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Hello Tar Heels,

I am **Jaleah Taylor**, and I'm honored to announce my candidacy to serve you all as the next Student Body President of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

As a third-year student majoring in Political Science and Media and Journalism from Charlotte, North Carolina, nothing makes me prouder than having the ability to call myself a Tar Heel. My admiration for UNC is fueled by my ongoing commitment to serve our ever-growing future and I firmly believe I can do this in serving as your next Student Body President. During this time, I will build an administration that cultivates a sense of belonging for every student and faculty member. This includes encouraging collaboration and service through our campus organizations, communicating transparent visions via student government, and cultivating opportunities for campus-wide diversity and inclusion.

Entering UNC amidst a mental health crisis, racial unrest, and challenging decisions such as the recent affirmative action ruling, I am driven to address the uncertainty among the student body on these critical issues. In my capacity as Student Body Secretary, I've had the privilege of connecting with numerous clubs and organizations. These connections emphasize the importance of unity during increasingly challenging times. Through transparency, diversity and inclusion, collaboration, community service, and accessibility, we can overcome these challenges together. My journey, from serving as an Orientation Leader to co-founding the Black Pre-Law Student Association, has shown me the transformative power of amplifying student voices. As your Student Body President, I will prioritize fostering this collaborative spirit, ensuring our diverse voices are **heard and valued**.

For every cheer in Kenan Stadium, FDOC sip from the Old Well and triumphant rush down Franklin Street is a group of Tar Heels who understand why we call this university home. In its gleam and beauty are an array of opportunities, though its flaws require us to address the widening cracks in our systems. Recognizing that these issues are not solvable through one person alone, I am committed to working hand-in-hand with the support of the student body. Together, let's strive to make UNC a home for all Tar Heels, where every student leaves a heel print on the vibrant tapestry of our university. **Our Home, our Future, Our Carolina** – embodies the vision I believe we can obtain on this special campus in the heart of our community. Join me in this transformative journey, and together, let's write the next chapter in the story of our Carolina and continue to make this place home.

In service and solidarity,
Jaleah Taylor



WHO WE ARE

Core Missions and Values



WHO WE ARE

Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging

The Taylor Administration is rooted in the core values of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging, centering its approach on identity-driven policies and prioritizing the well-being of every student. We understand the importance of creating a campus environment where every individual feels a genuine sense of belonging. Our commitment extends to fostering a Carolina that truly feels like home for all students. By actively engaging with student groups and cultural centers, we will work tirelessly to ensure that Carolina is a place where diverse voices are not only heard but celebrated. Through policies and actions, the Taylor Administration is dedicated to creating an inclusive and supportive atmosphere that reflects the rich diversity of our student body.

Accessibility

Recognizing the historical challenges in addressing accessibility concerns at our university, the Taylor Administration is determined to reshape the narrative and make accessibility a cornerstone of our community. It is alarming that accessibility issues persist, hindering the full participation of all students. The Taylor Administration firmly believes in a campus where every individual, regardless of their abilities or resources, can thrive as a Tar Heel. We envision a Taylor-Made approach that places accessibility at the forefront, refusing to relegate these critical issues to the back burner. By prioritizing accessibility, we are committed to fostering an environment where every member of our community has the tools and opportunities needed to succeed at Carolina. Together, we will build a more accessible and inviting university experience for everyone.

Collaboration and Community Service

The Taylor Administration places paramount importance on fostering collaboration between student government and the diverse array of clubs and organizations at Carolina. We don't just see Student Government as a collaborator but as the principal connector, bridging the vibrant tapestry of student groups with the decision-making processes. True representation, in our view, involves a united effort that actively integrates the voices of our diverse student body. Moreover, our commitment extends beyond campus borders, with a dedication to forging meaningful connections and making a positive impact through community service initiatives. By working hand-in-hand with student organizations, the Taylor Administration aims to amplify our collective impact, leaving a meaningful difference not only within our university community but also in the broader world. Together, let's build a culture of collaboration and service that forges lasting connections and positive change for generations to come.

WHO WE ARE

Transparency

The Taylor Administration values transparency as a cornerstone of effective governance. We are committed to providing the student body with clear and accessible information about student government processes. Transparency also extends to knowing who our university leaders are and understanding their roles. By fostering an environment of openness, we aim to build trust and engage the student community in the decision-making processes that directly impact their university experience. An informed student body is empowered, and through transparency, we ensure accountability, collaboration, and a stronger, more inclusive campus community.

CAMPUS LIFE AND STUDENT EXPERIENCES



Developing an environment where all students and student organizations can thrive is a fundamental goal of the Taylor Administration. By promoting student well-being, engagement, and growth, the Taylor Administration will aim to ensure that the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will be a place that every student can call home. The Taylor Administration will implement comprehensive policies that serve every student and campus organization.

CAMPUS LIFE AND STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Advocate for a Meal Swipe Donation Plan

The Taylor Administration recognizes that food insecurity is a real issue on campus. Every student should have access to good quality food allowing them to be a successful student here at Carolina. The Taylor Administration seeks to advocate for a meal swipe donation plan for students experiencing food insecurity to access meal swipes. Under a food bank system, students with extra swipes can donate them so that other students may access.

- This policy is driven by the recognition of the importance of accessible and affordable dining options for students. The underlying principles include ensuring food security, promoting student well-being, and fostering an inclusive campus environment. By implementing this policy, the Taylor Administration seeks to address these principles and demonstrate a commitment to the overall well-being of UNC-Chapel Hill students.
- This policy applies to all UNC-Chapel Hill students. Key stakeholders include students and Carolina Dining Services. Students are the primary beneficiaries, and the Taylor administration will collaborate with Carolina Dining services who will play a crucial role in this policy's implementation.

Engage with UNC Children's Hospital for Engagement and Service

The Taylor Administration is committed to Engaging with UNC Children's Hospital for Engagement and Service. This policy seeks to connect motivated students with a dedication to service to meaningful opportunities within the Carolina Community. By establishing a formal partnership with UNC Children's Hospital, the policy aims to facilitate student involvement in meaningful community service initiatives and create a holistic Carolina experience.

- The main objective of this policy is to give students opportunities to meaningfully contribute back to the community, especially at UNC Children's Hospital. The Taylor Administration hopes to improve the community's quality of life and foster a culture of service among students by sponsoring events like "reverse trick-or-treating" and making holiday decorations for patients.
- This policy applies to all motivated students with an aptitude for service within the Carolina Community. Key stakeholders include students, UNC Children's Hospital, and service-oriented campus organizations such as Carolina for the Kids.
- To implement the policy, the Taylor Administration will facilitate and coordinate partnerships with UNC Children's Hospital and all volunteers, including volunteer campus organizations like Carolina for the Kids. The administration will set clear procedures for student volunteers to follow, ensuring compliance with all safety precautions.

CAMPUS LIFE AND STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Introducing the Heel Life App for Enhanced Student Engagement

The Taylor Administration is dedicated to advocating for a Heel Life App for Enhanced Student Engagement. This policy establishes the creation and implementation of the "Heel Life" app—a user-friendly and comprehensive digital platform designed to streamline student engagement and involvement at UNC-Chapel Hill. The policy aims to provide students with a centralized hub that connects them seamlessly to campus life, activities, and opportunities.

