I. Call to Order
Chair Burney called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

II. Roll Call
Members present: Andrew Barksdale, Speaker Connor Brady, Chair Jocelyn Burney, Kizzmekia Corbett, Zach Ferguson, Anthony Ferrara, Charlie Greene, John O’Connor, Steven Walter

Members that arrived late: Kim Niver, Vice-Chair Walker Swain

Members not present: Dushyanth Biyyala, Speaker Pro-Tempore John Guzek, Student Body President Christy Lambden

Chair Burney announced that a quorum was present.

III. External Appointment Reports
A. Student Safety and Security Committee Report
Will Robertson – a representative from the SSSC - announced that the committee had ruled to fund safety services on the night of the football game against the University of Miami. Robertson added that the committee planned to renew Safetober – a festival celebrating safety around campus – for a second year due to its success last year. Finally, he announced that tomorrow (10/23/13), the committee would be meeting to discuss the Survivor’s Assistance Fund to make sure the student body was aware that it’s a resources could be utilized. He hopes to extend the opportunities presented by the Survivor's Assistance Fund to as many eligible students as possible.

Chair Burney praised Robertson for his efforts in supporting the growth and expansion of the Survivor’s Assistance Fund and asked if the automatic percentage of money that automatically filters into the fund was too high in his opinion.

Robertson answered that he believed that the fund should be publicized first so that it is made available to the public first before being considered for a reduction from 25% to 20% automatic direct funding. He encouraged Student Congress to make suggestions about how the money will be best utilized and distributed.
B. RSPC Report
A representative from the RSPC announced that they were received a “significant amount of solar panels” and that they were currently deciding on where the solar panels should be installed.

Chair Burney asked the representative how the panels were attained.

The representative answered that the solar panels were donated from a company and that RSPC only had to pay for the installation of the panels.

Chair Burney asked a follow-up question about where the committee was considering installing the panels.

The RSPC representative responded that the committee had not yet decided on an exact location for the panels.

IV. Fees
Chair Burney described how the fee process took place and that Oversight and Advocacy Committee was hoping to work with SFAC on auditing specific fees in the near future. Chair Burney opened the floor to any questions about the specific fees, especially if the committee members were unfamiliar with the fees.

In summarization of the various fees hoping to be audited by the Oversight and Advocacy committee in the near future, Chair Burney announced that the Athletic fee paid for the operation of Olympic, non-profit producing sports. She added that the Transit fee mainly paid for the RU and U buses of the Chapel Hill Transit System, which were almost entirely utilized by UNC students. Finally, she announced that the E&T fee paid for the student processing systems such as Blackboard and various other programs.

A. Union Fee
Representative Ferrara asked which aspects of the Student Unions’ operations the Union Fee covered.

Speaker Brady answered that it paid for utilities, furniture, wages that were paid to Union employees, and essentially all fees needed to keep the Union running.

Representative O’Connor asked how large of the Union budget paid for food services in the Union.

Speaker Brady answered that the Union only paid for the spaces occupied by Alpine and Wendys.
B. E&T Fee
Representative O’Connor asked why UNC Secure operated so horribly when students were still paying a fee for E&T. He elaborated that if students were paying the fee for WiFi that the university should adequately provide a fully-functional wireless network system.

Representative Greene reiterated similar concerns to those of Representative O’Connor.

Representative Walter exclaimed that he currently worked for ITS and explained that UNC Secure was utilized as the uniform internet system throughout campus so that property security could be enforced and so that only students with a UNC Onyen could use the WiFi.

Representative O’Connor clarified that he supported the mission of creating a uniform WiFi network but that UNC Secure was not adequately fulfilling that necessity.

Representative Greene asked if Career Services was supported through the E&T fee.

Chair Burney affirmed that Career Services was funded by the E&T and added that the SFAC had considered splitting the fee into two parts because it was so broad.

C. Transit Fee
Representative Ferguson proclaimed his awareness for the lack of bicycle safety on campus and how despite the fact that 15% of students bike to campus, none of the Transit fee funding went towards bicycling.

Chair Burney asked if the SSSC could pay for bike racks on campus.

Speaker Brady answered that it was the duty of the SSSC to pay for bike racks around campus. Additionally, the Speaker proclaimed his concern for the Transit fee since the recipients of the funding demanded an increase in the fee, but without an increase in the availability of services.

