The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Student Congress- 95th Congress
Minutes of Full Congress
October 15, 2013
New West 310
Minutes by Nicole Maltrotti, Assistant Clerk

I. Call to Order
Speaker Brady called the meeting to order at 7:44pm.

The following members were present: Brittany Best, Jocelyn Burney, Zach Ferguson, John Guzek, Peter McClelland, Adam Norris, John O'Connor, Austin Root, Elise Rosa, Michael Smalenberger, Will Stelpflug, Walker Swain, Laura Tollini, Harrison Touby, Bennett Vass, Max Williams, Conor Winters, Speaker Connor Brady.

The following members were absent: Dushyanth Biyyala, Brittany Clark, Stephen Deal, Charlie Greene, Ivy Hardy, Andrew Lucas, Stephanie Mellini, Kim Niver, Prerak Patel, Veeral Saraiya, Steven Walter.

The following members arrived late: Andrew Barksdale, Kizzmerkia Corbett, Anthony Ferrara

II. Approval of the Minutes
Speaker Brady entertains motion to approve minutes. Motion made to approve the minutes. Seconded. Consent. No objections- the motion passed.

III. Reports of the Officers of Congress
a. Speaker’s Report: The Association of Student Government meeting was a failure. The meeting cost $3000 and nothing was accomplished. This was especially disappointing. Speaker Brady made references to his letter to the editor of the Daily Tar Heel with Student Body President Lambden. SFAC continues reviewing fees. The Union Board of Directors is meeting.

b. Pro Tem’s report: The Off Campus Student Safety meeting with Chief McCracken and the Chief of Carrboro Police was successful. They are interested in working with students on issues such as lighting. The Bike Plan is still being discussed. Another meeting was held with Shelby Hutspeth and Representative Burney. They talked about ways for Executive Branch and Congress to work together for advocacy. There are many of opportunities for collaboration, and they want to promote dialogue between two branches.

c. Finance Chair’s report: There is $8000 left for the semester. Chair will email groups to see if their requests will be able to be heard. Retroactive funding will be heard.
d. Rules and Judiciary Chair’s report: The concurrent resolution on the floor about Drop/Add issue is very important. Executive Branch is asking for help in the pit to get signatures for the Drop/Add petition.
e. OAC Chair’s report: There are three appointments this week and all are on the consent calendar.

DiPhi President welcomes members of Congress to the Chambers

IV. Receipts of Petitions and Messages:
a. Message from the Student Body President: President Lambden said that the Drop/Add petition has been going for a week now and has 7,500-8,000 signatures. The installation of Chancellor Folt was this weekend. Association of Student Governments is a mess and President Lambden is fed up with the organization. The Association did not suspend the rules to hear his bill during the October meeting. He is afraid we wasted a vast amount of money.

b. Message from Graduate and Professional Student Federation President: No record.

c. Message from the Student Body Treasurer: Treasurer Farley said they will be starting the auditing process, particularly on the transit fee.

d. Message from the Student Attorney General: 20 new councils have been added to the staff. They are looking into using one’s previous work again as a source of plagiarism. The Student-Instructor proposal is moving forward. A provision of the Student Court Code had to be removed based of legislation passed by the North Carolina Congress. This does not allow people who plea guilty to ask for an appeal. Representative Swain asked why members of the faculty needed to be involved in the decision on the panels reviewing academic dishonesty. Student Attorney General said that the faculty has interest and knowledge of what counts as academic dishonesty. Representative Swain asks why would one plead guilty but still need an appeal. Student Attorney General responds that it could be used in nontraditional cases. They do not want a loophole that could be used to bypass the board.

V Public Comment Period
Speaker Brady opened the floor to public comments – no one had signed up to address the Student Congress.

Speaker Brady motioned to reorder agenda. Seconded. Consented. No objections- motioned passed.

VII. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting
a. Tabled legislation
   i. SCR 95-87- A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SPEAKER’S APPOINTMENTS TO THE RENEWABLE ENERGY SPEACIAL PROJECT COMMITTEE
Sam Pranikoff introduced himself and tells of his experience with renewable energy.

Motioned to pass. Consented. Seconded. No objections- motioned passed.

ii. **SCR 95-085a**- A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE GPSF PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT TO THE STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

Speaker Brady moved the previous question. Seconded. Consented. No objections- resolution passed.

iii. **SCR-95-007**- A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT TO THE STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AWARDS.

Margret Brown is the teaching award appointment.