- This policy is driven by the recognition of the need for a digital tool that is easy to navigate and makes campus engagement and involvement accessible to more students. The main goals include fostering a connected campus environment, empowering students to explore diverse and new opportunities, and creating a user-friendly platform that reflects the evolving needs of the UNC-Chapel Hill community. By introducing the Heel Life app, the Taylor Administration seeks to prioritize student experience and provide a valuable resource for the entire student body.
- This policy applies to all UNC-Chapel Hill students, as they are the primary beneficiaries of the Heel Life app. Key stakeholders include students, the Taylor Administration, app developers, university staff responsible for campus events and services, and student organizations contributing content to the app. The Administration will oversee the policy's implementation, using input from students and collaborating with developers, staff, and student organizations to ensure the app's effectiveness.
- Clear procedures will be established for updating and maintaining the app's features, including event listings, the club and organization directory, resources, services, and social networking features. Guidelines for app usage and content contributions will be provided to student organizations and users.

Enhancing Campus Security and Surveillance

Promoting effective surveillance and security is essential for the well-being and safety of all members of the Carolina community. The Taylor Administration recognizes the need for increased security measures on campus; this includes installing cameras in strategic locations, implementing comprehensive safety protocols, and working closely with campus security teams to develop emergency resource plans.

- This initiative is driven by the increase in concerns related to safety measures, resources, and protocols on campus. The policy aims to alleviate concerns that members of the community have related to campus safety. Specifically, this administration will work diligently alongside campus security and university leadership to enhance surveillance and security so that all students can feel protected and safe on campus. .
- As a result of an increase in the reliance on campus safety resources, this policy will specifically address concerns related to emergency protocols, effective surveillance technologies, and security resources.
- The policy applies directly to all students, faculty, and staff with an emphasis on students awareness. In implementation, staff and faculty will be aware and informed on protocols and other resources, whereas students will also be educated and made aware of the necessary information to keep them safe.
- The Taylor administration will work with UNC Campus Police to discuss and outline expectations and implementation of this policy. Additionally, the Administration will work with New Student and Family Programs to ensure new students are aware of safety protocols.

CAMPUS LIFE AND STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Ensuring Hygienic and Safe Campus Facilities

Hygiene and safety are paramount concerns for the Taylor Administration. We are dedicated to improving hygienic conditions across campus to create a safer and healthier environment for all UNC-Chapel Hill students. This includes regular sanitation and cleaning of campus facilities, with a focus on high-traffic areas and communal spaces. We will also promote awareness and education on hygiene practices among the student body, including proper handwashing and cleanliness in shared spaces. The well-being of Tar Heels is our top priority, and we are committed to maintaining clean and safe conditions throughout the university.

- The Taylor Administration will advocate to have campus restrooms, libraries, and other heavily trafficked areas cleaned more often and thoroughly. This policy better the health and safety of our students and spaces to promote health and general well-being.
- Promoting healthy living standards is essential to the well-being of the Carolina community. Ensuring spaces are clean and well-kept will facilitate healthier practices and promote the health and safety of everyone on campus.
- The policy applies directly to students as they are the benefactors of the policy. Additionally, the staff responsible for ensuring that facilities are hygienic are also affected, which is why the Taylor Administration advocates for equitable treatment of these staff members, and will encourage student engagement and responsibility to create a more hygienic spaces.
- The Taylor Administration will work with UNC Facilities Services to devise a plan of implementation in how spaces are to be cleaned and how resources for student hygiene are to be made accessible. Additionally, the Taylor Administration will work to develop hand washing signs and other informational materials to be displayed in campus facilities.

Boosting Club Marketing for the Spring Semester

The Taylor Administration recognizes the importance of vibrant student-based organizations and is committed to supporting these organizations by enhancing their marketing efforts in the spring semester. Promoting events offered by these clubs and organizations is crucial for engaging students and fostering an inclusive Carolina community.

- This initiative aims to promote events offered by clubs to where more students can access the information necessary for attendance and participation. This practice will better increase knowledge of events on campus and allow for clubs to attract new members.
- Clubs across campus are often having events, yet there is no centralized way to inform students of such aside from HeelLife. The Taylor administration will work alongside student organizations to revamp their social media marketing for these events to reach more student audiences and boost participation.
- The policy applies directly to students and student-run organizations, while organization leaders face a responsibility to communicate their events and details with the centralized marketing initiative.
- During the spring semester, the clubs and club leaders will have the opportunity to have their events marketed on a larger scale. Development of this initiative will take place prior, and a series of emails with details of the implementation will be communicated to leaders prior to the spring semester.

CAMPUS LIFE AND STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Increased Opportunities for First-Year Students

In the spirit of making UNC a true home for first-year students and recognizing the challenges that come with transitioning to college, the Taylor Administration seeks to foster inclusivity and a solid foundation for every student's initial year. Our initiatives address cultural gaps, sponsor engaging events, and promote cross-demographic exchanges to show first-year students that no matter our experiences, we are **one** Carolina. By prioritizing their well-being and enriching early experiences, we aim to ensure a successful and fulfilling tenure at Carolina from the start.

- Recognizing the need for continued engagement post-orientation, the administration commits to sponsoring and promoting a variety of first-year events. A shift to Instagram promotion aims to broaden awareness, ensuring these events reach a diverse audience and facilitate a smoother transition for students. Events will include mentorship programs, feedback sessions with a member from the Office of the President., and fun activities for first-year students to decompress and find community.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH SERVICES



Given the current political climate, it is increasingly important that we focus our efforts on building a civically engaged student body. Access to healthcare, a woman’s right to choose, and racial justice are just a few things on the line. If elected, the Taylor Administration will adopt a nonpartisan approach to serve during the 2024 General Election to ensure that every student is equipped with the resources to participate in our political process. These crucial times will require a Student Body President who recognizes the importance of student voices and connects political candidates with UNC students. The Taylor Administration is the perfect team for this work, and we truly believe that we’re stronger together.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH SERVICES

Revitalize Voter Registration Efforts Across Campus

Creating an engaged student body that is always ready to run to the polls is an important part of ensuring that we all become world-class citizens. At Carolina, many registered student organizations (RSOs) recognize this and have fully dedicated themselves to increasing voter registration among the student body. However, there is tremendous opportunity to do more together, and the Taylor Administration recognizes this. We will partner with student organizations to strategize nuanced and exciting approaches to voter registration that will reach more audiences on campus.

- The Taylor Administration will host a series of voter registration drives held at sporting events throughout the school year. Because it is centered around a popular event, this strategy will extend voter registration efforts to reach more students.
- We will also establish partnerships with more state and national partners who also share this mission, including Democracy NC, NCPIRG, You Can Vote, Campus Vote Project, among other relevant organizations.
- Through our Pool to the Polls initiative, we will provide students with more accessible methods of transportation to polling places for early voting and election day. We will collaborate with other organizations like Share The Ride NC,
- Our administration will find innovative ways to incentivize voter registration drives to enhance the student experience and spur civic engagement across our campus.
- The Taylor Administration will also partner with other universities in the Raleigh-Durham area to increase voter registrations and turnout among their respective student bodies and collaborate with larger audiences.

