Call to Order
Chair Crayton called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM.

Attendance
The following members were present: Travis Crayton (Chair), Peter McClelland (Vice Chair), Laura Brush, Austin Gilmore, John Guzek, Andrew Lucas, Amber Pace, Will Stelpflug, and Chris Woodward (Chair).

The following members were absent: Brad Dunnagan and Nish Patel.

The following members were late: Brittany Clark.

The following members left early: John Guzek.

The following persons were also present: Connor Brady (Speaker Pro Tempore), Jocelyn Burney (Chair), Rachel Myrick (Vice President), and Paige Comparato (Speaker).

New Business

There was a motion to reorder the agenda as necessary.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Resolutions

SCB-94-143 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE STUDENT SUPREME COURT

Chair Crayton asked Vice President Rachel Myrick to come up and introduce Madeline McCabe.

Ms. Myrick said that Ms. McCabe was a first year. She said they put out the applications for the student supreme court and that they got diverse candidates. She said that they interviewed six applicants yesterday and that Ms. McCabe was their favorite. She said she has experience already as a freshman and that she could maintain some consistency on the court.
Ms. McCabe said that she was from Connecticut. She said she would be honored to hold this position and that she was pretty set on going to law school. She said that it has been a passion for a long time and that she has taken electives in constitutional law in high school and is currently taking writing for law. She said that she has had her eye on the Supreme Court for a while and that she was grateful to have this opportunity.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady asked why she chose the Supreme Court.

Ms. McCabe said that she went to a boarding school and that they didn't have a set student government, just a council that decided their rules and punishments. She said they didn't know why they had certain rules or punishments, which is what the Supreme Court deals with. She said that when she came here and saw an organized constitution, she was inspired to be a part of it and wished that her high school had the same transparency.

Representative Guzek asked what she would uniquely bring to the court coming from her experiences.

Ms. McCabe said that her experiences with her previous courses to argue court cases and write her own opinions and briefs. She said that she has developed a passion for looking at the details and the one statute or precedent that proves your point. She said she doesn't see any other better feeling that that.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady asked what her favorite thing about UNC was so far.

Ms. McCabe said it was this experience with student government and other organizations. She said it was overwhelming at first with all the different clubs and organizations. She said that even after two months at UNC, it has helped her solidify what she wants to do for the rest of her life.

Vice Chair McClelland asked if she was involved in anything else on campus.

Ms. McCabe said she was on a committee for Relay for Life.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said that as associate justice, she would have to be removed from everything else. He asked if she would be comfortable with that.

Ms. McCabe said she was fine with being removed. She said she was perfectly fine sticking with that even though a case might not arise for a long time.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said that he could talk to her for days and asked her thoughts on the current constitution. He asked if she would be interested in sitting down to talk about amending the constitution.
Ms. McCabe said that she believed the biggest issues were regarding the elections and the allotment of funds to various student groups. She said that dealt more with the Finance committee and she said they could work with them to establish more concrete statutes to help organizations understand why they got money or their money got cut. She said there could be a change in protocol for elections also. She said they could brief people on what they can and cannot do during a campaign in the constitution.

Representative Guzek asked if she thought any particular court cases were inspiring.

Ms. McCabe said that the real Supreme Court cases might be a little bit more inspiring. She said the healthcare debate case because she personally fell on the side that it was unconstitutional but that after she read the opinion from Justice Roberts, he changed her mind. She said it fascinated her because she was actually wrong. She said that she realized the beauty of the law and persuading someone. She said in high school that she argued for the board of education in Brown vs. Board of Education and that she used strictly legal arguments and got one vote.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said he likes the way the bill sets it for the duration of her career at UNC. He moved to report favorably to Congress.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

SCB-94-142 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE STANDING RULES OF THE STUDENT CONGRESS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AND SERVICE TO CONSTITUENTS

Vice Chair McClelland was asked to preside.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said that this resolution would amend the standing rules. He said it picked up co-sponsors from all three committees. He said it would include a public comment period during full sessions of Congress. He said they saw the people who came in to speak for the Tar Heel Rifle club that were yielded time to speak. He said one of the goals Speaker Comparato has hit on is improving communication and said this would do it. He said he would like to get the committee’s feedback on whether it should be for agenda items only or for non-agenda items also. He said he was fine with either one. He said he wanted it to say a maximum of thirty minutes instead of a total of thirty minutes. He said that if no one came to speak, they would still have this outlet.

Speaker Comparato asked if this was period of debate also.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said that in the mason’s manual that it wasn’t because it could take hours and hours. He said he was open for discussion.
Speaker Comparato said they could specify with a question.