Moved to previous question. Seconded. Consented. No objections- resolution passed

**VIII. Special Orders**

Chair Best moves to hear student groups first. Seconded. Consent. No objections-the motion passed

**IX. General Orders Calendars**

a. **SCB-95-115** – A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO YOLE AFRICA.

Chair Best redraws the bill.

b. **SCB-95-119** – A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO NC-HCAP HEALTH CAREERS CLUB

Chair Best explains that it is retroactive and reimbursement to the club.

Moved to previous. Seconded. Consent. No objections- the motion passed.

**SCB-95-121** – A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO GLOBAL BRIGADES

Chair Best says its reported without prejudice and explain what the money is for. The Medical Brigade to Ghana to see 400 patients in four days. They were asking for $2,500 towards medication and $800 for the doctors. Chair Best said that Student Government couldn't pay for medication because they cannot fund items for personal gain. She also said that for the same amount given to the doctors could bring a speaker to campus. Chair Best said that the doctors should be volunteering not paid.
Representative Smalenberger disagreed with Chair Best. He believes that the students will learn from the Doctors by participating along side them.

Representative Smalenberger said that the students would then share their experiences with others. He believes that it is a different type of learning and it should be discussed.

Speaker Pro Tempore Guzek said that the students would bring back knowledge and skills. The benefit would be the knowledge reproducing itself.

Representative Winters asked what the your group’s mission is.

Medical Global Brigade wants to set up clinics and provide health care to people wouldn’t have health care.

Representative Winters asked if it is a volunteering thing or a professional thing.

MGB said most are pre-health or nursing majors but also anyone who wants to learn about medicine and human vitals.

Representative Winters asked if the doctors are local and funded by others.

MGB said yes.

Representative Winters concluded that they should found the 800 dollars without breaking student code.

Representative McClelland moved to limit debate for five minutes.

Speaker Brady said the debate would end at 8:27pm.

Chair Best said that paying for the independent doctors in Ghana to volunteer is not the best way to serve the students.


Representative Stelpflug said the group is paying almost all the stuff themselves and thinks the trip is in the best interest. In the future, he hopes to fund travel and more.

Moved to previous debate. Seconded. Consented. Corbett and Best against, but ayes win. The motion passed.

X. Introduction of Concurrent Resolutions
SCR-95-131 A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNC SYSTEM WIDE 10 DAY DROP/ADD POLICY
Representative Stelpflug said that in April the drop/add period was limited from eight weeks to ten days. The Board of Governors mandates this policy for the whole system. UNC had over 7,000 people oppose this. He said this resolution calls for the Board of Governors to realize that each UNC campus has different needs. Representative Stelpflug wants to send hard copies through mail to the Board and email to through the UNC systems.

Chair Best said add Jan Boxill to the list of receiving members. Also, that the last clause should be shortened.

Representative Stelpfulg said that he wanted to list all the groups in support of it.

Representative Touby said to take out The Daily Tar Hell.

Chair Burney said that she does not understand if every Chancellor in the UNC system should be involved.

Chair Stelpfulg said to spark activism and most schools have a policy longer than ten days.

Chair Burney motions to send to student governors of the schools longer than ten days to strike the bill. Seconded. Consent. Representative Winters objects.

Chair Burney withdraws.

Representative Touby said it is a great idea especially as presenting as a collective idea.

Representative Smalenberger moved to previous. Congress voted with roll call- the bill passed.

The following members voted for the resolution: Andrew Barksdale, Brittany Best, Jocelyn Burney, Kizzmekia Corbett, Zach Ferguson, Anthony Ferrara, John Guzek, Peter McClelland, Adam Norris, John O'Connor, Austin Root, Michael Smalenberger, Will Stelpflug, Walker Swain, Laura Tollini, Harrison Touby, Bennett Vass, Max Williams, Conor Winters, Connor Brady.

**XI Notices and Announcements**
Representative Norris said all should go the Thursday football game.

Speaker Brady said the deadline is the same for new agendas.

Chair Best said if any groups that need funding they should contact her.

**XII Adjournment**
Chair Best motioned to adjourn. Seconded

The following members voted to adjourn: Andrew Barksdale, Brittany Best, Jocelyn Burney, Kizzmekia Corbett, Zach Ferguson, Anthony Ferrara, John Guzek, Peter McClelland, Adam Norris, John O’Connor, Austin Root, Will Stelpflug, Walker Swain, Laura Tollini, Harrison Touby, Bennett Vass, Max Williams.

The following members voted against adjourning: Connor Brady

The following member sustained from voting: Conor Winters

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.