Continue Advocating for Student Voting Day

In order to get more students to the polls, past Student Body Presidents have carried the torch in the fight for having no classes on Election Day. Our administration will be no different. The Taylor Administration recognizes the importance of Student Voting Day and is committed to continue pushing university and system leadership to hold no classes on this day.

- The Taylor Administration will work with student organizations, the University Office of the Registrar, the UNC Board of Trustees, and university administration to determine the feasibility of implementing Student Voting Day during each U.S. General Election.
- We will also work with other Student Body Presidents represented by the University of North Carolina Associations of Student Governments (ASG) to collectively push for this effort.
- Our administration will also establish partnerships with other groups and organizations that share this same mission.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH SERVICES

Launch a Voter Empowerment Series

While many students may be registered to vote, a considerable amount of young voters lack access to voter education. Because of this, they do not understand the power of their vote in various elections and are less likely to turnout at the polls. As a remedy, the Taylor Administration will lead a nonpartisan voter empowerment series to equip students with the knowledge and resources to make their voices heard in every election.

- The Taylor Administration will launch a brief, engaging, and easily accessible video series on social media platforms that educate students on voting power and informs them of how to influence issues that affect their everyday lives through their vote.
- We will also host panels consisting of campaign staffers and politicians where they analyze data from elections that were won or lost by close margins. They will break down the results by demographics and demonstrate how every vote matters in every election—no matter how big or small.
- Our administration will also provide informative materials about recent photo voter ID law changes and requirements in North Carolina to ensure that students are equipped with the correct information to even be able to vote.

Increase Engagement between Students and Alumni

There is always room for increased student engagement with alumni, most importantly amongst affinity groups. Carolina has a robust alumni network that inspires and empowers the current undergraduate student body to become the leaders and changemakers of tomorrow through their mentorship. The Taylor Administration will work to host a series of dinners, receptions, and engagements between First-Generation, Black/African American, Latinx, LGBTQ+, and Asian American Pacific Islander affinity groups and their alumni during Homecoming weekend.

- The Taylor Administration will establish partnership and collaboration with the University Office for Diversity and Inclusion, the UNC General Alumni Association (GAA), the Student Alumni Association (SAA), the Carolina Covenant Office, Carolina Firsts, First Gen Student Association, Black Student Movement (BSM), Mi Pueblo, Carolina Latinx Center, the LGBTQ Center, and the Homecoming Committee to do so.
- We will work to create opportunities to network, build rapport, and foster relationships between students and involved alumni. These partnerships will enable us to prepare events and opportunities for engagement between students and alumni.
- Our administration will also create a Student Government In-Residence Program where alumni can offer advice and guidance for students. This program also provides a space for further networking between students and alumni as well as potential mentorship opportunities.

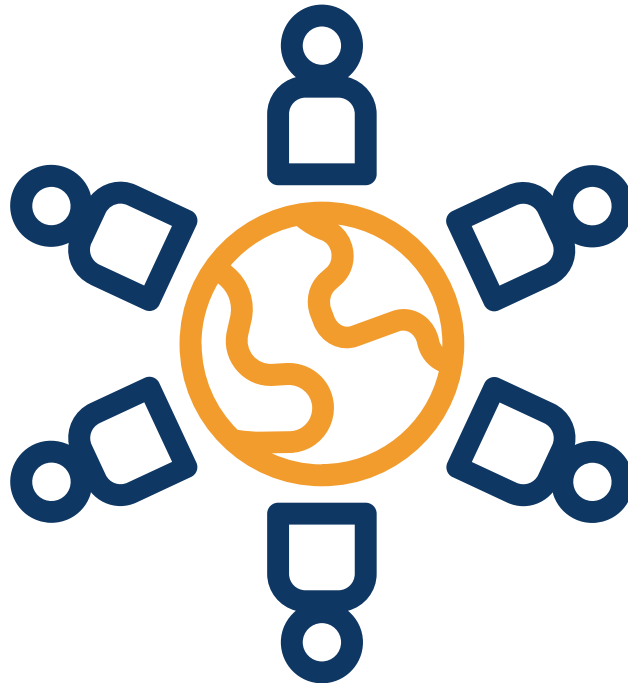
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH SERVICES

Increase Opportunities for Students to Engage in Public Service (More Than Me Campaign)

Meaningful involvement in public service not only enriches students' educational experiences but also allows them to directly impact and address local needs in the greater Carrboro and Chapel Hill community. Under this campaign, the Taylor administration will implement monthly service events that will give students varied opportunities to create community impact and qualify as CLE credit. Whether it's working on environmental initiatives, tutoring in the Chapel Hill and Carrboro City School District, participating in food drives, or volunteering at local organizations that seek support, our goal is to provide students with meaningful and accessible opportunities to serve. It is the hope of this administration that this campaign will create a positive ripple effect that goes beyond UNC's campus, fostering a sense of responsibility, and reinforcing the university's commitment to the well-being of the community it calls home.

- There are already so many service and community oriented student organizations around campus that already have significant impact, but we believe we can be stronger together, by providing students with more nuanced and frequent opportunities to serve. Some of these organizations on campus include Habitat for Humanity, Buckley Public Service Scholars, APPLES Service Learning Program, NCPIRG, Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, Feeding America, Campus Y, etc.
- The administration also plans to partner with community organizations that engage in meaningful public service work and seek more resources and support like Girls and Boys Club, Community Empowerment Fund, Interfaith Council, Orange County Rape Crisis Center, etc.
- There is potential for collaboration with other universities in the Research Triangle to create a larger collective impact.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, & ACCESSIBILITY



The Taylor Administration recognizes the vast range of differences that each student at Carolina brings. We believe that through diversity comes strength, and we will work to protect our diversity and ensure that every student feels that they have the opportunity to thrive. Our policies in diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) strive to foster a community where unique perspectives, lived experiences, and various backgrounds are considered, valued, and welcomed. With such a wide range of viewpoints, the chances for more informed decision-making, heightened creativity, and increased inclusivity are boosted. The Taylor Administration acknowledges that DEIA is not just a set of policies to be followed, but it is a catalyst for the change we want to see on and beyond this campus. We are committed to creating a safe Carolina for all— where no voice goes unheard.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, & ACCESSIBILITY

DEI Progress Report & Meetings with Dr. Cox

Throughout the Taylor Administration, progress for DEI needs to be measured with quantitative metrics. This includes, but is not limited to, numbers and statistics for diversity in faculty, initiatives taken and problems solved for minority groups on campus, and discriminatory issues that have been addressed and taken care of on campus.

- The Taylor Administration will coordinate with Dr. Cox, the Vice Provost of Equity and Inclusion, to determine what policies on campus fall under DEI and will receive updates and feedback on current UNC DEI efforts.
- The Taylor Administration will advocate for an annual report that is accessible to students along with a social media form of the report to be shared to the Executive Branch Instagram page.

