Call to Order
Speaker Comparato called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Speaker Comparato welcomed everyone to the first Congress meeting of 2013.

Attendance
The following members were present: Brittany Best (Chair), Connor Brady (Speaker Pro Tempore), Michael Braxton, Laura Brush, Jocelyn Burney (Chair), John Caison, Brittany Clark, Kizzmekia Corbett, Travis Crayton (Chair), Brad Dunnagan, Zach Ferguson, Nitin Goel, Shawn Griffin, John Guzek, Ross Hardeman (Vice Chair), Wes Hodgin, Andrew Lucas, Peter McClelland (Vice Chair), Stephanie Mellini, Kim Niver, Nish Patel, Braxton Reyna, Daniel Rojas, Austin Root, Michael Smalenger, Will Stelpflug, Jonathan Stupak, Max Williams, Conor Winters, Chris Woodward (Chair), and Paige Comparato (Speaker).

The following members were absent: Josh Aristy, Meghan Boyles, Austin Gilmore, and Derek Murray.

The following members left early: Nitin Goel.

State of the University Address by the Chancellor
Speaker Comparato thanked Chancellor Thorp for coming.

Chancellor Thorp delivered the State of the University to Congress and other students in attendance. Some of his main points included: UNC was ranked by Kiplinger as the best value education for a 12th year in a row, which embodies what the university stands for: access and quality. He discussed the importance of Rhodes Scholars, the TEDx conference, and LAUNCH Chapel Hill. He said the fundamental traits of the university were in great shape. He said they were working hard to improve the process for people to come forward to talk about sexual assault and interpersonal violence. He mentioned the OCR complaint. He acknowledged its importance and talked about resources to help move them forward. He talked about the academic investigation conducted by Governor Martin, specifically in the African and Afro American Studies department. He said no other faculty was identified other than the ones that were implicated by the university already. He said they were not bracing for a big budget cut from the state and talked about the fiscal cliff. He also addressed the vacancies in South Building and said they would never put a search together and not put at least two students on the committee. Overall, he said the university was in great shape.

Chancellor Thorp took questions from the body.
Chair Burney thanked him for coming and asked his thoughts on the university raising the cap on admitting international students.

Chancellor Thorp said that this was the most discussion he has ever seen on this topic. He said people feel that more international students would improve the diversity of ideas and backgrounds in an undergraduate class since they are all going out into the global economy. He said he has always felt that the experience of North Carolina students would improve if they had more students from outside the United States but that it has been a politically unpopular view. He said it has been discussed in the Strategic Plan meeting. He said he was happy it was being discussed.

Representative Rojas thanked him for coming and said that he was proud about how well the university was doing on gathering public funding and research. He said he was wondering about the direction of the university on funding since they get 6% of their funding from industry.

Chancellor Thorp said they are low on industry funding because of the success of federal funding. He said that it hasn’t been in the tradition of the university to work with industry as much as their peers around the county. He said they have worked on their policies on how they negotiate their deals with industry and what they take in equities. He said their innovate Carolina has been aimed at trying to boost that.

Vice Chair Hardeman said Chancellor Thorp gave a lecture to his entrepreneurship class and asked if innovation would be emphasized in the search in his successor.

Chancellor Thorp said a lot of trustees were on the team that put the innovation on the document. He said it was a pressure on universities on general. He said some people didn’t think universities should be interested in commercializing things, but one of the things they have to be able to do is to explain to people why a public university is so important. He said research is very important—he said he would have been a physician if he didn’t go to research university. He said it was simpler to say that this person invented something or cured someone. He said those stories were short hand ways to explain how important research is. He said people could understand that Facebook came from Harvard and Google came from Stanford and people understand that.

Vice Chair Hardeman said the best thing from his lecture was that he came here thinking that he would leave with an education that would help him find a good job but now he can leave with the mindset that graduate can create their own job. He said it was important for people to continue receiving that mindset.

