I. Call to Order
Speaker Brady called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Speaker Brady acquainted the representatives with the new location and thanked Will Robertson for allowing Student Congress to meet in the DiPhi Chamber. Will Robertson continued with the introduction of the chamber by stating some facts about DiPhi’s history and its purpose, as well as its dedication to preserving UNC history throughout the years as the very first student organization ever formed on campus.

II. Roll Call

Members not present: Dushyanth Biyyala, Kizzmekia Corbett, Stephanie Mellini, Prerak Patel, Steven Walter, Max Williams

Members that arrived late: Brittany Best, Bennett Vass

Speaker Brady announced that a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Minutes
Chair Burney moved to approve the minutes. Seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.

IV. Reports of the Officers of Congress
A. Speaker’s Report
Speaker Brady announced that ASG Conference would be held at UNC Chapel Hill this year and thanked Representative Ferguson for his work with the law school who strongly advocated for the ASG Conference to be held at UNC. Speaker Brady introduced Senator Will Robertson of the DiPhi society and thanked him again for hosting the student congress meeting. Will Robertson continued with the
introduction of the chamber by stating some facts about DiPhi’s history and its purpose, as well as its dedication to preserving UNC history throughout the years as the very first student organization ever formed on campus. Speaker Brady announced that DiPhi specially brought a projector and screen into the chamber in order to accommodate the needs of Student Congress meeting. He stood for queries. None.

B. Speaker Pro-Tempore’s Report
Speaker Pro-Tempore Guzek announced that there would be an Off-Campus Safety Discussion on Wednesday night and offered any interested representatives to email him if they were interested in attending the meeting and representing Student Congress. He mentioned that some of the major topics included: students still feeling victimized by the current system as well as the allowance of handguns on campus. He stood for queries. None

C. Rules and Judiciary Committee Chair’s Report
Chair Stelpflug announced that the Rules & Judiciary Committee had been busy approving Congressional staff as well as external appointments at their previous meeting. He stood for queries. None

D. Oversight and Advocacy Committee Chair’s Report
Chair Burney announced the committee primarily approved appointments at the previous meeting. She clarified that several of the appointments were for the Executive Branch. Chair Burney thanked all of the representatives who came out to the previous Board of Trustees meeting. She stood for queries. None

E. Finance Committee Chair’s Report
Chair Best announced that she and Speaker Brady delivered a presentation to the Board of Trustees about the financing process for Student Congress and that the Board was very appreciative of their efforts. She stood for queries. None

F. Ethics Committee Chair’s Report
Chair Clark announced that she was appreciative of all the Congressional Representatives for completing their ethnic requirement paperwork. She added that Speaker Pro-Tempore Guzek was the only representative left who hadn’t fulfilled his ethnic requirements. She stood for queries. None.

V. Receipts of Petitions and Messages
A. Message from the Student Body President
Student Body President Lambden announced that the biggest article on his agenda for the past couple of weeks had been planning for his meeting with the Board of Trustees. He exclaimed that the Sierra Student Coalitions’ efforts and presentation on coal divestment were applauded and duly recognized by the Board. SBP Lambden announced that the Executive Branch would be working closely with the SSC to decide what the next steps to take would be in order to address sustainability
on campus. He also announced that Greek life and gender-neutral housing had both been discussed by the Board. SBP Lambden applauded the Congressional representatives for their presentation on congressional funding at the Board of Trustees meeting after enduring a tough question and answer session. He also declared his interest in introducing a bill at the forthcoming ASG meeting to support the Department of Justice’s current litigation against the NC government for the passage of the recent Voter ID law. Finally, SBP Lambden announced that some serious steps had been taken to address the sexual assault issues on campus and that his volunteer service on the call committee for a Title IX Director had been successful. He stood for queries. None

**B. Message from the Graduate and Professional Student Federation President**
President Bhardwaj announced that the Sexual Assault Task Force had continued its work and that she had designed a second semester check in program for graduate students. President Bhardwaj clarified that graduate students typically forget about special functions occurring by the time that second semester arrives. She stood for queries.

Representative Burney asked when the Sexual Assault team would make their recommendation.

President Bhardwaj answered that the team has meetings throughout October and that she wasn’t sure exactly when they would make their decision. However, she said she’d let Representative Burney know at a later time.

**C. Message from the Student Body Treasurer**
The Student Body Treasurer was not present at the meeting, so Speaker Brady delivered a message from the Treasurer: all questions concerning the budget should be relayed to him.

**D. Message from the Student Attorney General**
The Student Attorney General was not present at the meeting.

**E. Message from the Honor Court Chair**
The Honor Court Chair was not present at the meeting.

**VI. Public Comment Period**
Speaker Brady introduced the comment process to the representatives of Congress as well as to the public attendees who were present.

Seeing no public comments, Speaker Brady proceeded with the meeting.

**VII. Introduction of Concurrent Resolutions**
Speaker Brady announced that there were no concurrent resolutions on the agenda.
VIII. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting
Speaker Brady announced that the tabled legislation on the agenda would be addressed at a later time.

IX. General Orders Calendar
A. Resolutions
Speaker Brady relinquished the chair to Representative Burney so that he could introduce all of the appointees.

i. SCR-95-078a A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE GPSF PRESIDENT’S APPOINTMENTS TO THE CAROLINA UNION BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Antonio Serrato-Cappuchina announced that he had participated in CUABD as an undergrad and that he would offer a new perspective as a graduate in the forthcoming year.

Representative Smalenberger moved the previous question. Seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.

ii. SCR-95-079 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE GPSF PRESIDENT’S APPOINTMENT TO THE STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES BOARD OF DIRECTORS. David Lambeth announced that he was a 3rd year law student and that he has actually served on the Board for quite some time. He added that he really looks forward to continuing his work on the Board in the forthcoming year.