Interfaith Room for Students on Campus

UNC students have long been in need of an interfaith room on campus that can be accessed 24/7 with OneCard access. Students of all faiths, whether they consider themselves part of any ethnic, cultural, or religious organization on campus, should have a space where they can commune and connect with their faith. This is an integral part of the lives of many students, and having an interfaith room will not only make students a more productive part of the Carolina community, but also increase connection and collaboration amongst themselves, whether or not they share the same beliefs. The Taylor administration believes that advocating for such a space will allow students to feel more at home and connected to their identity at Carolina.

- Meetings with the Student Union Board of Directors to discuss the feasibility of such a room, and a location that remains largely unused
- Meetings with the Chancellor and Vice-chancellor to ensure the inclusivity of the room, as well as mitigate any problems that may arise
- The Administration will advocate for the opportunity for leadership for the interfaith room amongst students, which will ensure it remains free of biases.

Land Acknowledgments

The Taylor Administration seeks to create a culture on campus where we respect and understand the history of the Indigenous peoples by recognizing the ancestral land on which this institution has been built. This acknowledgment sets a foundation of cultural sensitivity and integrity for this institution. This functions as a perpetual reminder of the enduring connection between the institution and the Indigenous communities whose land it occupies.

- The Taylor Administration will meet with the Carolina Indian Center, Alpha Pi Omega Sorority Incorporated, Phi Sigma Nu Incorporated, and other respective groups to establish initiatives and events to acknowledge ancestral land.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, & ACCESSIBILITY

Diverse Voices in Shaping Student Government Statements

This policy emphasizes the importance of diverse perspectives in crafting Student Government statements. Acknowledging the varied issues affecting our student body, the Taylor Administration is dedicated to inclusive decision-making. By actively engaging with diverse student groups through organized meetings, we aim to ensure that statements genuinely represent the sentiments of the entire UNC student body, aligning with our commitment to equity, inclusion, and accessibility. Discussing the perspectives of all affected students, whether it be through meetings with those groups or students, will ensure statements that accurately reflect the sentiments of the UNC student body.

- In instances where the UNC Student Government feels compelled to provide a public statement regarding an issue that concerns the identity of students on campus, the Taylor administration will meet with any and all student groups that are affected by said issue.
- The statement will be written collaboratively with input from diverse perspectives, and include them to ensure the statement is free from bias.

Regular Check-Ins with On-Campus Organizations

Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) are the home of student life and create meaningful opportunities for students to engage with each other and our surrounding community. Offering consistent streamline of communication to ensure that the needs and concerns of diverse groups are considered is imperative to supporting these organizations.

- The Taylor Administration will hold semester check-ins with representatives from the student organizations to gauge feedback throughout the year. This communication streamline builds relationships, facilitates information exchange, and allows student government to be of service our diverse and vibrant RSOs.

Increasing Textbook Affordability and Online Accessibility

For students from low-income backgrounds, buying textbooks each semester presents an incredible financial and emotional strain. The Taylor Administration is committed to ensuring that high-cost class resources prevent student academic success.

- The Taylor Administration will reach out to professors across majors to advocate for the use of free open-access or low-cost resources/textbooks where applicable.

Formation of Student Advocates Office

Despite legal requirements for accommodations for students with disabilities, faculty and ARS itself often attempt to deny students their proper accommodations. This poses a major threat to the equitability of educational attainment for disabled students on campus by piling on top of the inherent pressures that already come with being a college student with new pressure to advocate for themselves and their rights at every turn. This is an unfair burden that should not be placed on any college student. The Taylor Administration is committed to easing the burden on disabled students by establishing a Students Advocates Office, based on highly successful models from UC Berkeley and Cornell. This office would be established and maintained by students at UNC to provide students with an independent resource to help them resolve conflicts with the University, level the playing field, and ensure students receive fair and equitable treatment to check administrative bias.

- The Taylor Administration would advocate for the creation of this as an independent office reporting to the Chancellor, funded through student fees and university budget allocation, and working in conjunction with the Honor Court to ensure all students are properly represented and advised on issues.
- This potential office would be staffed by 10-15 trained student advocates who would commit 5-10 hours per week, overseen by at least one faculty member qualified to advise on legal matters.
- Services provided by the Student Advocate's Office would include: Providing guidance to students on university policies and disciplinary procedures; Assisting students in filing appeals and representing them in hearings/procedures; Review disputed academic action and assisting students in grade appeals; and identifying systemic issues and provide recommendations for more equitable policies, especially in regards to accessibility.
- As mentioned previously, this model has been highly successful at UC Berkeley and Cornell. Offices at both schools serve nearly 100 student cases each year, across academic, financial aid, conduct, and grievance divisions. Some noted impacts include increased student satisfaction with conflict resolution processes and providing critical support to marginalized students, especially disabled students.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, & ACCESSIBILITY

Reform & Restructuring of ARS

UNC has a long history of inaccessibility – disadvantaging students with physical and mental disabilities and perpetuating systemic ableism on campus. While ARS at UNC is meant to support students with disabilities to ensure they are set up for success, oftentimes there are barriers to disabled students receiving equitable support at ARS. The Taylor administration is committed to standing up for disabled students and making Carolina a more inclusive and accessible institution for all.

- The Taylor Administration will advocate to University Administration that ARS should offer an alternative testing location on North Campus or Mid-Campus to ensure that distance does not hinder access to essential support services for disabled students who don't live on South Campus. Establishing another testing location is also crucial for student safety as North Campus and off-campus students will be in closer proximity to their housing—minimizing the distance they need to walk during the night if they have a later test time. A second testing center would also expand seating capacity—ensuring that all students registered with ARS can take exams with their accommodations in an appropriate time frame, which has been an ongoing issue for students connected with ARS.
- The Taylor Administration will work with ARS to establish a Student Advisory Board to empower students with disabilities to share their experiences and perspectives, actively participate in shaping ARS policies, and collaborate with the university administration to create a more accessible and equitable educational environment. We will work to ensure that the Student Advisory Board represents a diverse range of disabilities and intersecting identities.

Encourage Professors to Continue Recording Lectures

The Taylor Administration acknowledges that offering recorded lectures to all students eases access, especially for non-traditional and off-campus students, in addition to students with neurodivergence. Having access to recorded lectures provides additional support for students who struggle to focus in class or who are unable to attend in-person to every class meeting. Currently, this policy is up to the discretion of each individual professor, and is seeing limited use.

- The Taylor Administration will work with the Dean of Arts and Sciences and other administrators to ensure this becomes a requirement so as to continue to support student learning and accessibility.
- The Administration will work to educate professors on the benefits of offering recorded lectures and advocate to faculty the importance of this resource for students.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Every Tar Heel must have the resources to be academically successful at UNC and professionally prepared for life after graduation. To make this goal a reality, the Taylor Administration will fight for a number of priorities including a grade forgiveness policy, exam flexibility, reforms to the class registration process, expansion of the Learning Center's resources, and improvement of professional development opportunities on campus.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Develop AI use best practices for students, latter taught through classes and Workshops

The rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies over the last year has caused a seismic shift in the academic and professional expectations of students, with some colleges outright banning its use. Though some students have readily accepted and incorporated the technology into their educational and personal environments, others have abstained or chosen to ignore AI technology due to lack of proper guidance from instructors, or fear of incurring honor code violations. To tackle this confusion, and realizing that mastering this technology is in our collective benefit as students, the Taylor Administration will collaborate with the UNC AI taskforce to look into generative AI engines, like Chat GPT, to understand their advantages and constraints as an educational tool, and will then engage in a campaign to share these best practices and knowledge with our peers.

