

# Legislature Rejects BSU Constitution Again

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On Friday, November 7, the Student Legislature voted to send the Black Student Union Constitution back to the Judicial Committee.

The motion to send the Constitution back to committee was introduced by Senior Representative Jerry Hammond and carried by a vote of 14 to 5.

The motion also specified that the Black Student Union Constitution include a membership clause.

A successful amendment to Mr. Hammond's motion, introduced by Freshman Class President Rick Lee, requires that the Black Student Union Constitution have a purpose stated and included in the body of the Constitution.

Debate on the Black Student Union Constitution, which lasted approximately one-half hour, was very intense and aroused the feelings of onlookers as well as legislators.

Of the legislators in favor of sending the Constitution back to the Judicial Committee, some felt that the document should have a purpose stated (in the body of the Constitution itself) and that there should be a section explaining how members are chosen.

The Preamble of the Black Student Union Constitution was also an object of discussion.

It reads as follows:

"We the students of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, in order to perfect an organization whereby to increase black awareness among the University and its faculty and to improve our black identity, do ordain and publish this document to be the Constitution of the Black Student Union of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte."

Some legislators felt that the phrase "to improve our black identity" could be a violation of Federal regulations concerning race, color, and creed.

In an attempt to counteract this feeling, Dr. John Robbins Assistant Professor of History, declared, "I am their advisor and I am not black!"

Along with Dr. Robbins, other supporters of the Constitution felt that an individual does not have to be black to have "black identity," and they accused the Legislature of being "knitpickey" with the Constitution.

Supporters of the Black Student Union Constitution also felt that the Constitution itself did not have to state a purpose because the purpose was stated in the Preamble.

They drew an analogy with the United States Constitution by

asserting that it does not state a purpose either.

One main question which arose, and was not resolved, was whether or not a preamble is technically part of a constitution.

The Judicial Committee, at a meeting on Tuesday November 4, had officially approved the Black Student Union Constitution but, later in the week, Judicial Committee Chairman Ron Rogers felt that the Constitution might meet with the disapproval of the Administration.

Mr. Rogers then made an attempt to call another meeting of the Judicial Committee but was unable to obtain a quorum.

As a result, the Legislature (as a body) acted as the Judicial Committee.

The Legislature also sent the Constitution of the Progressive Political Union (P.P.U.) back to the Judicial Committee.

The motion to send the P.P.U. Constitution back to committee was made by Freshman President Rick Lee, and carried by a vote of 10 to 8.

Mr. Lee questioned a section in the P.P.U. Constitution which states that members "will be elected by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of a quorum."

The Freshman President felt that a 2/3 vote could result in the P.P.U.'s being a "social organization"

Sophomore Representative Ed Wayson, spokesman for the Progressive Political Union, stated that the purpose of the 2/3 vote was "to prevent certain individuals from corrupting our organization."

Mr. Wayson went on to say that the Constitution of the P.P.U. makes no statement whatsoever regarding "social organization."

According to the P.P.U. Constitution, its purpose is to "promote enthusiasm among UNC-C students on issues concerning this University, to provoke thoughtful discussion of topics of concern to students in their role as citizens of the United States, and to promote the presentation of the liberal viewpoint".

The Legislature approved the constitutions of Delta Phi Zeta Sorority, Beta Pi Sorority, the Ski Team, and the University Band.

The Legislature tabled a motion by Freshman President Rick Lee which called for a re-consideration of the Legislature's action of October 24, when it over-rode S.G.A. President F. N. Stewart's veto of a resolution relating to the October 15 Moratorium.

Mr. Lee felt that the Freshman Class had a right to express its opinion on the resolution via the Freshman Class Representatives.

The Freshman Representatives were not in office when the Legislature over-rode the Presidential veto.

Senior Representative Jerry Hammond felt that it would be unfair to allow the Freshman Representatives to vote on an issue that had been resolved before they were official members of the Legislature.

Senior Representative Robert Welch felt that the motion was in order by stating, "Since the Freshman Representatives are members of the 69-70 Legislature, all actions of this Legislature will reflect on them."

The newly elected Freshman Representatives were sworn in at the beginning of the meeting.

