The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Student Congress – 95th Congress
Minutes of Finance Committee
August 27th, 2013
Gardner 309
Minutes by Meghan McFarland, Alternate Clerk

I. Call to Order
Vice Chair Root called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. Attendance
The following members were present: Vice-Chair Root, Representatives Stephen Deal, Ivy Hardy, Prerak Patel, Max Williams, Conor Winters

The following members were absent: Representatives John Caison, Michael Smalenberger, Harrison Touby

The following members arrived late: Chair Best

III. Student Group Funding Requests
a. Hispanic Latino Law Student Association
The president explained the funding request, asking for funding to go take four students to a conference in Denver, where students would be interviewed for permanent positions. They would also elect a new leadership board for the law school division one student is running for a national position. They wanted funding for lodging and travel.

Representative Winters moved to cut $345.12 from capital expenditures because Congress can't buy t-shirts. Speaker Brady seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.

Representative Winters cut $51 from office supplies. Speaker Brady seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.

Speaker Brady moved to report favorably. Seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.

b. UNC Walk-Ons A Capella
No representation

c. UNC College Republicans
The treasurer of the college republicans explained that one of the main goals of the organization is to provide an open forum for current political topics – they want to host events featuring experts and controversial figures on political topics. Their first speaker would be Ann McElhinney, the co-producer of Fracknation. She would cost $5000 plus $90 for lodging. The second speaker would be Katie Pavlich, a journalist
for Fox News who reports on gun control. She would cost $3000 as well as $90 for lodging. The college republicans wanted to further the ongoing campus dialogue on these two issues.

Representative Winters suggested fully funding only one speaker, because $8000 is a lot of money. He asked if they had a preference.

Representative McClelland was hoping to bring two speakers, but given the choice he’d choose Ann McElhinney because she’d be more engaging for questions and answer sessions. He explained that they would prefer both speakers however, since they’d be great at engaging with students and both issues are prevalent on campus.

The treasurer pointed out the success of the John Stossell Howard Dean debate the previous year – the Great Hall was completely filled, and she believed these two speakers would bring in the same crowd.

Speaker Pro Tempore Guzek asked if there was any room for negotiation with Ann about her $5000 fee, which is relatively expensive. He also asked if enough students had heard of her before to justify the steep price.

The treasurer said that she would gain a ton of interest even if students don’t know her name, but no, there would be no room for negotiating her price.

Vice-Chair Root asked where the event would be held. Representative McClelland said that they’d be in really big lecture halls, because people would be attracted to the topic even if not the individual speakers.

Vice-Chair Root asked if they did any fundraising for events like these. The treasurer said fundraising might be an option. Representative McClelland said the club had a fundraiser the previous year, but didn’t bring in much money. They do collect dues, but nothing on this scale. They wouldn’t have the resources to bring in two speakers of this caliber.

Representative Winters moved to cut the cost associated with Ann McElhinney, because $3000 for a speaker is more typical of what Congress could fund a student group. Representative Hardy seconded. Speaker Pro Tempore Guzek consented. The motion passed.

Representative Winters moved to report favorably. Representative Williams seconded. Speaker Pro Tempore Guzek consented. No objections – the motion passed.

d. Tar Heel Archaeological Society
The treasurer explained that they are a relatively new club aiming to connect archeology with the public in terms of going out in the community and creating awareness for what archeology does as well as connecting with research and panels
about grad school. They want to fundraise for t-shirts, which would be paid back, and they want money to publicize on campus.

Representative Williams moved to cut printing and publicity to $27. Seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.

Vice-Chair Root recommended to cut office supplies to zero because they can stock their own office. So moved by Representative Hardy. Representative Winters seconded. Representative Williams called consent. No objections – the motion passed.

The treasurer said they wanted to hold a trivia night open to everybody to educate students about archeology, and they wanted to give out a prize to the winners.

Representative Winters asked the committee and came to the conclusion that prizes are personal gain, so they wouldn't be able to fund them. He moved to cut that section to $0. Seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.

Representation Williams moved to cut travel to $51.24 for the 14-cent multiplier for two cars. Seconded. Representative Winters consented. No objections – the motion passed.

Speaker Brady moved to report favorably. Speaker Pro Tempore Guzek seconded. Representative Winters called consent. The motion passed.

e. UNControllables
Treasurer Hoopes explained that the UNControllables are a new anarchist group at UNC trying to host events about current topics such as the rebellions in Barzil and Turkey. The first would be an author and experienced activist known for his work in Katrina. The second would be a survivor of the worst industrial gas disaster in history. The final one is a Turkish American who was active in the uprising in May, and is both a professor and grad student at UC-Berkley.