- To mitigate honor code uncertainty and better prepare students for their future careers, the Taylor Administration will form a student led committee to research and compile best AI practices with the support of UNC AI Taskforce for students so they may learn how to skillfully use AI technology in their academic spaces, without fear of plagiarism violations.
- Realizing an AI capable student body with a strong understanding of the technology will be best equipped to remain competitive and innovative in most modern careers, the Taylor Administration is committed to facilitating this transition for our peers through research and collaboration with UNC administrators.

Host professional development events with UNC Faculty and Industry Experts

While the Undergraduate Student Government is dedicated to enhancing students' undergraduate experience, Carolina has a wealth of experts and resources that can better prepare students for life after Carolina. Access to career-building workshops, networking dinners, mentorship opportunities, and early communication with multiple industries' experts are examples of how Tar Heels could grow as more than a student and implement such professional development while still in school. Professional development prepares our student body to enter the next stage of their life with a transferable skill set that will lead to success beyond measure. The Taylor Administration advocates for professional development, and we plan to expand its breadth and accessibility on campus through programming, collaborations, and resources available to students.

- The Taylor Administration will reach out and invite established alumni, UNC Faculty, and industry professionals to lead career-building events, so they may share their insight and discuss possible career pathways or education concentrations that are popular with students
- The purpose of these events is to also allow students to network within their field of interest and gain opportunities for professional development and mentorship within and outside of college. In addition to mentorship events, the Taylor Administration will facilitate professionalism programming for the student body through headshot events, professional-wear drives, and workshops to better understand how to navigate the professional world.
- The Taylor Administration will also partner with University Career Services, the General Alumni Association, various departments within the College of Arts & Sciences, Kenan-Flagler Business School, and Hussman School of Journalism and Media, and student-run professional organizations to address professional development needs across the student body.

Establish a Grade Forgiveness Task-force

Every day students face obstacles in their personal lives that they work to overcome, but when we cannot, and the tumult of the situation spills into our academic performance, the student body deserves the right to receive forgiveness, support, and a second chance. The Taylor Administration will form a taskforce to reform Grade Forgiveness in favor of our student body. For academic excellence and success to be truly equitable to all students, academic support must be present and accessible to students facing a multitude of unique obstacles. Academic Recovery at UNC can seem like a daunting and lonely process, but the Taylor Administration wants students to feel comfortable and ready to seek any academic support necessary. The administration will advocate for better grade forgiveness policies and improve the grade appeal process.

- The Taylor Administration will clarify the process for students to retake failed courses. This opportunity will offer a chance to replace or improve their previous grades and better reflect the academic progress of students. We will also work with UNC staff to make this process clear and accessible to students to alleviate the search for this support.
- Our administration will also make the Grade Appeal process easily understandable and accessible to students. By working with the Dean of Students we will include this information in course syllabi and create a reporting tool where students can express their opinions in support or discontent on the existing mechanisms.
- By supporting the growth of these policies, students should feel more confident when seeking guidance towards academic recovery and using said resources towards their own success, especially with any necessary support.

Expand the Learning and Writing Centers' Service Offerings

There is a wealth of resources available here at UNC to support students in their academic endeavors. The Taylor administration will continue working with them and connecting them to the student body to increase their impact and efficiency on the student body. This administration understands the importance of tutoring, test-prep resources, academic coaching and other support systems for academic success and will expand its presence and use throughout the student body. These resources aid a multitude of students looking for language tutoring, professional development, STEM support, essay writing, and much more, and the Taylor Administration will promote UNC's Learning and Writing Center, among other organizations, and help them grow in favor of the student body's needs.

- The Taylor Administration will partner with the Learning Center to become more welcoming and visible to marginalized and transfer communities, allowing these students to take advantage of these essential yet underused resources throughout their time at Carolina.
- We will also advocate for more opportunities for one-on-one support and tutoring and expand Test Prep and study programs to boost student success as they prepare for graduate school or later professional endeavors (with a focus on the LSAT, GRE, GMAT etc.)

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS



The UNC Student Government has a responsibility to clearly define environmental policy and educate our student body in order to create the framework for a greener UNC. In the past several years there has been an increase in environmental advocacy on campus, which has led to a positive change and a plethora of student organizations with sustainability as their chief mission. It is important that student government has a central hub for sustainability knowledge and initiatives that are going on or have existed on our campus. Our goal is to create an inclusive and just transition for our student body as we continue to create a more sustainable campus.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Environmental racism and injustice

Environmental racism is one of our country's and state's greatest downfalls. Given that we are in North Carolina, where the term was originally coined and where environmental racism is rampant, our goal is to educate students, staff, and faculty on this issue. With a large population of minority students living in our residence halls, we want to ensure that equal opportunity for sustainable development is presented to these communities.

- The Taylor Administration will partner with the Gillings Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, and Amanda Northcross, who specializes in research to reduce environmental inequities.
- We will also establish partnerships with local community groups, like Communiversity, to enhance sustainability knowledge throughout Chapel Hill and beyond. The Communiversity program works to further the education of local children outside of the classroom. We will partner with them in order to help foster a generation of leaders and bring equity to marginalized communities in Chapel Hill.
- Black and brown communities are the ones most affected by acts of environmental racism in Chapel Hill, the Taylor administration will work to increase the awareness of the intersection between race and environmental health issues within the community.
- Work alongside Residence Hall Association to ensure that environmental injustices are clearly communicated to the residents and surrounding community.
- With the edible campus garden existing on North Campus, we hope similar green initiatives can be taken on South Campus. We hope that we can develop a program that allows students to take initiative in sustainable development while also giving back harvests to the employees of RHA.

Sustainability Training

Although the university already has some infrastructure in place to ensure a more sustainable Carolina, a lot of this goes unnoticed. A lot of students are unaware of what our existing sustainability programs are. Many students are unaware that a particular cut of their tuition is devoted to sustainable development, so we want to ensure that our student body has the opportunity to play a role in these initiatives.

- The Taylor Administration would like to explore how we may incorporate sustainability training into orientation workshops.
- The Taylor Administration will advocate to provide all students with the opportunity to live sustainability on our campus. The Administration hopes to implement RA sustainability training to ensure RA's make their residents aware of green programs and resources available through Carolina Housing.
- With the new CLE curriculum in place, the Taylor Administration hopes to prioritize sustainability in some of these student experiences. We hope to collaborate with Campus Life and Student Experiences in establishing a clear framework that encourages student groups to consider sustainability when planning events.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Food waste initiatives

While the university has begun to implement compost-related infrastructure on campus, the framework is incomplete. Aside from working inside the dining halls, the Taylor Administrations will advocate to extend this infrastructure throughout campus in ways that not only increase the awareness of composting but also the accessibility of it.

