Minutes of the 1st Regular Meeting of the 1st Session of the 224th Year of the Societies

recorded by Sarah Barnett, Joint Senate Clerk, on August 27th, 2018.

Call to Order

* President De Mott called the meeting to order.
* SAA Barta called roll.

### President De Mott recognized Senator Alumnus Jacobi.

* President De Mott recognized the guests.
* Senator Roehrig invited guests to come to movie night on September 13th.
* Senator Lewis asked guests to come to Linda’s.
* Critic Brunton described the format of the debate.
* Treasurer Gauch asked guests to sign the guest book.
* Treasurer Gauch asked senators to pay dues.
* JSP De Mott was fined for “insulting Senator Roehrig” after he wished Treasurer Gauch a Happy Birthday!

### Di President Gildehaus invited guests to learn about the petitioning process.

Slated Speeches

### Critic Brunton introduced the resolution: “ Resolved, Sherman’s March to the Sea was Justified”.

### A straw poll was conducted: 5 would affirm, 24 would negate, and 13 would abstain. The resolution would FAIL.

### Senator Gee spoke in the primary affirmative. He argued that Sherman’s march to the sea was tactically and morally justified because it allowed the war to end more quickly than without it. He highlighted the specifications that General Sherman gave to his soldiers further emphasizing the justification of it.

### Senator Tobias spoke in the primary negation. He argued that because of Sherman’s disrespect of the principle of distinction, it was unjustified. Because of how destructive and aggressive the actions were, regardless of the outcome, the actual tactic should not be heralded as acceptable.

### Senator Ong spoke in the secondary affirmative. He argued that Sherman’s actions were a military necessity and that criticism of his actions has become exaggerated by confederate historiography.

### Senator Ong was fined 50 cents for describing General Sherman as having “Big Dick Energy”.

### Treasurer Gauch spoke in the secondary negation. He argued that Sherman was responsible for the actions of his soldiers regardless of whether they were acting against order that he gave. While some did act honorably, because of the horrific actions taken out such as property damage and resource burning, it went against the standard rules of war.

Floor Speeches

* President De Mott opened the debate to speeches from the floor.
* Mr Guest Dauderman spoke in the affirmative. He argued that because Sherman was ultimately fighting for humanity, the damage that was done was justified.
* Mr Guest Kabilan spoke in the negation. He argued that the goal of the Civil War was to preserve the union and the March didn’t do that. He argued that it obliterated the South therefore making the march a failure.
* Mr Guest Heneghan spoke in the affirmative. He argued that Sherman had a responsibility to his 60,000 soldiers to ensure that he kept them safe. The guest highlighted that the march to the sea was the most effective way to avoid the harsh winter and avoid the scarcity of resources that Sherman’s command could face.
* Mr Guest Grey spoke in the negation. He argued that the march was not an integral aspect to win the war. The south was suffering before General Sherman’s March to the Sea and their suffering was magnetized after the March to the Sea.
* motion to extend time by two minutes, seconded, passed
* President De Mott spoke in the affirmative. He argued that Sherman’s march helped break the spirit of the Confederacy and that this caused the war to end sooner. He also said that regardless of whether Sherman’s March was right, it seems to have been just.
* Senator Lewis spoke in the negation. She gave a response to Senator Ong’s speech.

Debate Conclusion

* In the open chambers vote, 17 affirmed, 16 opposed, and 8 abstained. The resolution would PASS.
* In the dues-paying senators vote, 6 affirmed, 5 opposed, and 5 abstained. The resolution did PASS.
* Senator Gee was voted best speaker of the night.
* Critic Brunton gave his report.
* The Societies entered into recess.

Business

* The Societies exited recess and entered into business.
* Clerk Barnett read the minutes of the 13th meeting of the last semester.
* motion to approve the minutes, seconded, passed
* Clerk Barnett read the minutes of the 1st Special Meeting of the last semester.
* motion to approve the minutes, seconded, passed
* Clerk Barnett read the minutes of the 2nd Special Meeting of the last semester
* motion to approve the minutes, seconded, passed
* Clerk Barnett read the minutes of the 1st Special Meeting of this semester.
* motion to approve the minutes, seconded, passed
* PPT Valleysmith asked committee chairs to submit budgets to the finance committee.
* Di President Gildehaus submitted a business request for 39.50 for printing petition guides.
* Clerk Barnett read the consent agenda:
  + Dialectic Chamber request on September 26th from 6:30 to 9:00 from the Progressive Democrats of Orange County.
  + motion to approve the items in the consent agenda, seconded, passed

Papers

* President De Mott opened the floor for PPMAs.
* Phi President Watson shared a reflection on being an RA in Granville Towers
* PPT Valleysmith shared an essay that she submitted for an essay contest to The Economist about free speech on campus.
* motion to extend time as needed, seconded, passed
* Mr Guest Chumbimuni spoke about the website that he created over the summer and read an essay written about the pulling down of Silent Sam.
* Senator Lewis discussed the importance of the women in the chambers actively participating in the debates each week and to encourage them to speak.
* Senator Gauch announced that applications to be a part of the UNC honor system
* Senator Cary talked about how people almost call her pretty in different settings.
* Mr Guest Nelson discussed his childhood and his thoughts on the toppling of Silent Sam.
* motion to extend time by three minutes, seconded, passed
* Senator Gee hosted a game where he read quotes and societies guessed whether they came from Kanye, Hamlet, or Drill, the Twitter user.
* Guest Chloe Lindberg introduced herself and asked what the purpose of ducks are.
* SAA Barta discussed the new spider statue on the front lawn of New West.
* Mr Guest Van de Sompel discussed his dislike for the Carolina Blue and ranted about its excessive use in Chapel Hill.
* Ms Guest talked to the societies about morality.
* Senator Ong talked about his cross country road trip and delivered his updated state rankings.
* President De Mott talked about his time in South Dakota and graced the societies with a rendition of the official state song of South Dakota.
* motion to closet the speaker, seconded, passed
* Senator Mountainsmith spoke about the Silent Sam demonstrations.
* motion to uncloset the speaker, seconded, passed.
* Senator Lim talked about her preparation to study on a boat for a semester and provided some advice to the underclassmen about their time at UNC.
* Senator Alumnus Jacobi discussed the impending doom of civilization, how we as humans respond to disaster, and how our mindset can affect these things.
* Mr Guest Kelly discussed the Carolina Covenant program and how it has changed the lives of students like him.

Memorials

* Senator Roehrig gave a memorial for Senator John McCain.

Announcements

* Senator Ong announced the naval acquisitions meeting on Saturday.
* President De Mott awarded the flower award to Senator Ong
* Critic Brunton invited the guests to join senators at Linda’s for cheese fries.
* Clerk Barnett asked guests to sign the guest book.
* Senator Jamison was granted active status.
* Di President Gildehaus announced a performance with Lab Theater that is occurring this weekend.
* motion that the Dialectic Society is the superior society, seconded, objection
* motion to adjourn, seconded, passed

These minutes were accepted by the Joint Senate on September 10, 2018.