Call to Order
Speaker Comparato called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Attendance
The following members were present: Josh Aristy, Brittany Best (Chair), Meghan Boyles, Connor Brady (Speaker Pro Tempore), Michael Braxton, Jocelyn Burney (Chair), John Caison, Kizzmekia Corbett, Travis Crayton (Chair), Zach Ferguson, Nitin Goel, Shawn Griffin, John Guzek, Wes Hodgin, Andrew Lucas, Peter McClelland (Vice Chair), Derek Murray, Nish Patel, Braxton Reyna, Austin Root, Will Stelpflug, Jonathan Stupak, Max Williams, Conor Winters, Chris Woodward (Chair), and Paige Comparato (Speaker).

The following members were absent: Brittany Clark, Brad Dunnagan, Austin Gilmore, Ross Hardeman (Vice Chair), Kim Niver, Daniel Rojas, and Michael Smalenberger.

The following members were late: Laura Brush and Stephanie Mellini.

The following members left early: Shawn Griffin, Peter McClelland (Vice Chair), Nish Patel, and Jonathan Stupak.

The following persons were also present: Shrija Ghosh (Treasurer) and Nikita Shamdasani (Secretary).

Approval of Minutes
There was a motion to approve the minutes.

Seconded.

Consent was called and the minutes were approved.

Reports of the Officers of Congress
Speaker's Report
Speaker Comparato said she was excited to present her notes from her meeting with administrators about the Alert Carolina system. She said they introduced a resolution in December to increase Alert Carolina notifications because they believed any gunman within a mile in campus should be an emergency warning. She said she received very prompt responses from the administrators and that their conversation was very productive. She said they were honest and open about the system and that knowledge was provided on both sides. She said everyone shared the same passion about keeping students safe. She said that
anything that happens off campus is under the jurisdiction of Chapel Hill police and that their speed and efficiency determines how fast the crime is reported to DPS. She talked about the instances in which a crime was not reported until 2 hours after it happened and a crime on new years that was never reported until the person that was shot went to the hospital and told the story. She said there were some major flaws in the system. She said that Chief McCracken met with Chiefs of Police in town and that they have increased the number of cops on Franklin from Thursday to Sunday night. She said the first issue they had was when students weren’t receiving notifications or getting them late after the Walgreens shooting. She said the administrators were surprised because their notification said that 90% of students received the notification within 3 minutes. She said they have created a survey to send out to students so they can fill it out and their numbers can be sent to the Director of ITS so they can get it resolved. She said they could focus on this effort because a siren test is planned for next week and students will be able to know whether they get the notifications on time. She said they want to work on informing students on Franklin Street if something dangerous is going on outside and local businesses. She said they should use social media as an advantage. She said the biggest issue was that students were having problems with receiving their notifications late and that she brought up the idea of having a placeholder that they could send out until all the details are finalized. She said the administrators were taking the suggestion seriously so they could be on high alert. She said the administrators wanted a point person in student government so they could have one student they could constantly keep in the loop and get feedback from. She said they would love to hear more suggestions and encouraged everyone to send her suggestion so that she could bring them to their next meeting. She said that this was a hot topic and that it was important to note that student government has been looking into it for months and they need to continue their work. She said they were also doing a test election and they would reach out to certain people in districts. She stood for queries.

Speaker Pro Tempore’s Report

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady thanked them for coming to the public forum last week. He said he was glad they were able to start a new tradition with it since it hasn’t been done in a while. He spoke on the veto that Student Body President Leimenstoll sent in. He said the bill was pretty straightforward. He said that minutes that should be taken should be placed online. He said he was confused about the veto but was not able to speak with the Student Body President about it. He said the Student Body President wants them to define what a meeting is and that the definition now wasn’t good enough. He said that the Student Body President was open to lawsuits now if the minutes did not exist. He said the minutes at meeting are required by the code and that they should be online so they are more accessible. He said the bill was unanimously and that it was common practice to go online and see what the government is up to. He said that the Student Body President was on the Congress listserv and that he was represented in Congress but nothing was said before about the bill. He said the door could swing both ways and the executive branch could contact him. He said that the Student Body Secretary has worked well with him. He said this all went back to the accessibility argument and that they need their constituents to know what is going on. He said he understood the argument but that it could be addressed in a different piece of legislation. He said if the bill was vetoed, he would write another bill that would define a meeting and make minutes be posted online. He stood for queries.
Finance Committee Chair’s Report

Chair Best said that tomorrow was the deadline for annual budget requests. She said it was pretty easy once you got to the new website. She asked members to give organizations her phone number. She stood for queries.