Representative Williams moved to cut printing and publicity to $27 per event. Speaker Brady seconded. Representative Williams called consent. No objections – the motion passed.

Upon explanation that it'd be three events, Representative Winters moved to increase to $81. Seconded by Speaker Brady. Speaker Pro Tempore Guzek called consent. No objections – the motion passed.

Representative Winters moved to cut $110 from travel because he found a cheaper flight. Seconded by Representative Williams. Representative Patel called consent.

Representative Winters asked about the honorarium for one speaker that included a flight that already happened. Speaker Brady said that congress has funded that
before for several events. Representative Hardy suggested that they chose two speakers out of the three, because they just cut some other groups short.

Treasurer Hoopes said that he’d prefer the two speakers that they haven’t presented yet.

Representative Winters moved to cut all costs associated with the Turkish professor because they can’t fully fund everybody. He moved to cut $180 from lodging. Seconded by Representative Williams. Representative Patel called consent. He moved to cut $27 from printing and publicity. Speaker Pro Tempore Guzek seconded. Representative Williams called consent. He moved to cut $1500 from honorariums. Sseconded by Speaker Pro Tempore Guzek. Representative Patel called consent. He moved to cut $420 from travel. Seconded by Representative Williams. Representative Patel called consent. All these motions passed.

Vice-Chair Root recommended that Treasurer Hoopes choose two speakers, because they just cut a speaker from college republicans and it wouldn’t be unreasonable to limit the UNControllables to two from five.

Representative Winters moved to table the request until they discussed the other. Representative Williams seconded. Representative Patel called consent.

Hoopes presented the second funding request, explaining that the first speaker was less important to the group than the second.

Representative Hardy moved to cut the funds related to this speaker. Seconded by Representative Winters. Representative Williams called consent. The motion passed.

Treasurer Hoopes explained that the second event is two academic activists from Brazil who were present during the June uprising.

Representative Hardy made a motion to pass favorably. Seconded by Representative Patel. No consent called – the motion was up for debate.

Representative Winters said that the UNControllables have requested funding for three speakers now, if they get funding for this speaker they’ll probably lose the funding for the other two. The treasurer said that would be acceptable. Representative Winters moved to vote on Representative Hardy’s motion. The motion passed.

Representative Winters moved to zero out the first account. Representative Williams seconded. Representative Deal called consent. No objections – the motion passed.

\textit{f. Carolina Economics Club}
The Carolina Economics Club explained that they have a few adjustments to their request. They cut travel down to $320 because of a cheaper flight, but lodging went up to $180 because it'll be two nights. Overall, they were able to negotiate the speaker down from $12,500 to $2,000. They’re also getting $500 from other sources.

Speaker Pro Tempore moved to report favorably. Speaker Brady seconded. Representative Winters objected – he wanted to find a cheaper flight. Speaker Pro Tempore Guzek withdrew his motion.

The co-president explained, at the request of Representative Root, that the event would be held in Chapman or Hanes hall, which would cost $110 for security fees.

Representative Root asked if they had done any fundraising with 295 members. The co-president said that they partner with other organizations, but they don’t actually have a full general body.

Representative Winters moved to cut travel to $300 because he found a cheaper flight. Seconded by Representative Williams. Representative Patel called consent. The motion passed.

Speaker Pro Tempore Guzek moved to report favorably. Speaker Brady seconded. Representative Williams called consent. No objections – the motion passed.

Chair Best arrived and took the floor.

g. First Amendment Law Review
The treasurer edited the funding request a little bit. The co-editor of the review explained that they are holding the annual First Amendment Law Review Symposium, this year recognizing the 50th anniversary of NYT v. Sullivan. They’ll be partnering with the J-school in order to get a larger audience and expand away from just law students. They’ll have a speaker from the University of Chicago, and would need funding for travel. No honorarium necessary. The event will be free to all students who can show a valid student ID. In terms of the journal, it’s the only law journal dedicated strictly to the first amendment. It provides a great opportunity for academics to get published. They’ll have an issue in the call and early July. They already have several hundred dollars from the America Constitution Society and the Center on Media Law Policy. They also reached out to the federal society but they didn’t answer.

Representative Root clarified that the symposium would take place on University Day, but the treasurer said that they’d be done by the time University Day began.

Representative Hardy asked about dues, but they explained that they don’t charge dues. Writers do get a writing credit or a class credit if they’re invited to join, however.
Representative Root noted that they’d be charging to non-UNC students to attend the event, and they clarified that most of the money would go to the North Carolina Bar Association as part of the CLE requirement.

