012. It will start with freshman for consistency
- Student center set to be remodeled and rebuilt. About \$1.2 million spent on design. That has been pushed back.
- President Griffin working on ECU tomorrow. Planning mostly a staff and faculty thing. Creating ECU Tomorrow student planning commission for student input.
- Emergency Preparedness System, things that are said to have happened. 240 surveillance cameras, chief of police told student they are not actually monitored. Need to be holding administration accountable. ECU had somebody assaulted in dorms.

Fayetteville State

- James Jefferson, Student Body President at FSU presents PowerPoint
- "I'm down with C.H.A.N.G.E.", slogan for campus housing academics neighborhood government
- Aug 7-15, had a retreat. Bill and resolution writing, committee reports. Sense of group cohesiveness. Team unity.
- Welcome Week 2008, freshman on campus. Introduced to SGA. "Flavor of Change."
- Elections interest meeting
- Labor day classic, playing NC Central, increase student involvement and pride
- Goal to visit each dorm on campus during Sept, become approachable for students
- Aramark dining services, students dissatisfied. Dining services director is new. Trying to extend cafeteria hours. Improve food services. Want students to get their money's worth. They bring students to meetings to get multiple points of view.
- Shuttle Service for freshman, to Wal-Mart and Mall because freshman can't have car.
- Board of Trustees Retreat, new Chancellor. Many goals laid out.
- Issues on campus in past with student orgs registering students to vote, but sending out wrong information. Holding voter registration / empowerment training so students know the proper way to register people.
- SGA Week 2008, events such as meeting with chancellor, speeches on staying in school, fundraising for Darfur

N.C. Central

- refers everybody to page 20 of packet
- focus on getting students to polls. Not focusing on registration because other organizations already doing this
- talk about textbook rental program. Have textbook buyback program.
- making sure local businesses have university things on wall. Want to be showcased as equally as Duke and UNC
- accountability, online rating of professors.
- partnership with USA today, providing newspapers, just trying to figure out how to prevent litter from papers. Testing it in fall, if it works will be launching for remainder of school year.
- Health Day with Durham Health Dept and American Red Cross. Screenings for students, faculty/staff and community
- improving overall look, e.g. new cafeteria (4-star restaurant, ballroom)
- academic concerns. Math/Excel problem. Minor mistake (like parentheses), the whole problem. Trying to allow students to take tests on paper.
- Want departments to send out textbooks required at least two weeks before class
- Meet with each dept, find out concerns.
- Trying to get new student union, trying to get Extreme Makeover Home Edition

NC School of Science and Mathematics

- At summer Council retreat mentioned internet resolution. Currently have internet cut-off time at school at 1:00am. Issue being tabled.
- Community initiative underway, have new volunteer programs in Durham.
- Discount card program underway

- Website up and public. Increases communication with students.
- When school became constituent, don't have voting member on Board of Trustees. Looking into that.
- Working on first year-long budget plan (never had)
- Improving security, now have blue-light phones.
- Elections soon to create full Senate.

N.C. State

- Have been trying to improve collaboration, using tools such as Google Docs
- Wants to emphasize, huge aspect of ASG is collaboration amongst ideas. Not tapped into. Fail to transfer ideas.
- Some things implemented at N.C. State they got from another school.
- Were having problem with unclaimed tickets or students not picking up tickets. Chapel Hill used standby line and State has implemented it. Also, online ticket distribution system. In past there was a point system, now use a system that USC developed. Freshman has less points than senior. More games and class standing.
- Textbooks. USSA made national policy issue. What approach at N.C. State and throughout the state? Idea to get legislative buy-in. Textbook stakeholders group.
- Tuition committee meetings, SG came prepared. 15-page PowerPoint with economic data from across state. Income level slowing in growth while tuition level is taking off. Provide education at needed level.
- Fitness/weight loss program. Pilot program. Competition based on who goes to the gym more and understands nutrition better. Tracking participant's attendance to gym and have nutrition quizzes.
- Pack the Polls. Borrowing idea from Appalachian State about registering students in classroom. Presentation takes 10-15 minutes and 10-50% of students in class registered.
- Tapping into resources inside university. N.C. State has strong agricultural background so formed Sustainability Commission, possible bi-weekly farmers market on campus. Engineers creating noise meter for student section at athletic events, design being drafted.
- Emphasis on collaboration