Rules and Judiciary Committee Chair’s Report

Chair Crayton said they had 3 bills from last week. He spoke on the veto. He said the bill would through his committee quickly and that it does not change what the code defines as meeting. He said all it does is put the minutes online. He said this was an example of miscommunication and he encouraged them to override the veto. He stood for queries.

Oversight and Advocacy Committee Chair’s Report

Chair Burney said they had a very short meeting last week. She said she got an email from the Student Body President from UNC Pembroke and said he was interested in doing the same thing with gender-neutral housing. She said it was exciting. She stood for queries.

Ethics Committee Chair’s Report

Chair Woodward said that elections were next week. He said they had a number of elections going on and also vacancies. He said to remind people they could be a write-in. He said there were no certified candidates for districts 9 and 11 and that it was a pretty major problem. He told everyone to get the world out and that he has already contacted GPSF with that information. He stood for queries.

Receipts of the Officers of Congress

Message from the Student Body President
Student Body Treasurer Nikita Shamdasani spoke on behalf of the Student Body President. She said they were more than willing to provide accessibility. She said they supported the overarching goal of the legislation and that they simply wanted clarification. She stood for queries.

Message from the Graduate and Professional Student Federation President
The Graduate and Professional Student Federation President was not present.

Message from the Student Body Treasurer
Student Body Treasurer Shrija Ghosh said that annual budget was this weekend.

Message from the Student Attorney General
The Student Attorney General was not present.

Message from the Honor Court Chair
The Honor Court Chair was not present.

Veto Message from the Student Body President
Student Body Secretary Shamdasani read the veto message verbatim from Student Body President Leimenstoll. He apologized for the misunderstanding. He asked that the definition of a meeting warranting minutes be clarified as soon as possible in the code. He said it was vital that the executive branch be consulted about these things because it made sense. He said if they had been consulted before, they could have worked out their differences in advance and never had the misunderstanding in the first place. He said they were willing to meet with members outside of office hours and that quick emails worked just as well. He said they appreciated the drafts of the new constitution from the Constitutional Reform Subcommittee. He said there were valid issues on both sides and they were all students at the end of the day and that clear rules would help them make fewer mistakes.

There was a motion to override the President’s veto.

After a roll call vote, the veto was overridden with 24 ay votes and 2 no votes from Representatives Hodgin and Winters and an abstention from Speaker Comparato. SCB-94-166 was made law.

Consent Calendar
Bills

SCB-94-192 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION BLSA

SCB-94-194 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO CATALYST CONFERENCE

SCB-94-196 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PHARMACOEPIDEMIOLOGY ISPE UNC STUDENT CHAPTER

SCB-94-198 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO SECULAR STUDENT ALLIANCE

SCB-94-200 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO UNC-CH BALLROOM DANCE TEAM

SCB-94-201 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO UNC BALLROOM SOCIAL DANCE CLUB

SCB-94-203 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO UNC-CHAPEL HILL E-SPORTS

SCB-94-204 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY INC.

SCB-94-205 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO ISLAMICATE GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION
SCB-94-206 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

SCB-94-207 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO ALIANZA

SCB-94-209 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO CAROLINA VIBE

SCB-94-211 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO BLUE & WHITE MAGAZINE

SCB-94-213 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO BHANGRA ELITE

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

**General Orders**

**Resolutions**

**SCR-94-189 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPOINTEE TO THE STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

Emerson Cardoso introduced himself. He said he was sophomore economics major. He said he was the Vice Chair of the committee last semester and that this was his process of becoming chair. He said he became provisional Chair after Speaker Pro Tempore Brady was removed.

Representative Aristy said he had a few questions to see how much knows about safety. He asked how much the safety and security fee was.

Mr. Cardoso said it was about $11.00.

Representative Aristy said it was about $1.00. He asked what the accounts were for the safety and security committee.

Mr. Cardoso said the victim’s assistance fund and another one.

Representative Aristy asked how those accounts were allocated.

Mr. Cardoso said he wasn’t sure. He said they were working on publicizing the victim’s assistance fund, which would cover the costs of the services someone would need if they were sexually assaulted.
Representative Aristy asked him what the limits of appropriations were.

Representative Root said as point of information that the safety and security fee was $2.27 a year.