- We hope to partner with CDS to reframe the current compost system in campus dining facilities. The Taylor Administration is dedicated to incorporating compost infrastructure inside the halls to hold students accountable for reducing their food waste.
- As most disposable utensils and cups on our campus are compostable, we'd like to have compost bins throughout campus to dispose of such materials properly. Compostable and recyclable materials are not interchangeable, and many students end up having to dispose of compostable materials in trash cans.
- The Taylor Administration is devoted to providing compost education to our students. Many students are not aware of how to properly compost, and we must ensure the accessibility of compost infrastructure by partnering with existing organizations on campus like Compost-mates.
- Compost education could be incorporated into orientation workshops. Also, it would be critical to ensure that the employees of RHA are providing the appropriate resources to give students the opportunity to compost.

Collaboration with partners and student groups

With a plethora of student groups all looking to create a more sustainable Carolina, there are plenty of initiatives that have existed. We hope to foster an environmental affairs branch that serves as a hub for pre-existing and existing sustainability initiatives to ensure that our campus is moving forward and not backwards. We want to increase the accessibility of knowledge from all sustainable groups to ensure that our initiatives have a broader reach and can build upon both successes and failures of the past. We want to ensure that sustainability is a vital principle beyond our branch and hope to encourage other student groups to prioritize environmental consciousness.

- The Taylor Administration would hope to see sustainability as a priority for all student groups moving forward. We hope to establish a network of sustainability chairs within all student organizations that would report to the environmental affairs branch on their various sustainable initiatives.
 - Ideally, sustainability chairs would report each month with sustainability reports based on standards we will develop. Our main goals would be to ensure that groups prioritize recycling, reducing their waste and creating an open network that allows student groups to reuse materials from other organizations.
- Work with student and employee organizations that focus their efforts on environmental causes within the Chapel Hill community and streamlining/supporting their existing efforts. Some groups include Edible Carolina, RESPC, BuildUp, SolarEquity, Carolina Thrift, UNC Housekeeping, and more listed on Heel Life.
- We hope to collaborate with Graduate and Professional Student Government to create a master document of all sustainable initiatives that have been pursued within student government. Having this information accessible to student groups will allow us to keep our initiatives relevant and practical.

STUDENT WELLNESS AND SAFETY



The 2023-2024 academic year has been unprecedented in terms of the challenges the UNC community has faced. Still transitioning out of the pandemic, our campus has endured two armed assailant incidents, while tackling an increase in overdoses across college campuses, and disheartening global conflicts. Thus, campus safety and student wellness have never been more of a priority on this campus. If elected, the Taylor administration hopes to lead our student body into the 2024 school year feeling more safe, secure and healthy on our campus. The Taylor administration is committed to advocacy on raising student voices on matters of gun violence on our campus and increasing UNC's focus on mental health, because we Tar Heels are stronger together.

STUDENT WELLNESS AND SAFETY

Promote Language Accessibility for Alert Carolina System

Our current AlertCarolina system has failed to incorporate language accessibility into its framework, which jeopardizes the safety of all non-Native English speakers during campus lockdowns. The Taylor Administration recognizes that this institutional gap is symptomatic of Carolina's larger, ongoing history of ignoring the non-Native English speakers who are vital to this community.

- The Taylor administration will work directly with student organizations, language interpretation services and the Department of Campus Safety to ensure that AlertCarolina is accessible for everyone in the Carolina community.
- The Taylor Administration will meet with campus leaders and stakeholders to ensure that this issue is made a priority and institutional changes to the AlertCarolina system are made.

Advocate for lock on all UNC classroom doors

After our recent lockdown incidents, numerous students and faculty raised concerns about classroom doors having faulty locks. Our administration recognizes that this will put UNC community members at an elevated risk of danger during campus-wide lockdowns.

- The Taylor administration will work with the Department of Campus Safety and Vice Chancellor of Campus Safety to advocate for the inclusion of functioning locks on buildings and classroom spaces.
- The Taylor administration will also work to advocate for the use of the student safety and security fee to be used for this purpose if needed.

Develop a Free STI Testing Program or Initiative for Students

Currently, Campus Health offers STI testing to students through insurance coverage. However, this does not allow students to conceal private information from their insurance policyholders and may deter them from wanting to get tested in the first place.

- We will work in partnership with Campus Health and the Student Health Action Coalition clinic (who already offer such a service) to sponsor and promote free STI testing and counseling services for students that do not require insurance information.
- We will make this service free, allowing students to further conceal private information and will encourage students to be tested more regularly.
- By making the event free and not associated with health insurance, we hope that this will promote sexual health and wellbeing and will encourage more students to be tested.

STUDENT WELLNESS AND SAFETY

Advocate for expansion of violence prevention trainings to multicultural and Historically Black fraternities and sororities

Currently, violence prevention/bystander trainings are only mandated for members of the IFC. By advocating for the expansion of violence prevention training to multicultural and historically Black fraternities and sororities, we aim to create a safer and more inclusive campus environment for all members of the university community.

- We will advocate for the extension of mandatory violence prevention training to include members of multicultural and historically Black fraternities and sororities.
- We will work to ensure that all fraternities and sororities, regardless of their council affiliation, actively participate in and benefit from violence prevention programs.
- The Taylor Administration will work closely with the university's Violence Prevention and Awareness Services (VPAS) to create tailored training programs for multicultural and historically Black organizations.

Partner with bars on Franklin Street to distribute drink covers and publicize Angel shots

It is evident to our student body that Franklin St. is not as safe as it can be, especially for female-identifying students at nighttime. As Franklin St. bars and restaurants are integral to the social and athletic components of UNC life and culture, it is important for our student government to forge relationships with these companies and collaborate on initiatives to make all students feel safer in these establishments.

- We will forge partnerships with bars on Franklin Street to implement a collaborative effort in distributing drink covers and promoting the availability of angel shots. An angel shot is a drink order made by a customer to inform a bartender that they are in an unsafe situation and need assistance.
- We will establish a working relationship with local establishments to distribute drink covers with “safe.unc.edu” printed on them to increase alcohol consumption safety on campus while simultaneously increasing awareness of UNC safety resources.
- The Taylor Administration will also develop and implement a comprehensive awareness campaign to publicize the concept of angel shots and educate patrons on how to discreetly request assistance. This will involve using various channels, including social media, posters, and in-bar signage, to effectively communicate information about angel shots and their role in enhancing patron safety.
- Collaborate with bar owners to provide training sessions for staff on recognizing signs of potential danger and responding appropriately when patrons request angel shots. We will work to ensure that bartenders and other personnel are well-versed in creating a discreet and supportive environment for individuals seeking help.

STUDENT WELLNESS AND SAFETY

Advocate for requirement of Naloxone distribution and training for all Greek organizations

Currently, UNC offers free nasal Naloxone, no questions asked, at both the Campus Health Pharmacy and the Student Stores Pharmacy. However, not many students know about its availability and take the initiative to keep it on hand in the case of emergencies. It is important that our student government takes the initiative to distribute naloxone, focusing on potentially high-usage locations, including Greek organizations.