Representative Root asked if they charge any admissions fee for non-UNC students otherwise. The treasurer explained that they’ll be providing lunch, so non-students would be charged $10 for that. They also explained that the request doesn’t reflect the cost of lunch.

Representative Root moved to strike $500 from travel, because they could make that up in admissions fees or charge them another $10 for food. Representative Williams seconded. Chair Best advised against this motion because it isn’t unprecedented to fund the event if they’re independently paying for food.

The treasurer explained that they don’t expect a large nonacademic population to be attending, and it’d be highly unlikely they could make up $500 in admission fees.

Representative Hardy objected. She said she’d rather strike to $220 instead, because that’d be more realistic for them to come up with instead of striking the whole $500. Representative Root accepted the amendment as friendly.

Representative Root moved to vote on the motion. Representative Williams seconded. Representative Patel consented. The motion passed.

Chair Best objected to the amendment.

Representative Root moved to report favorably. Representative Williams seconded. Representative Hardy consented. The motion passed.

h. UNC Global Medical Brigades in Ghana
No representation

i. FLO Food
The treasurer explained that most of the request was retroactive because they were one of the last groups for subsequent appropriations. They're requesting funding for a conference that five members attended. They also had an event called Meet Meat that didn’t happen because they didn’t have funding, but they’d already purchased two films to screen, which they’ll be using this semester. They requested $295 for those film rights. They also wanted reimbursement for what they stocked their office with. They also asked for $300 honorarium for a speaker for the semester.

Representative Root moved to strike office supplies down to zero. Representative Hardy seconded. SBT Farley called consent. The motion passed.
Representative Root asked about the films they bought and never used, and the treasurer explained that they'll be using them during food week in October.

Representative Root asked if they were asked to give an honorarium for the speaker. The treasurer said no, so Representative Root moved to cut that to $150 -- $50 per speaker. Representative Williams seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.

Representative Root moved to pass the motion without prejudice, because it was mostly reimbursement. Representative Williams seconded. Representative Patel called consent.

j. Inversions Modern Dance Company
The president presented the funding request. They wanted printing and publicity for their auditions and workshops as well as the fall performance. They also wanted costumes props and production for the fall performance in the Stone Center. They also requested funding for a contact improve workshop leader from Durham who would do two workshops. She explained to Representative Root that all performances are free, so any enrichment to their choreography is open to the student body.

Representative Root moved to report favorably. Seconded by Representative Williams. Representative Patel called consent. The motion passed.

k. IMPACT Improving Meals and Physical Activity in Children and Teens
The treasurer explained that they work in five fourth grade classrooms providing lessons to students about how to be healthy. They also would like to do a seminar series with health professionals about how to educate patients and the population in general. The funding would be to expand their program to a second school in Durham. Materials are shared between classrooms to save money.

Representative Root expressed his concern that the only UNC people impacted by the congressional funding would be the 31 group members. He moved to strike office supplies to zero. Representative Williams Seconded. SBT Farley objected – these office supplies weren't anything they could get from the student government suite, they’re supplies for the lessons.

Representative Root moved to vote on the motions. Representative Williams seconded. Representative Deal called consent. No objections – the motion passed.

Representative Root moved to strike $380 from printing and publicity, leaving them with $10 to work with. Representative Williams seconded. Representative Deal called consent. No objections – the motion passed.

Representative Root moved to report favorably. Representative Williams seconded. Representative Deal called consent. No objections – the motion passed.
I. Persian Cultural Society
The treasurer presented their request, explaining that they want funding for two events and costumes for the dance team. The first event is a film screening and Q&A with the filmmaker. The second event is 1001 nights, which they collaborate on with a few other cultural societies. They also want to do a dance performance, for which they’d need costumes at $45 per person for two sets.

Representative Root asked if they don’t get the money for the speaker fees if they’d still be able to have the speaker. The treasurer said that they probably wouldn’t.

Representative Williams asked what the breakdown was for the $600 of labor. The treasurer explained that last year the Union charged $350 for lighting and set up of 1001 nights, and the film screening would require $250.

Representative Root moved to strike the $50 for the cultural prize giveaway. Representative Williams seconded. Representative Deal called consent. No objections – the motion passed.

Representative Hard moved to strike lodging to zero, because if all 80 members paid a dollar that would cover lodging entirely. Representative Deal seconded. Representative Patel called consent. The motion passed.

SBT Farley moved to strike printing and publicity to $54, because they can only provide $27 per event. Representative Patel seconded. Representative Williams called consent. The motion passed.

