Call to Order
Chair Best called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

Attendance
The following members were present: John Caison, Stephen Deal, Prerak Patel, Austin Root, Michael Smalenberger, Max Williams, Conor Winters, and Brittany Best (Chair).

The following members were late: Ivy Hardy and Harrison Touby.

Student Group Funding Requests

FLO Fair Local Organic Food

The Treasurer, Rachel Atkinson, said they just wanted to get each of their speaker’s $150 each in honorarium. She said it was for the farmer’s market this Thursday.

Representative Root asked if that was all they wanted.

Ms. Atkinson said yes.

Representative Winters asked if they wanted printing and publicity for the event.

Ms. Atkinson said yes.

Representative Root moved to put $27 into printing and publicity.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Root moved to report favorably to Full Congress.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Vietnamese Student Association

Representative Winters said he talked to them before the meeting. He said they have a lot to change. He said they cut speaker fees, travel, dues and fees, transportation, lodging to zero
and office supplies to $150 and printing and publicity to $27. He said they could also cut capital expenditures to $1,000.

The Treasurer said this was for Viet Night, which they put on once a year to show cultural aspects of Vietnam that had performances, music, dancing, and food. He said food was put of the cultural event. He said it was a central part of their event because it highlighted Vietnamese culture and history.

Representative Root said they charged $5 in advance and $7 at the door. He asked where their profit would go.

The Treasurer said the profit they have would go towards a charity organization.

Representative Root asked much they made in profit.

The President said they only had 40 people pay and 75 performers but they did not have to pay entry.

The Treasurer said that they were supposed to have a speaker but that they did not have the funding so the publicity went down and most people that came were friends.

Representative Root said they were supposed to fund event that would further the mission of the group, which was promoting Vietnamese culture, and said he didn’t see putting money into a charity was promoting that. He motioned to cut office supplies to zero.

Representative Winters asked why.

Representative Root said they did not break down what the office supplies were going towards. He asked what it was covering.

The Treasurer said it was for their group meetings. He said they have crafts, construction paper, glue, and other supplies to show culture and have participation to create product. He said in the fall, they have a festival and buy construction paper, pencils, and paint so members can create their own lantern to take home with them.

Representative Root said they did not fund things that people would walk away because it was personal gain.

Seconded.

Representative Root said people making crafts and taking them home would benefit them and they could not fund things like that. He said it was individual gain.

The President said it has to do with Vietnamese culture.

The Treasurer said he did not think it was personal gain. He said in order to advice their mission and spread culture through campus; they had to have ways to directly participate. He said they viewed it as community gain.
Representative Smalenberger said he agreed with zeroing it out because they had other venues they could get office supplies through, like the student government suite. He said he also thought it was personal gain.

The Treasurer said it was up to them to decorate the Great Hall for events and they had to buy tablecloths, paint, and construction paper.

Representative Smalenberger said they had an inventory and could use tablecloths and paper if they had it.

Chair Best how much of amount would be for taking home.

The President said it was about $100 for Viet night.

The Treasurer said that certain colors that they have might not fit their theme.

Representative Winters said because the event already happened, they couldn’t tell them to go to the student government suite. He said the Treasurer said earlier they needed things like tablecloths, posters, and paper.

Chair Best said they could back at the end and balance everything out like annual budget.

Representative Winters said he wanted to clarify where the money was going. He said he was okay with zeroing it out for now.

The Treasurer said they had a receipt.

Representative Root moved to the previous question on the amendment.

After voting, the ays had it with abstentions for Representatives Winters and Patel. The amendment passed.

Representative Winters said he would be okay with funding their food but asked about the costumes.

The President said they ended up not using them so they could take them out.

Representative Winters asked about the production costs.

The President said it was for booking the Great Hall.

Representative Root said there was no fee and that it was for production services.

The Treasurer said they had a $500 invoice.

Representative Winters said it was on there twice.

The Treasurer said they could take out $450.
Representative Smalenberger said he agreed with Representative Winter’s sentiment about the money for food. He said they have yet to give money for food to anyone.

Representative Root said they funded a sweet potato that wasn’t for consumption.