Mr. Cardoso wasn’t sure.

Representative Aristy said it was 40%, 37%, and 33.3%. He said that organization could not duplicate events and asked what the exceptions were.

Mr. Cardoso said he could not answer it. He said the code was beside his desk at all times when he needed it he hadn’t memorized it.

Representative Murray said this wasn’t an interrogation.

Speaker Comparato said that if Mr. Cardoso didn’t know the answer, he could say so and not answer.

Representative Aristy asked how often they met.

Mr. Cardoso said once a night and they were meeting tonight.

Representative Aristy asked what they have done this semester.

Mr. Cardoso said they have only had one meeting and they approved SafeWalk and another event. He said they elected a Vice Chair to help him out and they discussed how to move forward with publicizing the victim’s assistance fund.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady yielded his time.

Representative Root asked what he would get out of the committee.

Mr. Cardoso said he would be more informed on other organizations that he didn’t know about. He said it was all about general education and learning. He said it would give him more Chair experience. He said he has already chaired smaller committees that deal with funds. He said it would be more experience with more funds.

Representative Root asked what he would bring to the committee as the Chair.

Mr. Cardoso said he has a few ideas, especially seeing what happened last semester with the three deaths. He said he wants to get organizations more involved because of those events. He said it was important to bring up more conversation. He said they have 2 graduate school appointments and they bring up a lot of concerns that undergraduates do not think of, such as students who stay in Kenan Labs until late at night.
Representative Hodgin thanked him for being here and it was a tense body tonight. He asked if it was true that he always had as this information in front of him if he needed to reference it.

Mr. Cardoso said yes.

Representative Hodgin said there is a lot of information he doesn’t need to know off the top of his head. He said that he had good experience. He asked how he felt about social media transparency and whether it would be an okay public forum.

Mr. Cardoso said that it would be okay if someone wanted to post their own testimony on their own account.

Representative Hodgin said he seems very well qualified for the position.

Chair Burney said he has been through Oversight and Advocacy and that he went through fine. She moved to the previous question.

There were a series of objections. Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said there was a list of speakers.

Chair Burney withdrew her motion.

Vice Chair McClelland said that he knows Mr. Cardoso very well and said he would do a very good job and would consult the student code. He expressed his support.

Representative Murray asked what his favorite color was.

Mr. Cardoso said it was a blue.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady asked if he would support a policy that would give the executive branch the ability to dictate what they can and cannot put on social media.

Speaker Comparato asked to stop with this question.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said it was the reason he was removed. He asked if student government was responsible for his social media preferences.

Mr. Cardoso said this might be too much of a conflict of interest.

Speaker Pro Brady asked if there was conflict of interest in asking these questions.

Chair Woodward said it was because it was the reason that he was removed.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said these rules were not set in stone.

Speaker Comparato said it was out of order because he didn't want to answer the question.
Speaker Pro Tempore Brady asked if it was a conflict of interest by having friends of congress members being appointed.

Chair Woodward said no.

Representative Aristy said it was question of privilege.

Chair Best said that just because someone has a friend doesn’t mean they couldn’t look at something objectively. She said this was something they didn’t need to get into.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said he wanted the opinion from the Ethics Chair.

Speaker Comparato agreed with what Chair Best said. She said it was an extreme process and they shouldn’t get into it.

Representative Root said they don’t have to put their friends on their Ethics forms.

Representative Guzek thanked him for coming back and apologized for the tense atmosphere. He said he has taken interest in Alert Carolina and asked if they should play a larger role in Alert Carolina or his thoughts on the way the system was.

Mr. Cardoso said they should be more involved because it would help with focus on safety and awareness. He said that it would be important for them to vocalize opinions. He said the Di Phi debate was on Alert Carolina last night. He said Alert Carolina was relatively new. He said more student ideas would help in the long term.

Chair Crayton apologized for the atmosphere because there was no reason to be this tense. He said he was going to vote against him because of the process behind this appointment. He wanted to let him know that. He said he was aware of the situation the led to this and he disagreed with it. He said there was no need for this divisive atmosphere in the first place. He said he wanted to explain this before the vote.

Representative Stelpflug said they had a long discussion about the Alert Carolina system. He asked of what vision he had for safety and security. He asked about any particular policy he wanted to see.

Mr. Cardoso said he wanted to make sure that the victim’s assistance fund was well known. He said his vision was to make sure that the rest of the student body knew about the committee.