- Advocate for the mandatory distribution of Naloxone, a life-saving opioid overdose reversal medication, to all Greek organizations on campus.
- Collaborate closely with Campus Health pharmacies, student organizations centered around harm reduction, and campus EMS to develop and implement Naloxone distribution and training programs tailored specifically for Greek organizations.
- Lobby for the inclusion of Naloxone distribution and training requirements within the official policies and guidelines governing Greek life on campus.

Advocate for continuation of annual AlertCarolina Audit conducted by Student Safety and Security Committee

The Student Safety and Security committee is in charge of distributing the student safety fee, and in the past has conducted an annual AlertCarolina audit. Although this annual audit has been disrupted by the pandemic, it is more important now than ever to reinstate this audit as a priority for the committee.

- Advocate for the continuation of the annual AlertCarolina Audit, conducted by the Student Safety and Security Committee, to assess the effectiveness of the campus safety alert system.
- Advocate for institutional support to address any identified shortcomings and implement recommended enhancements to the alert system.
- Promote the inclusion of diverse perspectives within the Student Safety and Security Committee, ensuring that it represents the varied needs and concerns of the student body.
- Establish a student feedback mechanism to gather input on the AlertCarolina system's performance and to identify additional safety concerns that may not be captured through the formal audit process.

STUDENT WELLNESS AND SAFETY

Facilitate the transition of the mental health coalition into an independent organization

The mental health coalition was a pre-COVID student initiative to provide a central space for mental health groups, identity based groups, and other clubs and student organizations that prioritize mental health to discuss problems and initiatives on our campus. With so many organizations on our campus tackling the same cause, this coalition is essential to streamlining efforts and increasing the visibility of resources surrounding mental health on our campus. However, in the past this coalition has not successfully carried on through consecutive years because it has been directed by the student wellness and safety department of the executive branch.

- The Taylor Administration will work to successfully reinstate the Mental Health Coalition as an independent agency, similar to the Resident Hall Association (RHA) so that it continues to operate without student government initiative.
- This will include appointing leadership, finding a faculty sponsor, and writing a constitution for the MHC to function independently.
- The MHC will still have an external appointment from the SWS department to facilitate collaboration between the department and the MHC.

GREEK LIFE



Recognizing the significant contributions of Greek organizations to the campus community, the Taylor Administration is committed to fostering a stronger connection between the Student Government and the Greek community. With a firm understanding of the importance of supporting and celebrating Greek life, the Taylor Administration outlines specific initiatives to enhance communication, promote service opportunities, and encourage participation in events.

GREEK LIFE

Create an external appointment for Greek organizations

The Taylor Administration is dedicated to improving communication between the Executive Branch of Student Government and Greek organizations. By establishing a direct line of communication through regular meetings with leaders from the Interfraternity Council (IFC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and Panhellenic Council, the initiative aims to build a more transparent and collaborative relationship. This effort seeks to foster better understanding and communication between student government and Greek organizations, ultimately ensuring that the needs and perspectives of the student body are effectively addressed.

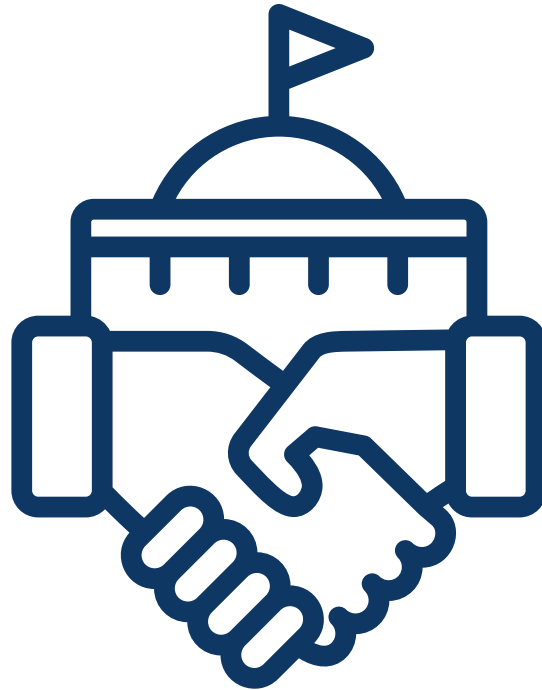
- The Taylor Administration will establish a committee of Greek representatives from the Interfraternity Council (IFC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and Panhellenic Council via an external appointment in the Office of the Vice-President.

Promoting Service Opportunities and Greek Contributions

The Taylor Administration is dedicated to enhancing community service engagement and recognizing the positive contributions of Greek organizations. Collaborative efforts will be initiated at the beginning of each term to develop impactful service initiatives, fostering direct engagement through periodic service fairs with local non-profits. The administration aims to showcase the philanthropic spirit within the Greek community, organizing collaborative planning sessions and a recognition program via the undergraduate executive branch Instagram. By amplifying the positive influence of Greek organizations and promoting shared responsibility for community welfare, the administration seeks to create a lasting and meaningful impact.

- The Taylor Administration will collaborate with Greek organizations at the beginning of the term to develop community service initiatives between student government affiliates and Greek organizations to actively promote and participate in a variety of community service initiatives, both on and off-campus.
- The Taylor Administration will organize periodic service fairs that bring together Greek organizations and local non-profits, encouraging direct engagement.
- The Taylor Administration will facilitate collaborative planning sessions between Greek organizations and community service-focused student groups to identify and execute impactful service projects.

STATE AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



The Taylor Administration is dedicated to fostering strong connections and proactive engagement at both the state and federal levels, ensuring that UNC students are well-informed, represented, and actively involved in the larger political landscape. In collaboration with Chapel Hill and Carrboro Town Councils, the administration aims to fortify local relationships, establishing a student liaison position for transparent communication, organizing town hall meetings, and continuing collaboration with community initiatives. At the state level, the administration prioritizes increased student involvement in NCGA affairs through a dedicated advisory committee, regular meetings with state legislators, and sustained collaboration with the UNC Federal Affairs Office. On the federal front, initiatives include developing information platforms, facilitating internships, organizing educational webinars, promoting advocacy group participation, and striving for accurate representation of Carolina students and their concerns. This holistic approach aims to empower students, foster civic engagement, and solidify UNC's standing on both the state and national stages.

STATE AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Collaboration with Chapel Hill and Carrboro Town Council Initiatives

The Taylor Administration will prioritize fostering a strong relationship between the University of North Carolina and neighboring towns, specifically Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Our goal is to actively promote positive collaboration and support, enrich students' understanding of local governance, and encourage their active participation in community development. This commitment seeks a mutually beneficial relationship, where the university and local communities share knowledge, resources, and initiatives. The Taylor Administration will work to heighten awareness and engagement with local governance among UNC students, emphasizing the direct impact of decisions by entities like Chapel Hill and Carrboro Town Councils. By informing students about these local issues, we aim to instill active student engagement in matters of community development, civic responsibilities, and meaningful change dialogues. This holistic understanding not only enhances students' educational experience but also strengthens the bond between the university and the local community.