Representative Smalenberger said the only time he would be comfortable with funding fund would be when they have heard everyone’s request and they had money left over in the end. He asked how much of the expenditure went towards food.

The President said $350. She said the caterer was going to fax an invoice to them.

Representative Smalenberger motioned to strike capital expenditures to $650.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Chair Best said they could balance it later.

Representative Smalenberger motioned to table this bill to the end of the meeting.

Smalenberger motioned to table to the end of the meeting.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

**Men’s Crew**

The President, Emmett Gilles, said they were submitted a request to get funding for oars. He said they represented the University by rowing at a high athletic level and that the boats and oars were the most important pieces of equipment and that they wear down over time. He said they have 40 participating members and that the expected lifetime of an oar was 10 years. He said they were in bad shape and wanted them refurbished, which came down to $170 per oar. He said any help would be greatly appreciated.

Chair Best said they have come to them once before to get help for nationals. She said she thought the request was reasonable.

Representative Root asked if they got their money through the campus rec.

The Treasurer, Ben Saunders, said they operate under sports clubs. He said oarsman pay $1,600 in dues and fees while freshman pay $1,200. He said the dues go towards operations and day-to-day expenses and they rely on donations for equipment.

Representative Root asked if the money they get from campus rec is from the dues each member pays.
Mr. Saunders said they collect $64,000 from dues and $9,000 from sport clubs.

Mr. Gilles said their yearly operating total was about $95,000. He said the equipment came from either alumni or out of pocket.

Representative Root asked if they did any fundraising.

Mr. Saunders said they do t-shirts, have had a volleyball tournament, and have raised about $2,000 to $2,500 per year.

Representative Winters asked if they participated in any sport clubs community service programs.

Mr. Gilles said they have done them before. He said they worked football games and a food drive. He said they bring in a modest amount considering their total budget expenditures. He said one consideration was that they spend about 20 to 25 hours a week in practice so what they can do as a student athlete is limited.

Representative Winters said he liked what they were doing and wanted to give them the full amount. He said they had to figure out how to do that because it was half of what they had to give out. He asked how often they have to refurbish them.

Mr. Gilles said 10 years was the figure they got from their coaches. He said they haven’t been refurbished in a long time.

Representative Smalenberger said he would love to give them the full amount. He said this amount would refurbish all their oars. He asked how many oars they had and asked how many they used on a daily/weekly basis.

Mr. Gilles said there were 32 oars with slightly more than 32 oarsmen. He said they would be used every day.

Representative Smalenberger asked if they would be able to make up the difference if they were not able to give them the full amount.

Mr. Gilles said they would have to wait until next year if they did not cover all of them.

Representative Smalenberger said the better oars go towards upperclassmen. He asked if they put more than one boat in the water at a given time.

Mr. Saunders said they have 3 varsity boats and 1 freshman boat.

Representative Smalenberger motioned to strike the amount to $4,080 to cut 3/4ths so they would have at least 24 oars. He asked how many boats row.

Mr. Gilles said there were different events and that everyone rows.
Mr. Gilles said they could do a lot more now than they could then.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Smalenberger moved to report favorably to Full Congress.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

**UNC Students for the New Urbanism**

The Treasurer, Evan Comen, said their group represented the undergraduate minor for city planning. He said they were having a career panel next Monday with 4 speakers and were hoping to give $50 each for honorarium. He said $25 was for the printing and publicity for that event and a parking event next semester in downtown Raleigh. He said they requested $75 for fake grass, a chess table, and a bookcase.

Representative Smalenberger motioned to increase printing and publicity to $27.

Seconded.

Representative Root objected and said the parking event shouldn’t be funded.

Representative Smalenberger said he didn’t completely agree but they were also setting up an additional event so they would have the printing and publicity for that.

Chair Best said when a group asked for $25, they didn’t have to give them $27 automatically.

Representative Root asked if they were still putting on the career night.

Mr. Comen said yes.

Representative Root moved to the previous question on the amendment.

After a vote, all were in favor with one abstention from Representative Patel. The amendment passed.

Representative Smalenberger asked how the event in Raleigh would benefit UNC students.

Mr. Comen said they were still deciding on whether or not to have it on Franklin Street or Raleigh. He said they were hoping to have 10 or 15 people from club to attend. He said he wouldn’t see it happening without the funding.