Chair Woodward said an issue was the difference between a petition and a comment. He said he would like this to be for agenda items so that they can address things that are going on.

Representative Pace said if they specified it to agenda items it would alleviate her concerns. She said she thought 30 minutes was a big chunk of time.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said that he went back and forth on the time limits. He said he never sees them using that many minutes. He said this would just guarantee at most 15 speakers.

Representative Clark asked if anything was going to be cut or would this extend the minutes in the meeting.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said it would extend the minutes but he stressed that they would not use the full 30 minutes. He said providing an outlet is great. He said he doesn’t see 15 people signing up to speak and if they do, they are just bringing their thoughts.

Representative Clark asked if speakers could email the clerk if they wanted to add something to the agenda if they limited it to agenda items.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said that this was a new process and that a clerk would sign up each speaker. He said that if they spoke about something that they did not sign up for, they would be out of order. He said the clerk could give them the outlet of the petition page. He said it’s a way for them to improve communication.

Representative Gilmore said 30 minutes was okay as long as they had a 2-minute time limit. He said he liked the idea of restricted it to the agenda. He asked if speakers had to sign up with the clerk by going up to them before Congress or emailing them.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said it could be either and that the clerk could have a sign up sheet. He said he researched other municipalities and how they do it.

Chair Crayton address Representative Clark’s question and said members could ask for 2-minutes for non-agenda items. He said that this was in line with a lot of public bodies. He said that in Seattle they have set time period and that non-agenda people talk the entire time. He said he doesn’t think they will fill the whole thirty minutes.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said putting it at the beginning instead of after the announcements was better because they are not keeping their constituents waiting until the very end.
Speaker Comparato asked what would happened if the agenda was reordered.

Speaker Pro Tempore said that they couldn’t say they won’t have a public comment period because they have a long agenda and that it has to happen.

Representative Guzek said he likes this bill and that he ran on greater accessibility during his campaign and that this would be an important statement to make. He said he wanted to make sure what the speakers have to say is relevant and asked if the clerk was in standing to determine this.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said it would put the clerk in this position and that if a speaker talked about something else entirely, the Sergeant of Arms would have to come in. He said they would play it by ear.

Representative Guzek said he would encourage members to make this one step out of many to improving communication and transparency so that they have fewer situations where someone comes in and says they didn't know Congress had an impact. He said it shouldn’t have gone that far. He challenged Congress and himself to make this one step among many.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said that he was surprised to see that there was no outlet like this when he came into Congress. He said it was awesome to get emails from members of the Tar Heel Rifle club and it was better to see them in person. He said this was a big step forward.

Representative Gilmore said he was not shy about calling someone out of order because he wants Congress to be as efficient as possible.

Representative Stelpflug asked how they would achieve Representative Guzek’s goals and asked how they would publicize this.

Chair Burney said that the oversight and advocacy committee has a new petition page and that she was going to write a letter to the editor and include the public comment section as well.

Speaker Comparato said they could increase their appearance at the Wednesday office hours at 11 AM. She said they could put the petition link on the white boards. She also said that she would like to add a clause that would make an exception for people that walk in after the meeting has officially started.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said he agreed but that it’s not necessary to add that line. He said others have their couriers that sign up people to speak and that the clerks are already doing too much.

Speaker Comparato said they could only sign up before the meeting then.
Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said to change number five to say prior to the beginning of the public comment period at the meeting. He said this was a big step. He said that anyone could go to the office hours, especially people that live off campus.

Chair Crayton said it was great to put it after the petitions and messages so they could sign up with the clerk and that the amendment was great.

Representative Gilmore moved to report favorably to Congress.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

**Announcements**

Chair Crayton thanked the new members for their wonderful participation. He said this debate proved that they are an awesome committee and that the constitutional subcommittee would be meeting afterwards.

Chair Burney said she wrote the link on the board for the petition page. She said that they are trying to get out the word on that.

Representative Gilmore said that early voting is still going on.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady expressed support for Cherie Berry and said to keep her in the elevators for four more years even if you vote straight democratic. He asked if anyone would be interested in chalking the URL.

Representative Stelpflug said that he was in the Carolina advocacy group and that there was a subcommittee that was making a video. He said he would tell them about the petition page.

Speaker Comparato said a good thing to use was the RHA contact list to contact community directors or RAs so they could send it on their weekly emails. She said she would print out flyers for office hours.

Representative Lucas asked if they thought about the pharmacy open work page. He said everyone has to log on once a week. He said people might miss it on the board.

Chair Burney said she would look into that.

Representative Clark said to put a blurb with the URL when they chalk.

**Adjournment**
Speaker Pro Tempore Brady motioned to adjourn.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Chair Crayton adjourned the meeting at 8:44 PM.