Representative Winters moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Aristy objected and asked if there were other people on the list. He said they deserved to speak.
Representative Winters did not withdraw his motion.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady asked to have a roll call vote.

There was a majority of ays for moving on to a vote with one no from Representative Aristy.

After a roll call vote, there were 17 ays, 3 nos from Representative Aristy, Speaker Pro Tempore Brady, and Chair Crayton, and 6 abstentions from Chair Best, Representative Brush, Representative Corbett, Representative Goel, Representative Guzek, and Representative Stelpflug. The bill was passed and Emerson Cardoso was appointed.

Chair Best said both sides acted unprofessionally. She said it was embarrassing and she was disappointed in people on both sides. She said they needed to represent the student body.

Representative Aristy said he has always believed that anyone that comes before them should know what they are doing. He said others could disagree but asked for them not to judge him.

Representative Murray said they should try to be less scary.

Speaker Comparato said she wishes there was more discussion about Alert Carolina than this nonproductive discussion that took place. She said they needed to keep their main focus.

**SCR-94-191 A RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A STUDY BODY REFERENDUM TO RENEW A STUDENT FEE TO FUND RENEWABLE ENERGY ON CAMPUS AND IN NORTH CAROLINA**

Chair Woodward presided.

Representative Brush said this was a resolution to hold a referendum for students to vote on whether or not to permanently renew the renewable energy fee.

Representative Stupak asked how many times RESPEC has met with the Oversight and Advocacy committee.

Chair Burney said they have met every time she has asked them to.

Representative Guzek said they have talked a lot about this in the Rules and Judiciary committee. He said it was not the ideal time for this to happen. He said the issue was being publicized and that it required more time. He said the alternative was to push it to a later date in the semester. He said they would prefer for this to fall on the date of the election because it would get higher student input. He yielded time to the Co-Chairs of the Renewable Special Energy committee.
The Co-Chairs of the Renewable Special Energy Committee from RESPEC said they have about $200,000 a year and that it goes towards the Morrison solar panels, the botanical garden, and LED lights across campus. She said they look for lots of different projects with a pay back so they can rotate money quickly and effectively. She said that they provide educational value and innovative value in campus. They said that UNC has served a role model for renewable energy and that it has spread to other universities.

Treasurer Ghosh said their main concern was accountability. She said she was working on a bill to make sure that the committee would require a referendum.

Representative Root moved to the previous question

Chair Best objected and said she had a problem with the wording. She said it could be a little bit leading. She said they should pose the question in an objective manner.

Representative Root did not withdraw his motion.

Seconded.

The ays had it to move on to a vote.

The resolution was passed after a roll call vote, with 21 ays, 3 nos from Chair Best, Representatives Hodgin, and Stupak, and 2 abstentions from Speaker Pro Tempore Brady and Vice Chair McClelland.

**SCR-94-188 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE STUDENT GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**

Treasurer Ghosh wanted to remind them that students were not puppies and they couldn’t be called whenever. She said it was reasonable that they were not here tonight. She said that she could read out a resume of what they said at their interview and their past experiences.

Speaker Comparato said she personally thinks they should be here.

Treasurer Ghosh said they were requested to have these appointments to Vice Chancellor Crisp at the beginning of February.

Chair Woodward asked why this was pulled off of the consent calendar.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said he wanted to ask them some questions. He said he emailed Speaker Comparato before the specified time.

Speaker Comparato said that she had an appointment at that time.

Chair Woodward made a motion to vote on the bill.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said he wanted to make a motion to table the bill.
Chair Crayton said the bill passed unanimously in committee.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady objected and said he wanted to make a substitute motion to table the bill.

Chair Woodward did not withdraw his motion.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady made a point of order and said they had to hear the table motion.

Chair Best seconded the table motion.

After a vote to table the bill, the nos had it.

There was a second on Chair Woodward’s motion.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady objected.

Brady objected and said he wanted to hear the resume.

Chair Woodward did not withdraw his motion.

The ays had it to move on to a vote.

The bill was passed after a majority of ays with nos from Speaker Pro Tempore Brady, Chair Best, and Representative Aristy.