Chancellor Thorp said they were much more aware of what’s going on now than they were in the 80s. He said they also feel a lot more capable of creating things than solving problems and that was good because they need people to create solutions.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady yielded to GPSF President Bertucci.

GPSF President Bertucci asked about national online courses.
Chancellor Thorp said every President and Chancellor is thinking about massive online education and answering questions from the public about what it means. He said he comes down in the middle of all of it and that he doesn’t think it will wipe out residential education in one night. He said technology has improved significantly and that it’s amazing how much it has advanced in the last 4-5 years. He said the courses were great to learn about the university and a great way to bring knowledge to people that can’t get it otherwise. He said since it was important for them to adhere to this because they were the first public university. He said he doesn’t expect it to change the job market for chemistry PhDs. He said he doesn’t think his 14-year-old daughter will say she wants to stay at home and take college courses online in four years.

Representative Ferguson said he mentioned diversity in the student body and that he was more interested in diversity in their faculty and asked if they have done an adequate job

Chancellor Thorp said they haven’t done an adequate job, but they have done a comparatively good job compared to their peers. He said this was way up there on the priority list. He said from politics all the way down to all the employees, they have to have a consistent approach if they want to achieve diversity in the faculty. They also have to have the right programs.

Travis Crayton yielded to Zaiha Alsons. She said some immigrant groups have been talking about undocumented students getting in-state students. She asked if he would be in support of offering in-state tuition to undocumented students.

Chancellor Thorp said he was for the DREAM act. He said as far as that proposal goes; he would have to see what it looks like before he gave vocal support to it.

Chair Crayton said he touched briefly on the state budget and asked if he could expand on the relationship with Raleigh.

Chancellor Thorp said they have to be willing to explain all the things they have been talking about to the state government. He said that their lobbyist has a good team and that they were working on it. He said they were even with projections after the last report. He said if they don’t have a massive shortfall this year, then that would be good because it would help them. He encouraged everyone to be active with the government.

Chair Best said diversity is something they pride themselves on and asked how they would balance the state students with international students given rich tradition of in state students.

Chancellor Thorp said the greatest thing in his life was that they were giving the students of North Carolina an education so they don’t have to go to other schools farther away. He said it was a big deal to him to go from Fayetteville to Chapel Hill. He said it means so much to people to come here and not have to leave their home state. He said they are always balancing those things. He said if the cap were raised, it would come from a commitment to adding extra students.
Representative Caison said there were a lot of rumors about conference realignment and that obviously UNC was committed to the ACC. He was wondering how the academic side of the university is affected by conference affiliation.

Chancellor Thorp said it was precious to be in the ACC and listed the other universities. He said they could drive to those locations. He said keeping the ACC together is what’s important, but they are in a competitive market place. He said he picked an interesting year to chair the ACC. He said he was all for adding Notre Dame, who would play 5 ACC games a year. He said the health of the college town was related to the football and basketball games. He said having Notre Dame come to Chapel Hill once every once in a while is good and exciting. He said when Maryland left, he was the one who convened the conference calls, and was for Louisville the whole way. He said he wanted to do whatever it took to keep that group together and adding the best sports program was the best thing to do. He said the primary thing that does with academics is to keep them in a conference to travel without staying in a hotel. He said it does come with a lot of problems because of in-state rivals.

**Approval of Minutes**

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady motioned 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 meeting with some administrators to talk about the Alert Carolina system tomorrow. She said that if anyone had any concerns to relay to them, to let her know. She said she has looked up data to back up the resolution but that student’s voices are just as strong. She said she was going to post something on social media about it. She said the administrators seemed interested on hearing student’s concerns and working with them. She said the legislative appointment for Safety and Security Committee was dismissed and it is now open. She said the application would be open until next Tuesday. She said the speaker’s monthly report is not printed out because it was a hectic meeting tonight. She said she would send it out over email. She said the board of elections had their mandatory candidates meeting and that the Board of Elections wanted to use them as a test group for a test election. She stood for queries.