In other action, the Legislature defeated a previously tabled motion which would have permanently deleted the 2.00

grade point average requirements in the Attorney General Act.

Ways and Means Committee Chairman Ed Wayson, who had been in favor of the motion concerning the Attorney General Act, moved that the Legislature drop all 2.00 requirements for elected and appointed offices.

Mr. Wayson mentioned that the Legislature had waived 2.00 requirements for five people and he felt that the Legislature "should either drop the 2.00 requirements completely or ask those who do not have a 2.00 to resign from their offices".

Mr. Wayson's motion that the 2.00 requirement be dropped from all elected and appointed offices was tabled until the next meeting.

Finance Committee Chairman Charlie Brown announced that \$3,500 would be available to campus clubs and organizations, and that his committee would make recommendations for allocations at the next meeting.

In a report to the Legislature, S.G.A. President F. N. Stewart informed the legislators of Operation Interface which is an effort by the North Carolina Student Government Association to improve communication between students and the business world.

The S.G.A. President also informed the Legislature that \$8,640 has been allocated (from student activity fees) to the Legislative and Executive Branches.

In concluding his report, Mr. Stewart told the Legislature of his desires to have the S.G.A. of our campus affiliated with the Association of Student Governments, which is a national organization.

A motion to approved U.N.C.-C.'s affiliation with the Association of Student Governments was tabled until the next meeting, which will be on Monday, November 24, at 7:45 P.M. in U209-210.

## Who's Who Chosen

Eleven of UNC-C's student body have been informed of their election into the 1969-70 Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. The five women and six men elected will be listed along with thousands of the country's campus leaders from all over the U.S.

The eleven students are Mary Sue Amos, Barbara Ellen Berry, Peter D. Donahue, Sherry Drake, Alan P. Hickok, Mrs. Marilou G. Ingram, Kwan-pang Lau, Mrs. Gayle Watts McCall, Felton N. Stewart, Lester W. Stocks, and Michael D. Stockton.

The election into Who's Who was handled differently this year. The SAC is responsible for picking the students that are elected to Who's Who each year. The Student Activities Committee consists of faculty members and three students, the Vice-Chairman of the Union, the SGA President, and one student elected by the Publication Board.

The members of Who's Who were announced much earlier this year than in previous years. In the

future, the members of Who's Who will be announced fairly early in the academic year so these students can enjoy this honor on their own campus. The number of members in Who's Who this year was noticeably reduced to eleven students out of a possible quota of thirty-three. This reduction was made to give more status to membership in Who's Who.

Selection into Who's Who is based on leadership in extra-curricular activities and on services performed for the University. This year academic achievement was also stressed. The attention on academic achievement is due to the fact that, presently, there is no organization on campus, such as Phi Beta Kappa, that recognizes the student with outstanding academic achievements. The qualification concerning quality point average has also been raised from 2.0 to 2.25 in order to eliminate those students that are accomplishing nothing more than the minimum graduation

requirement.

This years point system was used by the SAC to determine the nominees. This point system was adopted as a guide to determine the eligibility of students for Who's Who. Points are issued for holding offices in the student government and the Union, the position of editor of a publication on campus, and participation in campus athletics. Points are also issued for students holding the position of team captain, cheerleader, or membership as an officer of a club on campus. The number of points issued for each activity depends upon the amount of work entailed in the office. For instance, if the activity is an office position, the number of points issued would depend on the importance of the office and how much of the student's time it involves.

This point system is not to be interpreted as a set rule but rather as a guide line. The minimum number of points necessary to automatically elect a student to Who's Who is 40. However, there will be exceptions to this guide line.

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The Progressive Political Union will hold an organizational meeting on Monday, Nov. 24, at 11:30 A.M.

BETA IOTA MU

Beta Iota Mu (Biology Club) will not meet today due to lack of support from interested students. Next meeting in two weeks.

PHILOSOPHY DEPT. COFFEE

The Department of Philosophy is sponsoring a coffee hour for philosophy majors and students interested in philosophy. Students are cordially invited to attend this gathering, which will be held on Wednesday, November 19, at 11:30 A.M. in the Northwest Lounge of the union.