Bills

There was a motion to reorder the agenda as necessary.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

**SCB-94-193 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO BLACK STUDENT MOVEMENT**

Ms. Lee, the Treasurer, said they were asking for money for their subgroups. She said they were having a Gospel choir spring concert the 2nd Sunday of April. She said there was no admission charge but the church charged them $500 and they needed $1,000 for equipment. She said for the other event in the Great Hall, they were asking $600 and $300 for the speakers. She said they agreed to pay for the other speakers. She said their dance group was asking for costumes and the acapella group was asking for dues and fees. She said capital expenditures were for a drum set and printing and publicity was for a yearbook and booklet.

Chair Best said that they asked them to come back because they needed more information and they needed to sort out the Campus Y speaker situation.
Ms. Le said that she had some contact with the Campus Y and said that they were supposed to split the bill.

Chair Best said that they could only fund one event per group per title V regulations. She said they transferred the funds for Mr. Boone to the Campus Y request to be heard later.

Representative Root asked if they received any money from the GAA.

Ms. Lee said no.

Chair Burney asked if the money for the speaker was taken out.

Chair Best said these numbers reflected the request without the speaker. She yielded to Treasurer Ghosh.

Treasurer Ghosh said she took out the full amount.

Chair Best motioned to put $500 in speaker fees.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Chair Burney said she viewed the printing and publicity as personal gain.

Representative Root said he cut almost all of it out because it fell under publications and he used the funding multiplier.

Representative Aristy said he pulled this off the consent calendar because of the printing publicity and that he didn’t view the yearbook as personal gain. He said they gave them $650 for the drum set.

Chair Burney asked if they were buying the drum set.

Ms. Lee said they wanted to buy their own so they wouldn’t have to pay someone else to use their drum set.

Chair Best said personal gain was defined as person receiving gain and that a yearbook was personal gain. She said Representative Winters stuck down the drum set because $650 was good enough and she supported that. She said they didn’t have a major problem with that.

Ms. Lee said it wasn’t a problem.

Chair Best said they could come back if they had a problem.

Representative Root said he understood where Chair Best was coming from and that he would normally agree but that the yearbook was only 15 pages and he held it to the funding
multiplier. He said the magazine could be considered personal gain also. He said he didn’t know the full details and asked who received the yearbooks.

Ms. Lee said they would be given to the due paying members.

Representative Root said the members wouldn’t be in it.

Ms. Lee said it would be group pictures, not individual pictures.

Vice Chair McClelland asked how much of the funding multiplier applied to the yearbook.

Representative Root said it was $150.

Vice Chair McClelland moved to cut $150 from printing and publicity.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Root said the other was for their booklet.

Ms. Lee said it was not for the calendar.

Chair Best said it was for the awards ceremony at the end of the year. She asked if they would identify them as a sponsor.

Ms. Lee said yes but that she didn’t know how much they could print with $60.

Representative Root moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called and the bill was passed.

**SCB-94-197 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Minhaj Baqai, the President, said that this was an interesting process because they were here so late.

Salma Rezk, the Treasurer, said they were asking $313 for Sportsfest and $1,300 for the soccer tournament for the refs. She said they were asking for $90 for lodging.

Representative Winters said that money was cut last week.

Representative Root said they cut a lot of events for the alumni dinner because it was food related. He said Representative Winters cut Sportsfest and the spring soccer tournament. He said it passed favorably.
Representative Root said that Representative Smalenberger cut $313 from Sportsfest. He said he would put it back and that he cut $1,300 for the refs because they weren’t necessary for their organization. He said they did not take away their field reservations.

Ms. Rezk said it was for the dinner.

Mr. Baqai said they have been doing Sportsfest for 12 years and that they were told to come back for if they had additional costs. He said the soccer tournament would bring the campus together and that the cause was to fund an orphanage. He said they didn’t know the success/fail rates for Sportsfest but that they could get a turnout. He said they would appreciate any funding for the event.

Representative Aristy asked how important Sportsfest was to their vitality.

Ms. Rezk said it was extremely important and that it would affect their morality.

Representative Aristy said they had to consider the morality of their organization and that cutting it would be damaging.

Chair Best said they were feeling the effects of the budget cuts and so were the organizations. She said it was natural they were going to cut more. She said they needed to fund the refs though and moved to add the $313 for the refs in professional labor/fees.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Chair Best moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Ms. Rezk asked about the lodging.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady asked whom it was for.

Ms. Rezk said it was for one of their speakers.

Speaker Comparato said they already passed the bill and they could talk to Treasurer Ghosh.