**Speaker Pro Tempore’s Report**

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said the Congress website was working now. He said he has been working with ITS. He said the public forum was going to be on Monday in the Union 3201 at 7 PM. He said to let them know if they can’t make it. He said the cheapest thing they can do is Cookies and Congress. He said Happy Birthday to Representative Guzek and congratulated Representative Patel on getting into Law School. He stood for queries.
Finance Committee Chair’s Report

Chair Best said the funding portal was down previously. She said the bills were late because of the portal. She said she has a temporary link to get to the site.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said they could go to the money congress site also.

She stood for queries.

Rules and Judiciary Committee Chair’s Report

Chair Crayton said they had a busy R&J agenda last week and had some resolutions/bills on general orders tonight. He stood for queries.

Oversight and Advocacy Committee Chair’s Report

Chair Burney said they had one resolution to go through to appoint an alternate delegation to ASG. She said it was on the consent calendar. She said there was an ASG meeting this weekend. She stood for queries.

Ethics Committee Chair’s Report

Chair Woodward said that if representative was a member of the organization that they have finance bills tonight for to abstain from that even if it is on the consent calendar. He said it was requirement per the code. He told everyone to try to do their best to stay the entire meeting because they have to have quorum to make sure students get funding and they have resolutions to approve. He stood for queries.

Receipts of Petitions and Messages

Message from the Student Body President

Treasurer Ghosh said if they had any questions about the executive branch to ask her. She stood for queries.

Message from the Graduate and Professional Student Federation President

GPSF President Bertucci asked if anyone knew about University Research Day. He said it was something that GPSF puts on every year that so people can give presentations on their research. He encouraged everyone to sign up for that. He said if anyone had any questions about it, they could email him. He said that GPSF was also doing State Advocacy Day—they were currently recruiting 15 graduate students to go to Raleigh on February 20th about Graduate education and educate their legislators. He said they were going to have a science policy event as a combined Duke/UNC event. He said they were planning to do graduate student safe zone training. He stood for queries.

Representative Smalenberger asked the time for university research day.
GPSF President Bertucci said it goes from 9 AM to 3 PM. He said they would get fitted into a spot.

**Message from the Student Body Treasurer**

Treasurer Ghosh said student organizations were in the room because of her and that the finance committee has done a great job but unfortunately they allocated almost 1/3 of their budget at the last meeting. She said it was a reflection of the increased demand for funding. She stood for queries.

**Message from the Student Attorney General**

The Student Attorney General was not present.

**Message from the Honor Court Chair**

Chair Anderson said they have opened the application period for the undergraduate honor court. She said if they knew of anyone that would be interested on serving, they can go to their website. She said it would close on midnight at February 11th.

Representative Corbett asked if it was the same for the graduate honor court.

Chair Anderson said applications for that would be available in the fall semester.

**Public Comment Period**

Anarag Angara said he came here to talk about Coal Divestment Referendum for the entire student body. He said that Harvard had a similar referendum recently and that it was a student body statement. He said they should support it because they’ve got widespread student body support with 3,000 petition signatures. He said it was a more cohesive student body support with more ground on calling out administrators about how it’s important. He said the issue was important because it was becoming a more prominent issue.

Zaiha Alsons offered support for passing the referendum. She said the Sierra Coalition worked hard on the endowment forum. She said there has been interest in the student body. She strongly encouraged representatives to demonstrate support for allowing students to have a say.

**General Orders**

Chair Burney motioned to reorder the agenda as necessary.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

**SCB-94-173 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO THE CAROLINA QUARTERLY**
Matthew Hotham, the treasurer for the group, said they had $600 cut from their printing. He said it was vital for their issue. He said the Carolina Quarterly's mission was to bring the best writing off campus to UNC students. He said they have to have a national profile but they also need to distribute issues for free on campus. He said the money they've requested was for printing for just the free issues. He said the logic behind the cut was that they have money in their generated funds. He said that those funds were from subscriptions for libraries. He said in order to fulfill their mission for free issue and keep national profile up; they need to use their generated funds to fund national and international libraries.