Representative Root moved to report favorably. Seconded by Representative Williams. SBT Farley called consent. This motion passed.

m. Honduran Health Alliance
The treasurer for this organization explained that 17 students go to Honduras for three weeks to do cervical cancer screening and family planning. The whole trip costs $23,000, and they can’t fund it without the help of Congress. They get grants and other outside funds as well as hold fundraisers, but money is tight. They live cheaply – about $5 per student per night and only $100 per student for general travel expenses in the country.

Representative Root asked if anybody paid money individually. The treasurer explained that each student pays $500 and they work to fundraise as well as apply for grants.

Representative Root moved to report favorably. Representative Williams seconded. Representative Deal called consent. No objections – the motion passed.

n. Triangle African American History Colloquium (TAAHC)
The treasurer explained that the colloquium is dedicated to promoting the study and research of African American history, mainly among graduate students in the history department. The signature event is the annual history conference, focusing on the place of education in history and culture. They averaged $3500 in fundraising, and they anticipate at least $2000 more.

Representative Williams moved to cut printing and publicity to $27. Seconded. SBT Farley pointed out that they can have $27 for publicity, but most of the funding is set to go towards the event, so it only needed to be lowered by $3. Representative Williams amends his motion to reflect this. SBT Farley seconded. Vice-Chair Root objected.

Vice-Chair Root said that after hearing the breakdown, he didn't think it would be essential to fund the printing for the event. He offered an amendment to cut to $27. Representative Williams accepted it as friendly.

Vice-Chair Root moved to vote on the motion. Seconded by Representative Winters. SBT Farley objected – he thought programs were vital to the conference. He offered a friendly amendment of black and white programs, but TAAHC wanted to maintain the professionalism of color.

SBT Farley proposed an amendment to just reduce the amount by $3. Representative Williams considered it friendly. SBT Farley moved to vote on the motion. Representatives Williams, Winters, Deal and Root opposed.

Vice-Chair Root moved to strike printing and publicity to $27. Representative Williams seconded. Representative Winters called consent.

Vice-Chair Root moved to strike postage to zero because it doesn’t benefit any UNC student. Representative Winters seconded. Representative Williams called consent.

Vice-Chair Root moved to strike office supplies to zero because he didn’t think nametags were an appropriate use of the funds. Chair Best seconded. Representative Williams objected – he felt that nametags were as crucial as the programs.

Chair Best felt that nametags carried a personal gain conflict, because they couldn’t be reused, and they could use the $30 somewhere else in their request. SBT Farley disagreed, saying that they’d be necessary for a discussion or collaboration section.

Vice-Chair Root moved to vote on the motion. Representative Winters seconded. Representative Williams called consent.

The overall motion passed – Representatives Winters, Williams, and Hardy opposed.
In striking printing and publicity to zero, Representative Hardy opposed. The motion passed.

Representative Williams moved to pass favorably. Seconded by Representative Winters. Representative Deal called consent. The motion passed.

**o. UNC Hillel**
The treasurer of UNC Hillel explained that their request would be for an interfaith event in collaboration with several different faith groups on campus. It would be an interfaith comedy act with a rabbi, reverend, and Muslim comedian. They'd be pairing with UNC Muslim Student Association, Relic, UCM, J-Street, and Friends in Faith as well as several other groups who've agreed to co-sponsorship once funding is secured – PCM, the Jewish studies department, the religious and Middle Eastern studies departments. They cost the flat rate cost of $9000 for the act reduced to $6000.

Representative Hardy voiced her concern about not having a specific breakdown for how the $6000 would be spent. The treasurer explained that this would be an all-inclusive package for the act – travel, lodging, honorarium, etc. Representative Hardy asked if they ask for dues, but Hillel explained they didn’t because they wanted to keep an open environment.

Chair Best pointed out that they’d essentially be giving the money to multiple groups, not just UNC Hillel.

Vice-Chair asked if they’d charge admission for students or non-students. They explained that no admission would be charged for students, and they don’t know how many non-students would be attended but they’ve considered charging non-students a small admission fee for tickets.

Vice-Chair Root asked if they had funding outside of congress. The treasurer explained that they have some money from national Hillel, and other fundraising money.

Vice-Chair Root said that because this would attract so many groups, he thought fundraising would be a viable option. He moved to strike programming to $4000 to represent the ability of fundraising. Representative Hardy seconded. Representative Williams called consent.

Vice-Chair Root moved to report favorably. Representative Williams seconded. Representative Winters called consent. The motion passed.

