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, Andrew Lucas, Amber Pace, and Chris Woodward (Chair).

The following members were absent: Josh Campbell and Austin Gilmore.

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

The following persons were also present: Paige Comparato (Speaker), Connor Brady (Speaker Pro Tempore), Vice President Rachel Myrick, Board of Elections Chair Shruthi Sundaram, and GPSF Vice President Kiran Bhardwadi.

New Business
Chair Crayton motioned to reorder the agenda so that it would be appropriate for appointments.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady motioned to hear SCR-94-057 because it would be very quick.

No objections.

SCB-94-057 A Bill to Allow Officers of Congress to Serve as the Webmaster of the Student Congress

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady spoke for the bill. He said that it fixes a problem in the code that prohibits members of congress to serve on the legislative staff. Last Spring, he was supposed to be appointed as Webmaster but was unable to because of this rule. He said that this is not a conflict of interest and this bill would merely change the legislative staff to not include the Webmaster.

Chair Woodward moved to report favorably.
Seconded.

Consent was called and the bill was passed.

**SCR-94-059: A Resolution to Approve Appointees to the Board of Elections**

Vice President Rachel Myrick introduced the appointees on behalf of Student Body President Will Leimenstoll and yielded the floor to Board of Elections Chair Shruthi Sundaram.

Each of the appointees introduced themselves and told the committee their standing. Alex Piasecki was a sophomore, Sanchin Santanam was a sophomore, and Danielle Luffman was a freshman.

Ms. Sundaram said that each of the appointees went through an extensive process and the board agreed unanimously and had the upmost confidence in them.

Floor opened for questions.

Vice Chair McClelland asked what they were asked during interviews.

Ms. Sundaram said that they were asked to give a brief background, why they were applying, what else they were going to be doing this year and how it would fit in their general plan for the year, and how they would help the Board of Elections reach out to student body to increase turnout. They were asked nothing specific about title six, just generally how they would improve the Board of Election, what they would contribute, what they had to offer and why they wanted to do it.

Speaker Comparato asked a hypothetical situation, she asked how each appointee would react if someone built a castle in the quad for his or her election.

Mr. Piasecki said that he would consult title six and others on the committee.

Mr. Santanam said that he would agree and look at the specifics of what campaign material is allowed and what isn’t.

Ms. Luffman said she would discuss with others also.

Chair Woodward was interested in hearing what they would do about last year’s unprecedented low voter turnout.

Mr. Piasecki said that he has worked with web 2.0 and wants to suggest a mobile application. He said that the Board of Elections needs to send more than simple emails and send them more often. The student body needs to be nagged whether they like it or not.
Mr. Santanam agreed with that they do have to encourage more outreach and let the student body know that elections are going on and their vote is going to matter. He said he worked with campaigns last year and that people had no idea an election was even happening. He said that social media helped.

Ms. Luffman said she would try to go around to organizations and individuals to talk about voting.

Speaker Comparato said that they aren’t allowed to endorse candidates during election season and wanted to make sure that this would not be a problem.

All the appointees said that it would not be a problem.

Chair Woodward moved to report favorably.

Seconded.

Consent was called and they were approved.

**SCR-94-063: A Resolution to Approve the Student Body President’s Appointees to the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor**

Vice President Rachel Myrick said that the executive branch appoints two first-years to the committee each year. They had about 30 or 40 students apply and she was very confident with their choice. She said that they went through many interviews and she believed that they would connect well with administrators and students.

Chair Woodward asked what were the biggest things that they could advocate for the students and what issues they would want to address.

Thomas Gooding said that he wants to address communication, diversity, and social issues. He said that he has background knowledge and could help make an impact.

James Williams said that his main points were increasing communication between students and faculty and working with the mobile application that student government is creating that would disseminate information about what clubs are around. He said that most recently he wants to increase connection between UNC and China. He said that he is an Eastern Asian studies major and that it would be an interesting area to explore as far as trying to help students become more aware of China.

Vice Chair McClelland moved to report favorably.

Seconded.

Consent was called and they were approved.
SCR-94-067: A Resolution to Approve the Graduate & Professional Honor Court Chair

GPSF Vice President Kiran Bhardwai introduced Mary Scott Kennedy and said that was already functioning as the honor court chair and this was the chance to meet her in person.

Ms. Kennedy introduced herself as a second year law student that went to Carolina for her undergraduate career also. She said that she was involved in honor court all 4 years of undergrad. She said that she has an understanding of honor system and that she served on graduate court last year so she has a good idea how both undergraduate and graduate systems work. She said that they are currently working on implementing the consolidation proposal that the chancellor signed in the spring that consolidated the 5 designated schools into one honor system.