Representative Clark asked if the number of magazines they print is a set number.

Mr. Hotham said they could change it. He said two years ago, they increased the number and got the approval of Congress. He said they brought it up to 1,000 magazines a year. He said there might be some empty racks.

Representative Griffin asked if the $1200 dollars they had in generated funds was already budgeted out.

Mr. Hotham said yes and that it were for printing and shipping to university libraries and to send 2 editors to the national conference to distribute magazines and attract writers. He said they would either not have to go to conference or print 250 less magazines. He said the end point to this cut would eventually change into not distributing freely on campus.

Vice Chair McClelland asked if there was an online edition that could be used for the libraries.

He said they do some with the proquest account. He said it was not anywhere near the majority of their subscriptions. He said what their royalties come through clicks, which is not enough to sustain the Journal.

Representative Root said he understood what he was saying. He said they allocated over $40,000 last week and that he recognized that the Carolina Quarterly is one of the most prestigious groups on campus. He said he was concerned about the cut. He said he doesn’t know how appropriate this cut would be. He asked Mr. Hotham to talk more about that.

Mr. Hotham said this cut would force them to use their generated funds or reduce the number of issues they print. He said they would not send editors to a conference, whom some have already bought plane tickets for. He said his broader concern was the logic behind the cut. He said the end point was that they either would not distribute free issues or eventually cease selling subscriptions to university libraries and bring down the name of the company.

Chair Best said the Carolina Quarterly was something they have wanted for the university. She motioned to take it back to the amount they originally requested because it was something that they want for their students.

Seconded.
Consent was called.

Vice Chair McClelland objected and said they are doing this because of increase in the demand of student groups.

Mr. Hotham said his concern was about the precedence setting. He said he understands the concern about the budget. He said this past year, they got all their funding granted at annual budget and this full budget was for one issue. He said in the fall, they got enough to print two issues and it was knocked down to one issue.

Chair Best yielded to Treasurer Ghosh.

Treasurer Ghosh said it has gone to 50 organizations to 100 organizations and there has been no increase in the fee.

Chair Burney moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called and the amendment was passed.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called and the bill was passed.

**SCB-94-185 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO GROUP UNC WORDSMITHS**

Tariq Luthun said they moved some fees from programming to speaker’s fee. He said the money they needed was under the assumption they could get 4 performers. He said because it was already February, they were willing to cut $200 from the speaker fees because they weren’t trying to take money they don’t need. He said it would be great to have an extra $50 for travel.

Chair Burney said they just needed $50, just to clarify.

Mr. Luthun said yes, just a little extra.

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

Seconded.

Consent was called and the bill was passed.
SCB-94-176 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO GROUP CONVERGENCE MUSIC FESTIVAL STUDENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Gabriel Chess, the treasurer, said it was a music festival that would become an annual event celebrating the diversity of American Southern music. He said Cat’s Cradle, Local 506, Merge Records, and more surrounding venues along with on-campus groups have begun started connecting with them and expressed their interest. He said they want to pair with the music department and others. He read a blurb from Bill Harris who pledged strong support for the festival. He said they see this event as a building on resources and that haven’t met their full potential quite yet.

Libby Rodenbough, the President, said they had to prove that this was an education event and not social one. She said Chancellor Thorp talked about a liberal arts education and cultural understanding. She said simply listening to music is often associated with entertainment. She said this was not a social event, but a community event and it should matter to all of them. She said how they define themselves is not inconsequential and because of their unique history and because of the student body, it is essential to identity with the South.

Mr. Chess said $4500 was for the equipment rental and these estimates were from Union production. He said it was the bare minimum that it would take to do this event right. He said one of the bands they want to bring is Mipso. He said $4500 was shifted to a loan for fundraising.