**p. CrossFit UNC**
The treasurer presented the request, asking for two level one certifications, without which the club would dissolve. They chose two sophomores so that way the certifications would be valid for the next few years. They’d pay for their own lodging
and travel to the conference; they would only need a $1000 flat rate for the certification. The rest of the request would be for equipment, so the program could move on from just conditions and include weight training. Those would be around $1000.

Vice-Chair Root asked how the programming was affected last year when the request for dumbbells was denied. The treasurer said that many people have continually been asking for weights and better ways to exercise.

Vice-Chair Root said that if they’re going to be continually asking for $2000 every couple years, a long-term strategy needed to be developed. The treasurer said that for the moment they’ve used all their resources.

The treasurer also explained that they were unable to work with campus recreation or other organizations to get dumbbells, because they didn’t have the support of campus recreation.

Speaker Brady warned against the continual pattern of CrossFit saying they wouldn’t continue to exist if they didn’t get funding for certification, and yet the very next year they’re back requesting money even though they didn’t get it the year before.

Chair Best said that if they have as many people attending their sessions as they do, $1000 for an instructor isn’t that much and there’s a definite tangible effect.

Speaker Brady said that this towed the line in terms of personal gain, because they’re funding certification for one person that could be used past their Carolina experience.

Representative Winters agreed that they could use the certification more than the dumbbells. He moved to cut equipment to zero. Speaker Brady seconded. Vice-Chair Root called consent. The motion passed.

Representative Winters moved to report favorably. Representative Williams seconded. Vice-Chair Root objected. Representative Winters withdrew.

Vice-Chair Root suggested that the group consider dues to pay for certification, because it’s personal gain and congress shouldn’t be funding that. He explained that leadership conferences were different, because leadership experience isn’t a tangible thing like a physical certification.

Representative Winters voiced his opinion that so many other people on campus are affected as well, and leadership can also go on a resume. He moved to report favorably. Representative Williams Seconded. Representative Deal called consent. Vice-Chair Root disagreed. Representative Winters didn’t withdraw. The motion passed. Vice-Chair Root and Representative Hardy objected.
q. Carolina Recreational Tennis
The treasurer of the organization explained that this would be their first full semesters as a club. They were asking for funding for equipment – rackets, ball hoppers, and tennis balls.

Representative Winters double-checked that these would be kept year to year. They would.

Representative Winters moved to report favorably. Representative Williams seconded. Speaker Brady called consent.

r. Tau Sigma National Honor Society UNC Chapter
The president explained that their funding request is for $415 for a conference in Chicago for transfer students in October. The $50 registration fee includes three meals in Chicago and one t-shirt as well as two nights in Chicago. $365 is for flight and shuttle from the airport to the hotel.

Representative Winters moved to report favorably. Vice-Chair Root objected. Representative Winters withdrew his motion.

Vice-Chair explained they can't fund food, and they don't know what percentage of the money would be going towards food. Representative Winters said there would be no true way to separate it out; they can fund this with 2/3 of congress. He moved to report favorably. Speaker Brady seconded. Vice-Chair Root objected, Representative Winters withdrew his motion.

Vice-Chair Root still wanted to know what part of the $50 would be going towards food and a shirt. The president explained that the $50 covered the food, shirt, registration, and lodging.

Vice-Chair Root moved to report favorably. Speaker Brady seconded. Representative Williams consented.

s. Student Global Health Committee
No representation.

t. Siren Womyn Empowerment Magazine
The co-editor of the magazine explained that the publication promotes women’s perspectives around relevant issues on campus. They’ve reached out to many different academic departments on campus as well as the campus Y. The funding request included printing for 350 free magazines to campus at a cost of $11.70 each, for a total of $4970. They’d distribute on stands at buildings around campus. They also requested funding for magazine racks.

Representative Winters asked if the magazine racks were necessary, because he’d never heard of another group asking for those. Siryn explained that they asked
around and if you want to put up your magazine you have to provide the stand to do so.

Vice-Chair Root verified that the request number was within the multiplier. He said that they can fund this issue in full, but they’d only have $1,988. The treasurer explained that that’s acceptable, because the academic departments have offered to help fund once they’re up and running again.

Speaker Brady moved to report favorably. Seconded by Representative Williams. Representative Deal called consent. Vice-Chair Root opposed. Speaker Brady didn’t withdraw his motion.

Vice-Chair Root and Representative Winters objected to voting. The motion passed.

Representative Winters objected and Vice-Chair Root abstained, but the motion to report favorably passed.

**IV. Adjournment**
Speaker Brady moved to adjourn. Representative Deal seconded. Representative Hardy called consent. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.