**SCB-94-199 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO CAROLINA CREATES – TEDxUNC**

Alexandra Almeter, the Treasurer, said they had a Memorial Hall invoice but that it wasn’t finalized. She said that it was over $6,000 and that they got it down to $5,535 and that it wouldn’t go lower than that. She said they received $1,200 in annual appropriations and was wondering about what they received that for.
Representative Root said there was an error and that they got $450 for lodging and travel.

Ms. Almeter said they had $450 for lodging and that they were asking for an additional $270 for lodging and $685.30 for travel.

Speaker Comparato said they wanted to switch the categories and made the changes.

Ms. Almeter asked if they should be grouped together entirely.

Treasurer Ghosh said they were grouped separately for the SAFO accounts but that they could request all out of travel.

Representative Aristy asked to see the invoices and yielded time.

Chair Best said there was a question for how accessible they were to all of UNC and the amount they were requested. She said they funded this request fully, it would be large chunk of their money and there is some question over the accessibility. She said she personally didn’t feel comfortable giving over $10,000 to something that was not accessible to all students.

Speaker Pro Tempore said they talked the production costs and asked if they have already paid for the production.

Ms. Almeter said they have not paid and that they would use other generated funds. She said the videography allows them to have a professional production that would be live streamed and edited for YouTube, which gives them accessibility.

Speaker Pro Tempore said he checked other funding requests and that they have not funded that before.

Representative Murray said they filled out Memorial Hall.

Ms. Almeter said Congress funds events for Memorial Hall that does not sell out. She said that there was going to be 1,400 people in Memorial Hall and that 80% of them would be students. She said it seemed a little mediocre to question the value and accessibility of their program.

Chair Best said she personally wouldn’t get something out of watching it on YouTube and that she didn’t feel comfortable asking students to pay for this when they had to sit on their computer and watch it.

Representative Aristy asked about the projector and the cost.

Ms. Almeter said it was for a large projector screen that was categorized under video rental. 

Representative Aristy asked what $850 was for.
Ms. Almeter said it was for the large projector screen.

Representative Aristy asked how much they had in generated funds.

Ms. Almeter said she wasn’t sure.

Representative Winters said Speaker Pro Tempore Brady was the one to cut production costs. He asked why they cut $2,000 to production costs.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said he did not want to cut it entirely but that he wanted to cut it some.

Representative Winters motioned to put $4,287.50 into building rental.

Chair Best said they could change it in the requested column. She said they could change it because it was their request.

Chair Woodward said he has watched some of the TEDx videos online. He said it was amazing and that they had really good information.

Ms. Almeter said that their production would be higher than the TEDx videos.

Representative Root said that Carolina Creates has $22,000 in generated funds.

Ms. Almeter said they were separate.

Representative Root said it wasn’t listed.

Representative Hodgins said they were selling out the place and that people were going to be at the door. He said to cut their video rental would be to make it less accessible. He said it was an integral part of what needs to happen.

Representative Stelpflug said he torn on this. He said they shouldn’t fund other groups that use Memorial Hall and don’t sell out. He said TEDx was a big deal form what he knew. He said they should consider the portion from last semester.

Ms. Almeter said the number was their invoice minus annual appropriations.

Chair Best said that they zeroed out the building rental to see if they could get the price down before tonight.

Ms. Almeter said as of January 25th, they had $9,000 in generated funds.

Representative Winters yielded to Representative Aristy.

Representative Aristy said they bought the rugs and asked what they bought.
Ms. Almeter said they bought two banners that would be under printing and publicity. She said she submitted the inventory list two weeks ago.

Chair Best said they had trouble getting into inventory. She said if they sent it if they said they sent it.

Representative Murray asked what the $9,000 would go towards in generated funds.

Ms. Almeter said it would go towards the sponsor dinners, the design team, and the lodging fees for the speakers. She said it would also go towards nametags, pens, and lanyards, which are things Student Congress doesn’t fund.

Representative Winters said no one thought TEDx was not a worthy event. He said it was a crazy event. He said the problem was that it was $12,000 that wouldn't go to other groups. He motioned to cut at least the $850 from the building and rental. He asked why they needed the $850.

Ms. Almeter said the production used was a small projector screen but that it was not acceptable for the event so Memorial Hall had to buy a bigger screen. She said they were renting it from Memorial Hall in order to use it.

Representative Winters said he was confused.

Ms. Almeter said it was a really small projector and that they needed a large one.

Seconded.

Representative Root objected and said it was a worthy amount to be allocated. He said they would give it to Carolina Quarterly.