Ms. Rodenbough said they she has been laying the groundwork for funding and it’s hard to get people on board when they are just a start up. She said she wanted it to be integrated with the university. She said they have been looking for grant opportunities and they are in a time crunch. She said applying for a grant entails achieving non-profit status and that it would be more possible and an easier possibility for next year.

Mr. Chess said start-ups weren’t granted non-profit organizations. He said Carolina Performing Arts has an interest. He said this was an initial cost that would turn it in an annual event if it’s done right. He said they needed to see that it has a base on campus.

Chair Best said she was fiscally conservative but when she heard about this she was excited. She said it was a start up cost. She said she met with Mr. Chess and that this showcase would prove what they can do this year. She said they could help get their feet off the ground. She said she talked to him about the grants and that one of those grants is off the table now.

Ms. Rodenbough said they couldn’t fund advertising and have a few more items.

Chair Best said it was important to help a start up when the end goal was to become independent or work in another way for the university. She said they were very organized and have been working very hard. She motioned to move the $4500 back into the equipment rental.
Seconded.

Representative Root objected and said there was more to debate.

Chair Best withdrew her motion.

Representative Ferguson said he doesn’t like live music but that he sees the value in this. He said what he liked about this was that it brings something to campus tangible where others are sending students off to a conference. He said this would leave a tangible footprint on Carolina.

Representative Root said he understands this is for a startup. He said there were a lot of fundraising options. He said they could fundraise and that Congress could give out money and expect it back.

Mr. Chess said they have been reaching out to places.

Representative Root said a bake sale was something they would not consider. He said there were other options out there. He said they should keep this money in fundraising so they can pay it forward.

Mr. Chess said he understands that desire. He said they wouldn’t be able to pay that back and it wouldn’t be achievable which would mean to kill the festival. He talked about Title V and representation. He said this would affect more students every year. He said they were expecting about 600 to 700 students this year. He said this was completely new for this campus and something that students want.

Ms. Rodenbough said they do not have generated funds this year and promised they would not ask this much money for Congress ever again. She said they have contacts they could get support from next year.

Representative Rojas said putting this money into fundraising would not jeopardize the event. He said they would have that money available and if this event were going to be as huge as they were saying, it wouldn’t be that hard to collect money at the event. He said people would be more to willing to contribute. He said they also listed companies that would be likely to contribute if it was successful. He said their funds were limited. He spoke against changing the funds from fundraising.

Chair Best said she’s not the one to fight for every penny. She said if they could not be successful unless they set them up for success. She said this event should be free. She said for them to do this, they have to put their faith in them now because this is what they’re here to do. She said they are here to fund and enrich their students.

Mr. Chess said it was more than their faith and that their name would be visible for their advertising. He said they would make this happen together.

Representative Stelpflug said as much as he’d love to see their name, it would be better if a private sponsor was on there because they’re the ones that actually fund them. He said if it
was a music festival, it should be able to pay for the significant portion of it’s cost. He said a music festival has to generate funds for itself when other groups don’t have that opportunity.

Mr. Chess said they have worked with the Director of Merlefest. He told him that festivals didn’t make money for three years. He said they were working close with Lenovo and talked with Duke Energy and other local companies but that they were just not ready to commit yet.

Mr. Guzek spoke in strong support for the group. He said it was entirely unique and it would enrich student life at UNC. He said he personally has gotten emails from constituents asking to have more music on campus. He said it was important for this to be accessible. He said this is the first year for this event and that they should be supportive of it. He said the fact that it’s free for students was a crucial part for him.

Representative Stupak yielded to Treasurer Ghosh.

Treasurer Ghosh said the loan could be paid back at anytime as long as the treasurer next year was nice. She said if they were able to split the cost between fundraising and equipment. She asked how much they would be able to pay back.

Mr. Chess said they would still be nervous about splitting the loan in half. He said there was real value in not going into the event without a loan. He said it was a burden they would like not to carry.

Vice Chair McClelland asked if there was a way to limit what would be asked for subsequent Congresses.

