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DSG decided Wednesday that Robertsons will not be able to tent for the one tenting game this year.

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UNC Robertson Scholars will be allowed to attend any basketball game except the Duke-UNC game March 4.

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## DSG passes K-ville policy amid debate

### Senate decides Robertson Scholars can't tent

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The new undergraduate admissions policy for the men's basketball season took center stage during a heated Duke Student Government meeting Wednesday night.

The main point of contention was a new rule that makes students who are enrolled full-time at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill during the Fall 2006 semester ineligible to tent.

DSG President Elliott Wolf, a junior, said the change was in response to last year's game against UNC, when about a dozen baby blue-clad Robertson Scholars tented and sat in the student section, cheering against Duke.

"The Robertson Scholars kind of took advantage of the system," said Head Line Monitor Mara Schulz, a senior.

Following approximately 20 minutes of debate, the policy was ultimately approved with several senators voting in opposition and one abstention.

Three attendees at the meeting expressed their disapproval of the policy change.

"They are Duke students, just like us," said senior David Earley, referring to the Robertson Scholars.

They have not done anything wrong and should not be punished, he added.

Senator Anthony Marzocca, a freshman, called the new policy "discrimination."

But the senators overwhelmingly approved of the proposal, adding that they felt it was in line with the wishes of the general student body.

"It's our role to support Duke students as Duke Student Government," said DSG Chief of Staff Paul Slattery, a junior. "It's not our role to support the institutional interests of the Robertson program. It's not our role to use K-ville as a sort of diplomatic tool to improve our relationship with UNC."

He said all of the students he spoke with after the game last year were angry with the situation.

"I think probably 95 percent of the students at the University think it is 'our house,'" Slattery said to applause from the Senate body.

In response to concerns that it is unfair to prohibit UNC Robertson Scholars from tenting, Slattery noted that the lottery system at UNC does not permit Duke students to attend games at the Dean Smith Center.

"If UNC wants to carve out part of their student section and hand it over to us, otherwise, 'go to hell Carolina, go to hell,'" he said.

Robertson Scholars are still permitted to line up and attend almost all of the games—they are only restricted from tenting for the game against UNC, said senior Joe Fore, DSG executive vice president.

Many other senators said the situation created by the Robertson Scholars at last year's game ruined the experience in the student section. Senior David Snider, DSG vice president for athletics and campus services, added that the situation last year was not only disruptive, but also dangerous.

Schulz said she heard complaints about heckling and possible physical violence.

"It was the worst basketball game of my life," said senior Jimmy Soni, DSG vice president for academic affairs.

He added that the Robertson Scholars broke "a gentleman's agreement."

"For that, they will be punished," Soni said.

Marzocca said he hopes the policy will be revisited in the future, so a new class of Robertson Scholars will have the opportunity to show their support for Duke, as well as UNC.

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