UNC Asheville

- Trying to make sure high turnout rate in elections
- Freshman orientation, given packet of info which included registration form. Also been tabling.
- Working on shuttle system. Brought one-stop voting to campus. So you can register and vote on the same day, and on campus. Pays students \$9/hr.
- Transportation, lost over 200 parking spots to new Health Center. Opened up bike rental program. Created shuttle system going between major apartment complexes and pockets of student density found through survey.
- Trying to focus on making the school more in line with UNC Tomorrow initiative, more internationally adept
- In process of recognizing strengths and weaknesses. Diverse state, but 4 universities over 90% white. Also non-traditional students whose needs are not being met.
- Improving service learning, constantly reviewing service we're participating in & increasing number of students participating

- Undergraduate research
- Increase students participating in international learning
- Curriculum reform, make sure its up to date and global
- Programs including bridge program, students who didn't meet minimum requirements, have freshman colloquium over summer and if they pass they can enter the university

UNC Charlotte

- Biggest thing on campus is football, Board of Trustees voting on whether or not they should start Division I team. Students marching to show support.
- Implemented white LEDs, brighter, more efficient, sustainable
- Disconnect between students and student groups, trying to foster communication
- Elections, getting early voting station on campus (no excuse voting), open for two weeks
- Wanting to increase interaction between faculty/staff. Looking at creating student lunch program.
- New student union being built, soft opening this summer. never had a student union, many students don't even know what one is

UNC Greensboro

- Parking problem. Have a hard time with expansion.
- Looking at expanding and taking over run-down buildings on side of campus not being used by the city. If not for parking, for rec fields.
- Want to focus on expanding academic support web. Gathering information based on what was learned from the Chairman of the Board of Governors.
- Has been partnering SGA with other organizations (UNC Green, Office of Waste Reduction) looking into channeling money that is being saved by going online instead of using paper into green initiatives.
- Removed trays in the cafeteria.
- Looking to solar panels.
- Working on visibility. Starting ad hoc committee of students who want to see UNCG in stores across the state.
- Started philanthropy committee, cultivates greater relationship with alumni. Working to get donors that are alumni and getting them to do different events on campus
- Complaints about dining services. Contract is up at UNCG, many students have biggest issue with Aramark. Trying to rally students to cause of raising accountability of dining services, e.g. made statements about changes by fall, and only one of about 5 proposals have been put into action
- Looking at Appalachian's textbook rental program and consulting with the bookstore to see how to go about working on this program as well as working with ASG on tax-free textbook program
- Complaints about credit card swipe and additional 3% charge.
- First week of school and already several assaults. Nearby complex, there was a shooting this summer. Safety is a primary concern.
- Sprinklers to be put in residence halls used as excuse for no AC
- Success with elections, started nomination process. Switched from survey. UNCG has link where every student has to log into, so elections were switched to this location for election processes.
- Fall kickoff, all organizations and departments. On main street of campus. More visibility, students talking more about SGA

UNC Pembroke

- Over summer, issues with financial aid and student accounts. Unique, a lot of records still in paper format, process of switching to computer records
- Concerned with voter registration, not only for presidential election but about the community being a dry one. Will be driving students to polls. Also providing absentee ballots.
- Currently do not have a recycling program on campus.
- 61% illiteracy rate in their county. Had drive to obtain used college textbooks in attempt to curb illiteracy
- Many students Native American
- Visibility in the community. Starting a “black and gold” campaign to work with businesses
- Looking in to textbook rental. Have guaranteed buyback but only 26 books on it
- Just got online SGA voting
- First season of football last year.

UNC Wilmington

- School spirit in town. Want to see Wilmington turn into “Seahawk Country” marketing endeavors.
- Diversity initiatives. Need more external focus – run numbers on high schools and see what high schools throughout NC apply to UNC W.
- Academics, problem with many classes constantly full. Gateway classes in majors have 60 person long waiting list.
- Problem in UNC system, only 60% graduate with in 6 years, 40% in 4. Want to improve advising. Show students 12 hours won’t cut it.
- Finance, want transparency. More availability on web and hard copies in SGA office
- Maintain safety levels. In past month there has been a major crime rate increase in Wilmington as a whole, not the campus. But concerns students.
- Working on same-day voting and having this on campus. Educating voters and working with both College Democrats and Republicans.
- Suggestion boxes and putting them throughout campus
- Keeping website up to date (blogging tool)
- Weekly meeting on Tuesday nights and having first ten minutes be open to any students.
- Will have a full body. Haven’t had this happen in several years.
- New provost and VC of business affairs.
- Population has increased. Had to triple some rooms which were double. Trying to get to 40% on campus. Building new suite style building. Still only at 38%
- Working on opening library 24 hours for 5 days a week.
- Creating more meal swipe opportunities (rather than the money)
- 2,500 incoming students
- Welcome Week (about 2 events every night)