Chair Best said they shouldn’t want to make a rider to limit groups. She said they shouldn’t set that precedent.

Mr. Chess said accountability was something they were able to do.

Representative Winters asked what percentage Congress would be funding of the total.

Mr. Chess said a little bit more than 75%.

Representative Winters said his major concern was that amount they could give them for the event that may or may not be successful. He said not getting back any return was the major concern. He asked how much they would be comfortable putting into fundraising for the first year.

Mr. Chess said they didn’t come in with that number. He said they understand they aren’t a venture capital firm. He said a loan would limit their focus.

Representative Smalenberger said the presentation they gave today was absolutely amazing. He said he was pretty skeptical last week and that he was totally on board with it now. He said he spent some time at the University of Illinois, where they had an event like this and it
was the even to go to ever year. He said burdening them with loans right off the bat wasn’t the way to do it. He said wanted to recommend that this passes by moving $4500 back to equipment and not in fundraising but that it was important to start fundraising for next year.

Chair Best said this event could not succeed without the start up cost because it would crush their organization. She said the loan would raise questions and lessen their dependence on coming back to them. She said they needed to start them off in the right way. She moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Root objected to moving to vote. He said other people wanted to talk about the amendment.

Chair Best withdrew.

Representative Rojas said most of them have heard their opinions. He moved to previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Root objected and said he had some questions.

Representative Rojas did not withdraw his motion.

After a vote, the ays had it to move on to a vote.

After voting on the amendment, there were 18 ays and 10 nos, the amendment passed.

Chair Best moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

There was an objection.

Chair Crayton moved to add an amendment that would put in writing that they submit a report by December 1st of this year. He said if they didn’t submit a report about their financial, they would not get funding for next year.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Griffin asked if they have done this before.
Chair Crayton said it was completely in their right and that it has been done before. He said this was a reasonable thing to do.

Mr. Chess accepted as a friendly amendment.

Chair Best moved to the previous question.

Representative Root objected. He motioned to put $2,000 into fundraising.

Chair Best did not withdraw her motion.

After a vote, the ays had it to move on to a vote.

After the vote on the bill as a whole, the bill was passed. There were six no votes from Vice Chairs McClelland and Hardeman, and Representatives Corbett, Winters, Stupak, and Lucas.

**Advocates for Human Rights**

A representative from the group said the money was for their keynote speaker for human rights week.

Another representative said their speaker was associated with the ACLU. She said it was a free event.

They said that they needed some additional money because they had to move the event to the Great Hall. They said $100 would be helpful.

Vice Chair Hardeman said that most all groups that come to them that are going to have to present a compelling reason to get funding and that he would advise that they not get emotionally involved in each request because if they kept it up, they would run out of money. He sympathized with them but said they had to be frugal.

The representative said they would be able to switch to $100 to fundraising if they would be willing to add on the Great Hall to fundraising. She said they could have that back to them by the end of the school year. She asked to have $350 in fundraising.

Representative Root asked what the $200 was for.

She said it was for the cost for the Union and the personnel. She said the event was from 7 to 9.

Representative Corbett asked about the difference in the capacity between the locations.

She said that they usually use the Nelson Mandela auditorium for free but that they couldn’t use it because it was booked.

Representative Smalenberger asked why they couldn’t change the date.
She said that they already have things planned for that week with other guests coming and they were working with other partners. She said they agreed to that date.

Representative Root moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

**SCR-94-162 A RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A STUDENT BODY REFERENDUM ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE STUDENT BODY CONSTITUTION**

Chair Crayton said this bill came through Rules and Judiciary last week. He said this initiative has been transparent for a long time. He said this was another way to make this conversation going.

Mr. Boss, the President of the Sierra Student Coalition, said it was long tradition on the UNC campus. He said they were one of the first groups out of the campus Y. He said there was a national context for this. He said there were over 210 universities where students were advocating for divestment in fossil fuels and coal. He said it was a pretty neutral question to ask. He said this was about expressing student opinion. He said he was happy to answer questions.