Representative Smalenberger asked who the speakers were.
Mr. Comen said one worked for the EPA and one works for the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership. He said they were people outside the University.

Representative Root moved to strike programming to zero because it was going towards the parking event in Raleigh. He said that would require some significant transportation for students and was not open to the entire student body. He said a lot more organizations were requesting money.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Caison objected and asked how many students were going.

Mr. Comen said 10 or 15.

Representative Touby said Raleigh was the largest city in the area so the regional planning part of it would be pertinent. He said it might not be as open but it would serve as good information. He asked how much the travel would cost.

Mr. Comen said that would be outside of funding. He said a few of the members would just drive. He said it was open to anyone that wanted to go.

Representative Winters said they could add in the $75 if they had it left over in the end. He moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

Representative Smalenberger objected and said he would only be comfortable with adding it back in if it was held in Chapel Hill.

Mr. Comen said the event was meant to foster communication between the UNC's program and NC State's program.

Representative Smalenberger withdrew his objection.

Consent was called.

Representative Winters motioned to report favorably to Full Congress.

Representative Caison objected and asked if they would table this.

Representative Winters motioned to move on.

Seconded.

Consent was called.
Advocates for Carolina

The representative for the organization became ill a few hours ago. She said they were requesting summer funds for printing and publicity to help welcome incoming students. She said this was something they could do to help campus and they were going to be around this summer working with the Campus Y.

Representative Smalenberger said it was a great cause for a small dollar amount. He said he assumed they would have more than one event. He moved to report favorably to Full Congress.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Student Friends of the Ackland

The representative said they promote arts on campus and they were trying to get people to come out to the Ackland by holding a senior night this Thursday. She said they partnered with Senior Marshalls. She said they were asking money to rent the Ackland and pay for security guards since food and drinks would be there. She said some was for programming also.

Representative Root said he saw nothing wrong with the request. He moved to report favorably.

Seconded.

Representative Smalenberger objected and said he wasn’t sure what equipment rental was going towards.

The representative said they usually had the equipment already.

Chair Best said she could check the inventory and pull it off the consent calendar.

Representative Smalenberger withdrew his objection.

Consent was called.

Bhangra Elite

Hetali Lodaya, the Treasurer, said this request was for travel to a Bhangra festival in Vancouver they were invited to perform at. She said it was an international festival that people all over the world attended. She said they applied for funding so some members could come no matter what their financial situation was. She said it was for 2 nights in a hotel, plane tickets, and a bus from Seattle to Vancouver.
Representative Winters said they found a cheaper flight for $389. He motioned to cut travel to $3,753.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Smalenberger asked how many events they had a year.

Smalenberger asked how many events they held.

Ms. Lodaya said they had one competition in fall, 3 or 4 in the spring, campus shows, and other random events.

Representative Smalenberger said he understood that maintaining a club is to perform in a way so that people want to see you. He said what bothered him was that it wasn’t a competition. He said they were flying them somewhere because they were invited. He said it didn’t seem to benefit UNC students except for 9 people attending.

Chair Best said they funded this last year and that she explained it in a way that it gives them international exposure because it’s a prestigious event.

Ms. Lodaya said one of the advantages of going was that they get to meet a lot of people and get to do lots of different programming throughout the year. She said they were able to invite other performers, teachers, and celebrities in Bhangra because they had met them last year and had the contact. She said it puts them on the map and allows team members to network with other people in the Bhangra elite.

Representative Smalenberger said he understood but that it was a high dollar amount. He said it would be great if it was local and encouraged them to go to something like that. He motioned to strike travel to zero.

Seconded.

Representative Winters objected and said they shouldn’t cut it to zero.

Chair Best said this would enhance their events and would be something they could bring back to campus.

Representative Smalenberger said it wasn’t like a conference.

Ms. Lodaya said it was closest thing to a Bhangra conference. She said it was a several day event where they attended classes and workshops.

Representative Smalenberger asked if they would also meet people that would come here to perform.

Ms. Lodaya said something. She said those invitations were regional things.
Representative Smalenberger said he would feel comfortable to fund competitions.