Chair Woodward wanted a report on the consolidation.

Ms. Kennedy said it was going well and that they were in the middle of recruitment. She said that they are working with each professional school to adapt bylaws and dealing with each one individually because they have different needs and different levels of independence. She said they are trying to find the balance between a consolidated system and still giving each school enough independence so that they can enforce a honor system that is fitting for their unique context.

Chair Woodward moved to report favorably.

Seconded.

Consent was called and Mary Scott Kennedy was approved.

SCR-94-068: A Resolution to Approve the Graduate & Professional Attorney General

Elizabeth Ireland introduced herself as a third year law student. She said she was the chief of staff for graduate system and that has a good knowledge of how the consolidation went into place. She echoed everything that Ms. Kennedy said about the consolidation. She said that they have some other priorities that deal with harsh usual sanction. For example, for a DUI, the student is suspended for a semester but she has yet to see court grant that sanction. She said those graduate students are affected differently than undergraduate students.

Chair Woodward moved to report favorably.

Seconded.
Consent was called and Elizabeth Ireland was approved.

**SCB-94-072: A Bill to Extend Student Government’s Non-Discrimination Policy**

Vice Chair McClelland was asked to preside by Chair Crayton as he introduced the bill.

Chair Crayton said he had this idea while looking through the code. He said he wanted to update the code to reflect the changes in the university’s non-discrimination policy. The addition would include gender identity.

Chair Woodward asked if it was up to date with brand new policy they just put out.

Chair Crayton said no and that the only change was the addition of genetic information but he doesn’t know what that means exactly.

Chair Woodward said that for sake of brevity, that they should also add genetic information also because he doesn’t know how much that could come back to them.

A friendly amendment was made to make add “or genetic information” on the original bill, SCB-94-072.

Chair Crayton said this bill would put them in line with the university non-discrimination policy.

Chair Woodward moved to report favorably.

Seconded.

Consent was called and the bill was passed.

**SCR-94-073: A Resolution to Create a Constitutional Reform Subcommittee of the Rules & Judiciary Committee**

Chair Woodward was asked to preside as Chair Crayton presented the bill and Vice Chair McClelland was part of the bill.

Chair Crayton said he was looking over the student constitution and found it to be very difficult to read. He said that it was very poorly structured and outdated. He looked through the archives in the library and saw that old things haven’t been removed. This bill would set up a sub-committee to clean up the constitution so that it could be readable and they could continue the work of the 93rd congress. He said that the sub-committee could meet every once or two weeks and that they could meet with students, whether they are on the executive branch or the honor court. He said that there is a 3 person minimum requirement for this sub-committee. He believed this was a functional number for working through this document. The sub-
committee would consist of himself, Vice Chair McClelland, and Representative Patel. He stressed that they just want to clean the document up.

Speaker Comparato asked if he would be open to other members of Congress wishing to join.

Chair Crayton said that they are welcome and they want to solicit suggestions from anyone that is interested. He said that there should be just 3 voting members that deal with what should be fixed, that would have to passed by the Rules & Judiciary committee and full congress before it was sent to the student body, which he hopes will be ready in time for the spring elections.

Chair Woodward said that he understands where they going but asked why Chair Crayton thinks that another committee needs to form because the Rules & Judiciary committee has a definite role in this situation.

Chair Crayton said that this was a very valid point. He said that this bill was still keeping it in the overall committee. He said that the reason that he proposed for a new committee was because the overall committee was struggling to meet quorum each week. He said that narrowing the pool down made sense but that he would happily withdraw if other members wanted it to be an entire committee discussion topic.

Chair Woodward said that because the committee has low turnout, the sub-committee could have more issues for getting input with a smaller number.

Representative Brush said that the people that volunteered to be part of the sub-committee would be committed to the cause.

Chair Crayton said that was the intent and just wanted to make it easier for them to fix the problems.

Representative Dunnagan asked if general discussion would be extended to the committee as a whole.

Chair Crayton said it would be up to them to decide and that it was unclear what they run into. He said that they would make one big recommendation with a few smaller recommendations that could be passed along to the entire committee level if they decided that it was appropriate.

Chair Woodward asked if any proposed changes must come through the Rules & Judiciary committee first.

Chair Crayton said everything must go through the Rules & Judiciary committee before full Congress.
Representative Dunnagan moved to report favorably.

Seconded.

Consent was called and the bill was passed.

**Announcements**

Chair Woodward made an announcement and said that everyone should try to make sure that they could keep quorum up at full congress and committee meetings. He told them to remind everyone in their district to make sure that they are planning to attend all the meetings.

**Adjournment**

McClelland motioned to adjourn.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Chair Crayton adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.