Chair Crayton said this also ties to another bill to reduce the number of votes needed for a referendum.

Representative Root said this wasn’t a binding thing. He said the worst thing that would happen was that people would hear what students are actually thinking. He said he was firmly in support of this bill.

Representative Brush said they should give students the opportunity to vote on it.

Chair Burney said she was totally in support. She said they split hairs over the wording. She wanted to hear everyone thoughts on the second paragraph.

Speaker Comparato read out the second paragraph for everyone.

Chair Crayton said they narrowed this down a lot and it was longer with facts driven language. He said it was important to represent what UNC students were already doing. He said they were contextualizing it and that the Sierra Coalition was driving the force. He said the paragraph gave it relevance.

Representative Stelpflug said he was skeptical about this bill at first. He said the Sierra Coalition has carefully looked into the investment risk and that there was no risk for it. He said this was non-binding and this was not a trivial moral preference. He said it was serious issue and extremely important.
Vice Chair McClelland said they wouldn’t be able to change their private marketing strategy and he would like to move to add more to the question.

Mr. Boss said the issue was that they outsource work to about 196 funds manager and part of this process would involve reaching out to investment fund managers and having a dialogue about if they can and whether the endowment is invested in coal.

Vice McClelland said the issue he wanted to avoid was that they might control that money and the Sudan situation.

Mr. Boss said the university did pass the divestment resolution that they would remove direct holdings in companies doing business with genocide in Sudan but that no one owned it and the question was irrelevant.

Chair Crayton said these questions weren’t relevant and that UNC knows who manages what. He said making the question more confusing wouldn’t help them or administrators.

Chair Crayton said students didn’t need to know whether or not managers manage that. He said the administrators know that. He said it was clear. He said it would go to ballot and it would give students more information.

Representative Griffin said he personally felt this was to engage student opinion and keeping the language as simple as possible is the best way to do it. He said they didn’t need to confuse students to gauge their opinion.

Representative Stelpflug moved to vote on the amendment.

Seconded.

Consent.

Vice Chair McClelland objected.

Representative Stelpflug withdrew his motion.

Vice Chair McClelland said the management company was a private firm and they should address this to the students.

Chair Best agreed with what Representative Griffin said since they are gauging an opinion. She moved to the previous question on the amendment.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Smalenberger objected and then withdrew.
After voting on the amendment, the nays had it and the amendment was not passed.

Chair Burney moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

There was an objection.

Chair Burney did not withdraw.

After a roll call vote, there were 26 in favor and 4 opposed. The resolution was passed.

**SCB-94-181 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO PURSUIT MAGAZINE**

The representative for Pursuit magazine said they were a Christian faith magazine distributed throughout the Union and Lenoir. He said it was 20 pages and after talking to their editor-in-chief, they weren’t going to ask for any more money.

Chair Woodward moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called and the bill was passed.

**SCR-94-161 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE REFERENDUM REQUIREMENT IN THE STANDING RULES OF CONGRESS**

Representative Ferguson said he emailed everyone about this and said it was straightforward. He said it would lower the threshold for a referendum. He said he read about the university passing a sexual assault referendum and he said it could help students amplify their voice. He said it was a big deal when giving students the ability to speak. He said it was a modest change and could help build a tradition of student involvement.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called.

Representative Rojas objected.

Speaker Pro Tempore withdrew his motion.
Representative Rojas was curious about how other members felt. He said there was no requirement for initiatives for referendums in his old school. He said they could have people introducing initiatives for everything.

Representative Ferguson said it could get out of hand and that they need some barrier to use this tool. He said this would be a little easier.

Chair Woodward said his only concern was to have some frivolous things thrown up to the student body but said that Representative Ferguson eased his thoughts. He said it wasn’t that big of a difference.

Chair Crayton said that referendums could be a powerful tool for student concerns. He said lowering this a little bit made Congress a more accessible body. He said it was a great change.