Ms. Lodaya said they perform at competitions and are asked to perform at events and this festival where they don’t ask for extra money so they can be invited.

Treasurer Farley said he didn’t see a difference in representative the University versus a conference and a competition. He said asking to charge to perform was something they should discourage.

Representative Winters said he wanted to move to the previous question and wanted everyone to vote no. He asked why there were 9 people going.

Ms. Lodaya said it was something the captains decide.

Representative Winters said his amendment was to fund 2/3rds and bring the cost down to $2,502 for travel for 6 people.

Representative Smalenberger said he wouldn’t get support for his zero amendment.

Representative Winters moved to the previous question.

Seconded

Consent was called.

Representative Winters motioned to report favorably to Full Congress.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

**Organization for African Students’ International**

The Treasurer said they were asking for money for African night, which was a showcase of African culture.

Representative Smalenberger said he wanted to separate printing and publicity. He motioned to strike printing and publicity to $200.

The Treasurer said it was $179 for printing and publicity and $114 for the costumes.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Smalenberger said they only give out $27 per event for printing and publicity and motioned to strike it to $27.
Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Smalenberger asked if they had invoice for security.

The Treasurer said it was coming.

Representative Smalenberger asked where they came up with the $400.

The Treasurer said it was a flat rate for him to be there from 2 to 10.

Representative Root asked when they could send it to them.

The Treasurer said they would have it this week sometime.

Representative Root said they would like to see the invoice and moved to report without prejudice to Full Congress.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

**Best Buddies**

The President, Anna Ollinger, said this was funding for a conference at Indiana University at the end of July. She said this would bring together Best Buddies organizations to do educational workshops to prepare Best Buddies leaders. She said they have been before and it was an amazing experience. She said if she were able to go, she would get tips on how to expand their program.

Representative Winters asked if she could elaborate on the $350 for travel.

Ms. Ollinger said it was for travel costs for transportation to Annapolis and that there was a registration fee of $300.

Representative Smalenberger said there was one person going and asked if the conference did a reduced student rate.

Ms. Ollinger said this was the student rate.

Representative Smalenberger asked what she would bring back to the University.

Ms. Ollinger said they would have seminars and exchange ideas about Best Buddies across the nation. She said they were trying to expand around campus and she would bring back insight on how to make their presence on campus better known.

Representative Smalenberger asked if she looked into other means of transportation.
Ms. Ollinger said she had an internship and couldn’t find any other way.

Representative Smalenberger said he wanted to fund this but was going to motion to have it .14 per mile but that it was quite a trek for driving.

Chair Best said they could give her .14 per mile and that she didn’t have to use it to drive. She said she could use it for the plane ticket.

Representative Smalenberger motioned to cut travel to $130.76.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Smalenberger motioned to report favorably to Full Congress.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

**Vietnamese Student Association**

Representative Root said he spoke with them and motioned to make production at $503.63.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Winters motioned to report favorably to Full Congress.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Treasurer Farley said they had about $600 left and could let it roll over. He said he didn’t want to spend it.

**UNC Student for the New Urbanism**

Representative Root said they could put this on general orders. He said they should have it on a street in Chapel Hill.

Chair Best said it was a cool idea to bridge it with NC State.

Representative Touby said they would bring back some knowledge of city planning to the University. He said it would be a way to publicize the University and the department.

Representative Caison motioned to give them half for the event, $37.50.
Seconded.

Consent was called. Representative Root abstained.

Treasurer Farley said he would go through and make sure the amount was right to see how much they had left.

Chair Best said they already had to meet in Summer Student Congress.

**Special Orders**

**Election of the Vice Chair**

Representative Winters nominated Austin Root.

Representative Root accepted.

Representative Williams nominated Conor Winters.

Representative Winters did not accept.

Representative Smalenberger motioned to close the floor.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Root said he was a sophomore from New Jersey and said he was on the Finance committee for the entire duration of the 94th and sat on SFAC last year.

Representative Winters made a motion to elect him by acclamation.

Seconded.

Consent was called and Austin Root was elected Vice Chair.

**Announcements**

Representative Patel said he hadn’t taken the Treasurer’s test yet; therefore he must abstain from every vote.

Chair Best said anyone could pull anything off the consent calendar.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.