Chair Burney announced that SFAC had planned on auditing the Transit fee in the near future to address this concern.

Representative O’Connor suggested that the SFAC should call public transit on their bluff since he didn’t believe they would remove the U and the NU for a substantial span of time as they had previously threatened to do should the university not increase the Transit fee.
Representative Niver exclaimed that she was concerned about how long Chapel Hill Transit would be willing to cut the U and NU if the university refused to raise the fee.

Representative Corbett announced that when Chapel Hill Transit had previously attempted to raise the fee, Triangle Transit continued to increase the availability of their services. She added that she believed that Chapel Hill Transit was charging an unjustifiable amount for decreased services.

Representative O’Connor clarified that the focus of the question was why Chapel Hill Transit was asking for a new raise in prices when they were decreasing the availability of their services to students.

Representative Corbett also announced that she wanted to audit the Transit Fee concerning the new night parking fee that they had proposed. She also added that she wanted to find out why Public Transit was had previously raised such a large concern about filling the parking decks and requiring additional funding.

Chair Burney added that if night parking was to be enforced by Public Transit then late night cops would have to be paid additional wages that would result in an additional fee increase.

Representative Corbett asked where the money for parking tickets went.

Speaker Brady answered that the ticket money was utilized primarily to fund the local Chapel Hill school system.

Vice-Chair Swain exclaimed that the enforcement of proper parking ticket payment could not be relayed to the university cashier and that students weren’t even being held accountable for the tickets that they already receive. Vice Chair Swain suggested that Student Congress should encourage Public Transit to ensure that parking ticket fees were properly gathered in order to help offset the demand of the Transit Fee.

Representative Barksdale asked for clarification on the scenario mentioned earlier that implied that if he got a parking ticket, then part of it went to the local school system.

Speaker Brady clarified to Representative Barksdale that it was a state-wide statute that the money for parking tickets went to local school systems.

Representative Barksdale asked a follow-up question about whether the payment of parking tickets was actually a binding penalty.

Chair Burney and Vice-Chair Swain responded that as long as the parking tickets were given on campus, then DPS couldn’t access your academic records or contact
the University registrar in order to make sure that the student actually paid the parking ticket.

Representative Walter mentioned that he didn’t mind that the parking ticket money went to the local school system. However, he admitted that the system seemed broken since students weren’t truly bound to pay their parking tickets because the penalty was not being adequately enforced.

**D. Athletics Fee**
Chair Burney exclaimed that she wanted the Athletics fee to provide a breakdown of each individual sport’s current income.

Vice-Chair Swain proclaimed his desire to ask the operators of the Athletic fee if they ended the previous year with a surplus of 2-3 million dollars.

Speaker Brady affirmed that Vice-Chair Swain’s inquiry was correct.

Chair Burney reiterated that she desired a large Athletic fee breakdown with emphasis on the incomes incurred through the Coke, Nike, and ACC contracts.

Representative Greene added that the UNC football program was paid special funds each year through the BCS organization, and that the football program on its own wasn’t self-sustainable.

Vice-Chair Swain announced that the UNC-Nike contract was the 2nd largest Nike contract in the nation, but that the Athletic programs handling of the funds was dodgy.

Chair Burney asked how the funds from the Nike contract were divided among the different sports.

Representative Greene clarified that the Nike contract provided UNC with 30 million dollars over 10 years and that it was divided up between the sports based on different criteria. He also added that the contract didn’t include provisions such as additional equipment, which are also supplied to the collegiate teams.

Representative Corbett asked how the audit process actually worked and if the different fees were required to submit a breakdown of their budgets.

Chair Burney answered that the fees were supposed to provide a budget, while being audited since it was public information.

Representative Corbett asked if SFAC had a website.
Speaker Brady announced that he was currently working on creating a website for SFAC in order to better publicize their efforts and findings concerning the various different fees maintained at UNC.

V. Announcements
Speaker Brady announced that the meeting for the Special Election meeting would be held this Thursday, October 24th, at 8:30 p.m. and that there were multiple seats open in the following Congressional districts: South Campus East, on-campus apartments, off-campus housing, and various graduate programs.

Chair Burney announced that the fee for the Sonja Stone Scholarship Fund was previously addressed at an SFAC meeting since both graduate and undergraduate students were paying the fee when only undergraduates were actually eligible for the award. Chair Burney

VI. Adjournment
Chair Burney adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.