

**N.C. State Student Media Board of Directors  
January, 2017 meeting minutes**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017 • 7 p.m.  
Room 356 Witherspoon Student Center**

Present: Missy Furman, Jackie Gonzalez, Meghan Glova, Dante Genua, Robbie Williams, Laasya Vilimiri, Rachel Smith, Amanda Pearlszig, Stephanie Tate, Ashley Darrisaw (representing *Windhover* on behalf of Nikita Chintalapudi), Patrick Neal

Absent: Justin Hall, Josh Hyatt, Tania Allen, Chloe Anderson, Dean Phillips, Emily Ehling, Mary McPhatter

Others present: Jamie Lynn Gilbert, Martha Collins, Ellen Meder

**CALL TO ORDER & ELECTION OF MEETING SECRETARY**

Board vice-chair Jackie Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with a quorum established. She asked that everyone introduce themselves for the benefit of the board's newest member, Laasya Vilimiri, who was appointed by the Poole College of Management to replace Mimi McCarthy. Stephanie Tate then volunteered to serve as secretary for the meeting.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

With the resignation of board chair Mimi McCarthy due to a spring class-scheduling conflict, Jackie Gonzalez formally assumed the role of board chair. Rachel Smith volunteered to serve as board vice-chair for the remainder of the year, and the board approved that change unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

Stephanie Tate motioned to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2016 meeting, with Rachel Smith seconding the motion; the board approved them unanimously. (Those minutes were included with the meeting packet and are incorporated here by reference.)

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Jamie Lynn Gilbert reviewed the January, 2017 budget update, which was included in the meeting packet and incorporated into these minutes by reference. She noted that revenues from the 2016 Orientation magazine had been distributed among the various organizations and were now reflected on the budget report.

**2017-2018 BUDGET PREVIEW**

Patrick Neal spoke briefly about the upcoming budget process. He said he expected to see budget guidance from the DASA Budget & Planning Office soon. He said that other than applying most of the approved \$3-per-student fee increase toward student compensation, he did not anticipate any drastic changes in the upcoming budget. He encouraged the student leaders to confer with their advisers as soon as possible about the budget and to let him know if they wanted any significant changes.

## **2017-2018 LEADERSHIP SELECTION CYCLE**

Patrick reminded student leaders that the selection process for the groups' 2017-2018 leaders was officially under way. He asked those gathered to encourage anyone interested in applying to do so. He also reminded everyone that while some top-leader requirements could be waived by the board in making their selections, three of them – the requirement that applicants be full-time students, the requirement that applicants have a cumulative GPA no lower than a 2.5 and the requirement that applicants be free of active actions from the Office of Student Conduct – could not be waived. Rachel asked if students who could only serve one semester were allowed to apply. Patrick said they could apply, though he said such a circumstance might put them at a disadvantage in the eyes of the advisory and/or full boards when considering the application.

## **PROPOSED CHANGE TO CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST POLICY**

Patrick suggested that the board again table its consideration of further amending the Student Media Conflict of Interest Policy regarding top leaders' service as top leaders in Student Government as well as Student Media. He said that Newspapers Advisory Board's meeting Monday had been canceled due to inclement weather, and that board had thus had no opportunity to discuss the question. Laasya made a motion to table the item, with Meghan Glova seconding the motion. It passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

Written reports from all organizations were included in the meeting packet and are made a part of these minutes by reference. Otherwise:

- Amanda Pearlszig reported that *Agromeck* had sold 62 books as of Friday, Jan. 6.
- Rachel reported that *Technician* was in the midst of significant turnover on the senior staff; she anticipated that the *Technician* would have 10 or 11 new senior staffers in the spring.
- On behalf of Emily Ehling and WKNC, Jamie encouraged everyone to buy tickets to the 2017 Double Barrel Benefit.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.