Chair Best said it wasn't Carolina Quarterly.

Representative Root said Carolina Quarterly was about how prestigious it was and that a cut would reflect greatly on the University. He said it was the same for TEDx because it has brought appeal and recognition to the University.

Representative Winters did not withdraw his motion.

Representative Goel said they used the entire back wall and it was cheaper and it saved them money.

Ms. Almeter said Memorial Hall was the least helpful and that it wasn’t a discussion. She said they did not say anything about using the back wall.

Division was called on the amendment and after a vote, there were 14 ays and 6 nos. The ays had it and the amendment was passed.
Treasurer Ghosh asked if they would be amendable to adding $850 back if they cut the cost of the building done.

Ms. Almeter said she has negotiated with them for days and that the cost would not go down.

Chair Best moved to the previous question on the bill as a whole.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Hodgin objected and asked Ms. Almeter what they would do if they didn’t get the money.

Ms. Almeter said they would just use their generated funds.

Representative Hodgin asked if that would damage what TEDxUNC trying to achieve.

Ms. Almeter said it would not overall, but it would hurt some other things.

Representative Hodgin withdrew his objection.

Chair Crayton objected and asked how much was in there generated funds.

Ms. Almeter said it about $9,000.

Representative Root asked where their generated funds would go if they didn’t use all of them.

Ms. Almeter said it would go to the next group planning TEDx.

Chair Best withdrew her motion and asked if they would still have the show if they didn’t give them any funding.

Ms. Almeter said no and that they would continue looking for sponsors.

Representative Ghosh said the event was in 5 days.

Chair Best asked what minimum amount they would need to put on the show.

Ms. Almeter said she did not know what their break-even point was but that they were looking for as much as possible.

Chair Best moved to the previous question.

Seconded.
Representative Aristy objected and asked what other parts of programming were going on.

Ms. Almeter said there were dinners between the speakers and students, a design team, and giving attendees buttons, nametags, and stickers.

The ays had it unanimously to move on to a vote.

The bill was passed after a majority of ays with nos from Speaker Pro Tempore Brady and Chair Crayton with an abstention from Representative Aristy.

Representative Hodgin asked everyone not to ask the same questions more than once.

Hodgin asked members to try not to ask the same questions more than once.

**SCB-94-202 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO UNC CAMPUS Y**

Anna Thornton, the Treasurer, said she was a first year member and coordinator for the MLK week. She said they filled the Nelson Mandela auditorium to hear Mr. Boone. She said they brought the cost down.

Chair Best moved to previous the previous question.

Seconded.

Treasurer Ghosh wanted to say something.

Chair Best withdrew her motion and yielded to Treasurer Ghosh.

Treasurer Ghosh said they were part of MLK week and asked if they got any funding from an office in the Global Center.

Ms. Thornton said no. She said they majority of the funding goes towards the keynote speaker. She said they were unable to get funding.

Treasurer Ghosh said that the executive branch has $1,200 in stipends that was supposed to go towards the MLK speaker fees. She said they could give it to them and have $1,200 cut from this bill.

Chair Best moved to strike speaker fees by $1,200.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Chair Best moved to the previous question.

Seconded.
Consent was called.

**SCB-94-210 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO UNC-CH QUIDDITCH**

Alex Drose, the President, said that she was a sophomore and that Quidditch was a real sport with 850 teams across the United States and a World Cup in Florida. She said they were asking for gas money reimbursement. She said they were going to go to UVA for a tournament and they needed an estimated $30 tournament fee.

Chair Best said she didn’t hear how they needed $30 for the request. She motioned to add $30 to dues and fees.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Chair Best motioned to correct travel money.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Chair Best moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

**SCB-94-212 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO CAROLINA CLUB BASEBALL**

Chair Best said they were passed favorably.

Treasurer Ghosh said she messed it up.

Chair Best moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

**SCB-94-195 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO UNC STUDENT GOVERNMENT-EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

Treasurer Ghosh said programming and travel would stay at 0.
Chair Best asked whom the flights were for.

Treasurer Ghosh said the keynote speaker and another speaker. She said there was a $35 fee for registration and there would be food and t-shirts that Congress does not pay for.

Representative Aristy asked what the speaker was speaking about.

Treasurer Ghosh said he was speaking on the M.A.L.E initiative.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady asked if they needed the stipend and salaries. He asked if they could request that at annual instead.