- *Establish and Maintain a Student Liaison Position:* The Taylor Administration will create and sustain a student liaison position tasked with attending council meetings. This liaison will provide regular reports to both the student body and relevant student government entities, ensuring transparent and continuous communication.
- *Organize On-Campus Town Hall Meetings and Check-Ins:* The administration will actively collaborate with local government to arrange town hall meetings on campus, featuring local leaders. Additionally, regular check-ins with town decision-makers will be organized, fostering a direct line of communication between students and local leaders.
- *Enhance Collaboration with Good Neighbor Initiative and the CCC:* The Campus Community Coalition (CCC) works on alcohol harm prevention in the Chapel Hill community. The coalition works to promote health and well being for all, and promotes change around alcohol use in university communities. The coalition works with students, campus, and community to accomplish its goals. The coalition's mission is to prevent the negative effects of high-risk drinking. The Good Neighbor Initiative led by members of UNC and the surrounding community, aims to foster a positive connection between off-campus students and the local community, promoting a healthy relationship. The Taylor Administration will continue its close collaboration with the Good Neighbor Initiative and the CCC to ensure accurate representation of student voices in relevant initiatives. This partnership aims to strengthen the impact of student input on community-driven projects.

STATE AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Increased Involvement in North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA) Affairs

The Taylor Administration is dedicated to enhancing the UNC student body's awareness of legislative activities within the North Carolina State Legislature. Our primary focus is to ensure that students are well-informed about legislation directly affecting them, fostering an environment of an informed and engaged citizenry. This initiative emphasizes the importance of knowledge regarding legislation that may impact students and the issues they care about, fostering a more connected relationship between North Carolina's flagship university and the state. The Taylor Administration's goal is to empower students with understanding of state-level legislative processes, encouraging their active involvement in matters of state policies relevant to their education and well-being. By facilitating an understanding of processes in state-level legislatures and their impacts on higher education, including university policies, this effort provides students with a crucial platform to share comments and opinions on state policies affecting Carolina and its students. Effectively building this bridge between students and state policymakers ensures that student voices are not only heard but also listened to, fostering a richer learning experience and instilling a sense of responsibility and involvement in the broader political environment shaping their education and future.

- *Establish a Student Advisory Committee:* The administration will set up a Student Advisory Committee to actively monitor and analyze NCGA activities. This committee will be open to all students, providing an inclusive platform for engagement and discussion.
- *Sustain Collaboration with the UNC Federal Affairs Office:* The administration will continue to meet with the UNC Federal Affairs Office's state affairs liaison, strengthening the connection between UNC Administration and student voices. This ongoing collaboration aims to ensure that student perspectives are integrated into administrative decisions.
- *Promote Student Participation in Advocacy and Lobbying:* The Taylor Administration will actively encourage student participation in state-level advocacy and lobbying efforts. Opportunities for involvement will be provided to empower students to contribute to shaping policies that impact their education and well-being.

STATE AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Engagement in National Educational and University-Related Policies

The Taylor Administration is committed to advocating for UNC students at the federal level and providing educational tools to enhance their understanding of impactful higher education policies. Our goal is to empower students to actively contribute to the national discourse on education and situate higher educational policies in the broader U.S. context. This federal affairs policy aims to educate students, turning them into informed participants in national dialogue, capable not only of advocating for their interests but also acquiring knowledge and skills to advance the university's interests in federal policy. Awareness of federal policies impacting universities and higher education is crucial for UNC students. This effort enables students to actively participate in national education debates as engaged members of society rather than passive university stakeholders. Such participation fosters a broader understanding of the United States higher education system. Moreover, it not only makes students aware of the legislative environment shaping their academic careers but also empowers them to proactively contribute to shaping the future of education at a nationwide level.

- *Establish a Policy Tracker:* The administration will develop a comprehensive platform to disseminate information on federal education policies. This includes maintaining efforts to create a bill tracker, ensuring students stay informed about relevant legislation.
- *Facilitate Internships and Fellowships:* The Taylor Administration will work to develop a spreadsheet of internships or fellowship programs for students interested in policy.
- *Organize Webinars and Guest Lectures:* To encourage student discourse on civic engagement and federal affairs, the administration will organize webinars and guest lectures featuring lawmakers. These events will provide a platform for students to engage directly with policymakers and gain insights into national issues.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS



Graduate students constitute a significant and vital segment of the UNC student population, comprising over 11,000 individuals. Acknowledging their substantial presence and unique needs, the Taylor Administration recognizes the imperative for valid and robust representation for graduate and professional students at UNC. With diverse academic pursuits and experiences, this dynamic group enriches the university community, and the administration is committed to ensuring their voices, concerns, and aspirations are effectively addressed and advocated for in all aspects of university policy and decision-making.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

Advocate for Increased Representation for Graduate and Professional Students

Recognizing the integral role played by graduate and professional students, who constitute over 11,000 members of the UNC community, the Taylor Administration is committed to enhancing their connectivity and representation. This commitment includes ensuring proportional representation for graduate and professional students on various university committees and boards.

- A notable initiative involves advocating for a dedicated seat for the GPSF President on the Board of Trustees, amplifying the voice of this student population in critical decision-making forums.
- We will work to tackle disproportionate committee sizes between undergraduate and graduate students in order to create a more equitable Carolina community. The Taylor Administration will advocate for bodies that are adequately representative of both undergraduate and graduate students in committees such as External Appointments.

Advocating for Fair Compensation for Learning Assistants, Teaching Assistants, and Research Assistants

The Taylor Administration acknowledges the hard work of undergraduate and graduate students contributing to teaching and research at UNC. To address existing disparities in compensation policies, the administration will collaborate with departments to gather comprehensive information about how they compensate student employees. This data will be compiled into a detailed report released to the student body, fostering awareness and understanding of compensation practices.

- *Advocacy for Living Wages:* Building on the initiatives of the Martin Administration and the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, the Taylor Administration is committed to lobbying for adequate, living wages for graduate teaching assistants and research assistants. This sustained effort aims to ensure fair compensation practices align with the dedication and value these students bring to their roles in teaching and research.
- *Equitable Compensation for Undergraduate Learning Assistants:* Recognizing the vital contributions of undergraduate learning assistants, the Taylor Administration will advocate for their fair compensation. This advocacy extends to ensuring that all undergraduate learning assistants receive either monetary payment or academic Experiential Education credit for their valuable contributions to the teaching and learning environment at UNC.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

Mentorship Initiative for Undergraduate and Graduate Collaboration

The Taylor Administration is committed to enhancing collaboration between undergraduate and graduate students at UNC through a dynamic mentorship initiative. In addition to structured mentorship programs, the administration will introduce panel discussions as a valuable component of this initiative. These panel discussions will feature insights from both undergraduate and graduate students, providing a platform for shared experiences, advice, and meaningful dialogue. By incorporating diverse perspectives in these discussions, the mentorship initiative aims to enrich the academic and professional journeys of all participants while fostering a sense of community and support.

- The administration will establish structured mentorship programs that pair graduate students with interested undergraduates based on shared academic interests, career aspirations, or other relevant factors.
- The Taylor Administration will meet with various groups of Graduate and Professional Students such as MBA Student Association, Student Bar Association, and others to establish a system of channels to design the mentorship program for respective bodies involved.