Winston-Salem State

- Student population growth. Process with accepting students (too many freshman), housing shortage. All freshman guaranteed space, which pushed some returning students off campus
- Want to go green. Made very little effort last year. Want to do two campaigns, stop wasting water, turn off the lights

- Dealing with alumni affairs, formula for this year to improve school spirit, students graduate and then are supportive alums. Holding of alumni forums.
- Encouraging philanthropy on campus.
- Financial aid crisis. Last year was a decent year, this year is out of control. Seems to correlate to the number of students.
- University is implementing RAM alert, an instant communication system which is internet based. Will text message students, send voicemails to faculty, notifies emergency services and media
- Increase in school spirit. "I Believe in WSSU"
- Starting food service group so people can actually comment and provide constructive comments.
- Chancellor trying to contain SGA under VC of Student Affairs, so SGA doing evaluation of Student Affairs and a pro/con on each department on every office under student affairs. Hope to have done over the next two weeks
- HBCU conversations. Budgets meager in comparison. Have approx \$100,000 in budget. Want to have SGA fee. Budget is currently rather arbitrary. SGA fee creates student-controlled money. Want to guarantee good homecoming for students.
- ATM system on campus. Wachovia got fee ATM in student union. The free ATM getting put back in student union
- Trying to limit campus police fees.
- Voter registration, trying to get them registered accurately. Shuttles to the polls.
- Division I athletics, told it would cost \$2 million to operate athletics 2007-2008. Cost \$6 million. Athletics department has been in red for 2 years. Chancellor trying to convince students that higher fee solves this. Possibly won't stay in Division I.

Reports of the Association Committees

President Doucette noted that we were close to losing quorum, so committees can submit reports via email. President and Senior Vice President will give reports then the General Assembly will adjourn.

Report of the Senior Vice President

Senior Vice President and President visited all 17 campuses. Met with General Administration. Retreat planning, Burlington seemed perfect fit for retreat. "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" banquet and training was a good way to show the "new" ASG and to wipe the slate clean. Also had the opportunity to formally give oath of office.

Committee chairman selection previously covered. Facebook has been helpful tool for ASG. Also new website and new way of doing roll call. Hiring process for Vice Presidents was a blind hiring process. Went to USSA National Student Congress in Wisconsin. NC has unique opportunity to become force in USSA.

Report of the President

Please join the Facebook group and keep an eye on it, will serve to disseminate information until a usable delegates listserv is created. Planning breakfast at 10:00am tomorrow morning. Thank you

for being here and for all of the hard work you've put in today, we have made huge strides. Several members of the Board of Governors and UNC General Administration did not think the unity would last past the first meeting in August. It did. Now we have to make it last through September. Please let me know if you ever have any questions needs or concerns.

Closing Roll Call and Adjournment

President Doucette called the roll at 4:51pm.

There were 32 regular delegates present (**Adonis, Blackwell, Brown, Burke, Dawkins, Ernst, Heath-Stanley, Hicks, D. Johnson, Kelly, K. Kimball, Ladd, Lawless, Mack, McCoy, Ness, Pambu, Pearson-Farrer, Peres-da-Silva, Phillips, Pierce, Purohit, Respass, Reynolds, Robinson, Rogers, Roney, Sherwood, Simpson, Tusso, Wilkes and Williams**). There were also 4 alternates present (**Rowe** for K. Johnson, **Schneider** for Mofford, **Swanner** for Griffin, and **Waskom** for A. Johnson).

There were 27 regular delegates absent (**Baker, Bass, Cuthbertson, Dunbar, Durham, Frazier, Frixen, Gaillard, Griffin, Jefferson, A. Johnson, K. Johnson, Jones, W. Kimball, Lewis, Marshall, Melvin, Miller, Mofford, Mullins, Nichols, Oakley, Raynor, Schronce, Seal, Thomas and Wade**).

There were also 11 Executive Officers present (**Bhula, Boglovits, Cosolito, Doucette, Lawson, Meutsch, Smith, Swofford, Tucker, Williams and Yopp**).

The following guests were also present: **Olivia Bowler** of UNCCH.

A quorum was present.

The General Assembly adjourned at approximately 5:00pm.