Treasurer Ghosh said Kevin Kimball was doing this but he was disappearing. She said they already set up a timeline. She said this would be extra to other sources of funding.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said it couldn’t be in annual because Mr. Kimball wouldn’t be a student after graduation.

Treasurer Ghosh said it was controversial but it was allowed by title V and it was important.

Chair Best asked if a representative would be able to come in two weeks and explain the event.

Treasurer Ghosh said she was trying to do that.

Chair Best said she would like to know more about it.

Treasurer Ghosh said she could send information.

Chair Best said she would like to table this bill.

Treasurer Ghosh said this event happening hinged on the speakers and lodging.

Representative Root asked if they could do a rider saying they would have to appear before full Congress in two weeks.

Chair Best said that would alleviate her concerns.

Treasurer Ghosh said people were actually do this and the reason they couldn’t be here was because they go to NC Central.

Chair Best said she wanted to be able to ask them questions and moved to table it.

Seconded.

Consent was called.
Root objected and said a rider would ease their concerns.

Chair Best said it would not.

Treasurer Ghosh said this was the amount they were asking for and that it was non-negotiable.

Chair Best said she wanted to hear more.

Division was called for a vote to vote on the motion. It passed with 14 ays and 6 nos and 3 abstentions from Speaker Pro Tempore Brady and Representatives Aristy and Ferguson.

On the vote, the ays had it and the bill was tabled until the next meeting.

Treasurer Ghosh asked if they could split the bill.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady motioned to remove from the table.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Chair Best motioned to split the bill into two: SCB-94-195 and SCB-94-195a. A bill for the speakers, lodging, and travel and another for everything else.

Treasurer Ghosh said the event was in two weeks and they didn’t have any generated funds. She said Tom Ross put his name on it and that if it fell through it would look bad on the system.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Chair Best motioned to table SCB-94-195a.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady moved to previous the previous question on SCB-94-195.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

**SCB-94-190 A BILL TO RESPONSIBLY ALLOCATE PUBLICATION MONEY**

Chair Woodward presided.
Representative Root said the bill would alter funding publications. He said the only changes were the funding multiplier would be -.5 and they put a limit on the number of copies and a 2/3rd override. He said it passed favorably by Finance and without prejudice by the Rules and Judiciary committee.

Chair Best said she suggested adding the amendment for 2/3rd override.

Representative Guzek motioned to the previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

**Notices and Announcements**

Chair Burney said she was an archaeology major and that it anyone was interested in doing a study abroad program over the summer for a month to contact her.

Representative Guzek said they should keep the climate reasonable and be nice as they possibly can. He said that they did not offer students many opportunities to experience Congress. He said it was important for anyone to walk away with a good impression with his or her only chance to confront Congress. He said he would like to stress to keep it reasonable and as civil and professional as they can. He said this night wasn’t a proper reflection of it.

Chair Best said she agreed and that in times of a new chancellor coming forward, they would be looking at student self governance. She said if they heard Congress fought among themselves, they wouldn’t be viewed as valuable. She said annual budget deadline was tomorrow.

Representative Root said Carolina Royale was February 9th and there would be food, drinks, and music.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady asked if it was free for members.

Representative Root said it was free for members and $5 for everyone else.

Representative said he was being honest and professional. He said he has never seen a case of verbal abuse in a legislature and that it was rare. He said his argument was okay because it was for the purpose of the legislation. He talked about some SAGA events coming up.

Chair Woodward said he agreed that would be differences of opinion but he wanted them to focus on their tone. He said it was in the way they addressed people. He said that an objection was not a question for clarification. He said it needs to be moderated so people are not interrupting just to ask a question.

Chair Best said she was not accusing anyone of being verbally abusive.
Representative Hodgin there was an event for Greek housing on February 9th and they should come out.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady encouraged everyone to vote next Tuesday and said he wanted to apologize for his tone and that he appreciated the legislative process. He said he always been this way and it was not reflective of his personal relationships.

Speaker Comparato said she was leaving it up to the Chairs to have committee meetings next Tuesday because of the lection. She asked everyone to email in suggestions for Alert Carolina. She said it would be helpful.

Representative Guzek said he was working on a bill now concerning Alert Carolina and told everyone to email him if they wanted to work on it.

Speaker Comparato said they were really receptive to working with them.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said DPS was on twitter.

**Adjournment**
There was a motion to adjourn.

Seconded.

After a roll call vote, the meeting unanimously adjourned at 10:11 PM.