Representative Guzek said he’s seen issues placed on the referendum and having this easier accessibility is important and allows a reasonable level to get it out to students. He moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called and the resolution was passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

**SCR-94-163 A RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A STUDENT BODY REFERENDUM ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE STUDENT BODY CONSTITUTION**

Chair Crayton said that the Rules and Judiciary committee has been working on the constitution. He said they established a subcommittee to go through and clean it up. He said they made it an easier and accessible document. He said they reformatted it. He said they got some feedback and worked with the Executive Branch. He said they were all on board with this and it would an easy clerical fix.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said it has been over and over again. He said there was consensus. He moved to the previous question.

Seconded.

Consent was called and the resolution was passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

Chair Best motioned to move all remaining group requests onto the consent calendar if their representative was not here.

Chair Woodward asked if they were notified about the changes.

Chair Best said they were all notified. She said that Treasurer Ghosh also sent out emails.

Chair Woodward said as long as they were notified.
Vice Chair Hardeman said they were informed about the repeals.

Consent was called and the rest of the finance bills were moved to the consent calendar.

**SCB-94-164 A BILL TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE STUDENT FEE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Vice Chair McClelland said it would make one change to the appointments. He said it would balance the checks and powers. He said legislative would overrepresent by 1 member.

Chair Best yielded to Treasurer Ghosh.

Treasurer Ghosh said as the committee stands, it’s 4, 4, and 4 for the legislative, executive, and graduate appointments. She said this bill would change it to 4 GPSF, 5 legislative, and 2 executive.

Representative Root said he sits on SFAC and that members were not asked about this bill. He said he was surprised by it.

Vice McClelland withdrew the bill and said he would talk to Treasurer Ghosh.

**Consent Calendar**

**Resolutions**

**SCR-94-157 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN ALTERNATE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENTS**

**Bills**

**SCB-94-167 A BILL TO ADD THE STUDENT GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS TO BE APPROVED BY STUDENT CONGRESS**

**SCB-94-166 A BILL TO ENCOURAGE ACCESSIBILITY IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

**SCB-94-169 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO ACADEMY OF MANAGED CARE PHARMACY AMCP**

**SCB-94-170 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO CAROLINA BOXING CLUB**

**SCB-94-171 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO CAROLINA EATS**

**SCB-94-172 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO GROUP CAROLINA ECONOMICS CLUB**
SCB-94-174 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO CAROLINA REVIEW

SCB-94-186 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO CAROLINA STUDENTS FOR LIFE

SCB-94-175 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO CAROLINA UNDERGRADUATE BIOETHICS SCHOLARS

SCB-94-177 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO EVERY NATION CAMPUS MINISTRIES

SCB-94-178 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO HOMELESS OUTREACH POVERTY ERADICATION-TALKING SIDEWALKS

SCB-94-179 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO J STREET UNC

SCB-94-180 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO NORTH CAROLINA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND COMMERCIAL REGULATION

SCB-94-182 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO STUDENT FOR JUSTICE IN PALESTINE

SCB-94-183 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO GROUP TRIANGLE DANCE FESTIVAL FOR AIDS

SCB-94-184 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO UNC RELAY FOR LIFE

Chair Woodward presided.

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady moved to pass the consent calendar.

Seconded.
Consent was called.

There were three abstentions from Vice Chair McClelland, Representative Griffin for SCB-94-169, and Representative Winters.

**Notices and Announcements**

Speaker Pro Tempore Brady said that RHA gave them $250 for the forum on Monday.

Speaker Comparato said the public forum was mandatory for all members by the student code.

Representative Root said everyone should come to Carolina Royale on February 8th.

Chair Woodward requested a Facebook event for the public forum

Speaker Pro tempore Brady said it was on the way.

**Adjournment**

There was a motion to adjourn.

Seconded.

After a roll call vote, the meeting unanimously adjourned at 10:24 PM.