I. Call to Order
Chair Burney called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

II. Roll Call
Members present: Andrew Barksdale, Dushyanth Biyyala, Kizzmekia Corbett, Zach Ferguson, Anthony Ferrara, Stephanie Mellini, Kim Niver, Chair Jocelyn Burney

Members not present: Charlie Greene, John O'Connor, Steven Walter, Vice-Chair Walter Swain, Speaker Pro-Tempore John Guzek, Speaker Connor Brady, Student Body President Christy Lamden

Chair Burney announced that a quorum was present.

III. New Business
A. SCR-95-144 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT TO THE STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE.
Jason introduced himself as a Freshman and that he was initially asked by a friend if he wanted to be on the Student Safety and Security Committee since he was looking for ways to get involved in student government on campus. Jason then accepted the offer to join the SSSC.

Representative Ferrara asked Jason if he had any previous experience relevant to safety. Jason responded that he didn’t have any experience in the topic.

Representative Ferrara then issued a follow-up question by asking Jason if he had any pertinent leadership experience at all. Jason answered that he didn’t have any immediate leadership experience.

Representative Ferguson thanked Jason for being interested in the position because he believed that the committee already wasn’t promoted enough around campus and that there has always been a deficit of student involvement in the SSSC. Therefore, he moved to report favorably. Seconded. Representatives Niver and Corbett abstained from the vote. In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it. The motion passed.
Representative Ferrara asked if this resolution could be placed on the General Orders Calendar for the subsequent Full Congress meeting.

Chair Burney was unsure about this measure.

Representative Ferrara announced that he was going to e-mail Christy to inform the appointee to show greater interest in his committee when brought before the Full Congress meeting.

IV. Tyler Jacon (Safety & Security): Alert Carolina report
Representative Barksdale asked what the exact purpose of the SSSC was.

Jacon said that he was going to cover the committee’s primary purpose in the presentation. Jacon announced that since this was his first Alert Carolina report, that this would also be a learning experience for him too and that he hoped to give an updated presentation each month on the status of Alert Carolina.

Chair Burney announced that, under a recent amendment to the Student Code, it was required that the SSSC give monthly presentations about Alert Carolina.

Jacon introduced the three major points of using Alert Carolina to the committee and why the system was initially chartered in the first place. He then mentioned the four major different types of warnings issued through the Alert Carolina system including: emergency warning, timely warnings, informational warnings, and adverse weather notifications. Jacon then briefly introduced placeholder notifications to the committee and exclaimed that he had been asked several times in the previous year about what exactly a placeholder notification was and when it would be used.

Chair Burney asked what a placeholder notification was, therefore affirming that many students are unaware of their intended use.

Representative Corbett responded that it was similar to a situation that occurred in the previous year when there was a gunman was located in a specific location and that students were ordered to stay in specific safe positions on campus to attempt to avoid the threat.

Jacon proceeded with the presentation in summarizing the nine previous Alert Carolina messages since the program had been restructured:

1st Alert Carolina – a message was sent out due to an event that occurred last year.
2nd Alert Carolina - a timely warning was sent out concerning a sexual assault case that was quickly dealt with once DPS found the suspect.
3rd Alert Carolina – a timely warning was sent out that DPS quickly handled.
4th Alert Carolina – an informational message was sent out to announce that a local criminal had been released on bond.

Chair Burney announced that she appreciated alert Carolina making students aware

5th Alert Carolina – a message was sent out regarding a robbery that occurred near Pantana Bob’s.
6th Alert Carolina – a series of messages was sent out concerning the act of thievery that took place in Kenan dormitory.
7th Alert Carolina – a message was sent out regarding the peeping incident that occurred on campus.
8th Alert Carolina – a message was sent out regarding a strong armed robbery that occurred in the arboretum on Halloween night.
9th Alert Carolina – a message was sent out regarding the fire in the attic of Cobb dormitory.

Chair Burney asked Jacon if the timing of the incident affected whether an emergency was considered a timely warning or an informational message.

Jacon answered that Chief McCracken explained that there wasn’t a large difference between the two, with the primary difference being that an informational message isn’t reported right away. He also explained to Jacon that timely warnings are sent out right after the event occurs and that informational messages are sent within 24 hours following when the event occurred.

Representative Corbett asked Jacon what type of person should be appointed to the Safety and Security Committee.

Jacon answered that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the SSSC did most of the serious deliberation within the committee and that most new members mainly took part in informal discussions about the topics at hand. He also added that many of the committee members rarely attended the meetings.

Chair Burney asked if any of the committee members who commonly missed SSSC meetings were Congressional appointees.

Jacon answered that one or two of them were in fact, Congressional appointees.

Representative Barksdale asked how often the SSSC met.

Jacon answered that the committee typically met once or twice a week.

Chair Burney asked what exactly the committee used its funding for.
Jacon answered that the SSSC funds multiple projects including the Survivor’s Assistant fund and executive proposals as well as the security for the night Miami game. However, Jacon explained that the SSSC didn’t fund AIDS-resisting drugs through the Survivor’s Assistant fund and exclaimed that was hoping to improve the funding method within the next year.

Chair Burney asked how the requested funding for AIDS-resisting drugs would be calculated.

Jacon answered that an employee of campus health who worked in coordination with the SSSC calculated the required funds for the project.

**V. Discussion: Fees**

**A. E&T and Law School Exam Fees**

Representative Corbett announced that SFAC was waiting for the fee organizers to get back to them, but that they had heard from the E&T fee as well as the law school exam fee. She added that there were some discrepancies about the law school exam fee and that they would later be addressed by SFAC. Representative Corbett also exclaimed that the recipients of the E&T fee initially intended to be using software that cost $15,000 a year, but that they’ve actually been using a program that costs $6,000 a year.

Representative Corbett and Chair Burney agreed that E&T fee seemed to be using the funds that made up the difference between their announced demand and their actual, needed demand for personal gain since the purchasing of massage chairs and other pointless items only benefited about 50 students per session.

Representative Corbett declared her interest in having every fee submit paperwork at the beginning of the year describing exactly where all of the fee money went. She also added that the E&T fee was extremely complex and should be specifically addressed due to the broad topic areas that it dealt with.

Representatives Ferguson and Mellini exclaimed that the law students who take the exam on campus, only take advantage of the free food portion that is funded by the fee.

**B. Childcare Fee**

Representative Corbett exclaimed that she thought the funding for childcare should come from a different source since students already have to take out loans to pay for tuition and fees that deal with their own attendance to college. She also added that the NC government gives a large amount of subsidies for childcare and that there are other avenues for students to acquire childcare that don’t deal with utilizing other students’ contributions.
Chair Burney and Representative Corbett announced that it would be difficult to eliminate the fee entirely.

Representative Mellini asked where the facility was located that the childcare fee funds were being utilized.

Chair Burney announced that there was a childcare center near the Friday Center where funding from this fee could be spent.

Representative Corbett added that she didn't think it was fair for the whole student body to pay for a small group of students' childcare bills.

Chair Burney added that the fee only benefited around 20-25 children and that the childcare scholarships were very expensive. Chair Burney then concluded the discussion by announcing that the committee could stop for the night because SFAC had just recently started working on the fees that had been previously discussed at the Oversight & Advocacy meeting only two weeks ago.

VI. Announcements
Representative Niver announced that the committee members should come get a flu shot from the campus health clinic, since she would be helping administer vaccinations.

Representative Ferguson asked how much the clerks of Student Congress were paid.

Chair Burney responded that the clerks are paid a minimum hourly wage.

VII. Adjournment
Speaker Brady adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.