Speaker Brady moved the previous question. Seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.

iii. SCR-95-081a A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE GPSF PRESIDENT’S APPOINTMENT TO THE RENEWABLE ENERGY SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE. Joshua Jansa introduced himself as a 3rd year Political Science ph. D. grad student and declared his interest in bringing his own personal knowledge of energy preservation to the table. In doing so, he hopes to stimulate discussion concerning how to best allocate funding for alternative energy projects on campus.

Representative Smalenberger moved the previous question. Consent. Seconded. No objections – the motion passed.

iv. SCR-95-085a A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE GPSF PRESIDENT’S APPOINTMENT TO THE STUDENT SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE. Speaker Brady exclaimed that the resolution should be skipped over for the moment since the appointee was planning to arrive later in the meeting.
v. **SCR-95-087** A RESOLUTION TP APPROVE THE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE RENEWABLE ENERGY SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE. Speaker Brady moved to split the bill into SCR-95-087a and SCR-95-087b since some of the committee appointees were absent from the meeting. Seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.

- **SCR-95-087a** Jenna Koester introduced herself as previous co-chair of the committee and that alternative energy projects do a great justice for the university by cutting down energy bills around campus.

Speaker Pro Tempore Guzek asked Jenna how she planned to utilize the position if she was nominated for vice-chair again. Jenna answered that she was very proud of a previous initiative that she strongly pushed for which ended up passing successfully leading to the recovery of nearly one million dollars in recyclable-related funds.

Speaker Brady moved the previous question. Seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.

- **SCR-95-087b** Speaker Brady moved to table the resolution since he knew the appointees would be at the next full congress meeting.

Representative Burney completed a roll call vote. In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it. The motion passed.

vi. **SCR-95-092** A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. Parliamentarian and Board of Elections member Robert Windsor announced that the BOE had lost 3 members in the previous year and that if anyone had questions for the BOE, they could relay them to him. Windsor announced that he was still looking for one final member to add to the BOE to fulfill a previously filled position. Brannum Forsyth, Daniel Fleck, and Paul Kushner all introduced themselves to Student Congress and expressed their excitement for starting the position.

Speaker Brady asked the appointees why they were interested in the Board of Elections.

Paul answered that he wanted to learn about how student government operated. Daniel also agreed that he hoped to get involved with student government on campus and that the BOE was a good first step. Brannum announced his interest to become involved in and gain experience through the various parts of the political process.

Speaker Brady moved the previous question. Seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.
Representative Burney returned the chair back to Speaker Brady for the rest of the appointments.

vii. SCR-95-095a A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT’S APPOINTMENT TO THE RENEWABLE ENERGY SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE. Tait Chandler declared his ambition to bring solar energy to the Union through new solar panels that were recently developed and that he was well qualified and willing to work with energy conservation groups on campus.

Representative Smalenberger moved the previous question. Seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.

viii. SCR-95-096 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT’S APPOINTMENT TO THE CHANCELLOR’S CHILDCARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Sammy Garcia introduced himself to Congress and admitted that there weren’t many undergraduates who were parents on campus but that he’d be willing to represent this select group of the student body to the best of his ability.

Representative Best moved the previous question. Seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.

Representative Burney rose to point of information and pointed out that SCR-95-085a had been skipped over but neither voted on nor tabled.

Speaker Brady entertained a motion to table SCR-95-085a. Representative Burney so moved. Seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.

B. Bills

a. SCB-95-102 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO UNC-CH SCIENCE DAYS. Dilesh – a representative from Science Days - announced that he re-submitted his desired funding request for Science Days. He began by giving testimonies from several members who valued the importance of the program since it triggered their scientific curiosity and helped them become better scientists. Dilesh re-read the Science Days mission statement for Student Congress.

Representative Best clarified that in the previous week, the Finance Committee agreed that it wasn’t their job to pay for the actual supplies that were used by the organization and that $100 had been recommended for travel with $50 for printing and publicity. Representative Best clarified that they had previously cut funding for supplies from $1,000 to $0.
Representative Smalenberger rose to a Point of Information. He announced that typically, the Finance committee hears re-submissions of funding requests first and he questioned why this specific proposal was being heard in a Full Congress session first.

Representative Best answered that it was permissible because she had partially heard the request earlier.

Representative Smalenberger rose to a Point of Information. He asked whether the previous funding request was completely cut to $0 since Congress was now considering a new proposal.

Representative Best clarified that the original request would be amended and that the funding would come from Student Congress and not the Finance Committee.

Representative Best asked if Delish would explain why his request for supplies was so high.

Dilesh explained that with the significant supply funds, he hoped to encourage participants in Science Days to take a hands-on approach.

Representative Best explained it was the Finance Committee’s duty to allocate money for publicity and travel, but not for supplies used by elementary school students who aren’t students of UNC.

Representative Stelpflug admitted that Science Days was a great organization and that it should be used to encourage scientific exploration on campus. However, he explained that UNC fees should not be used for hands on supplies for elementary school students since the funds were originally coming from UNC students. Representative Stelpflug openly supported and agreed with every point that Representative Best had raised. He exclaimed that there must be other sources of funding that the Science Days program can look into to cover the actual supplies themselves.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Guzek asked if the $100 for travel would still be put to use within the refurbished proposal due to the use of Chapel Hill Transit in order to transfer students.

Dilesh announced that due to the presence of a recently discovered route on the Chapel Hill Transit that they may not use the full travel fund that they requested.

Representative Best explained that if Student Congress subsidized travel costs then money for travel could be utilized for supplies.
Speaker Pro-Tempore Guzek clarified that it’s a sheer reality of the Finance Committee that they have to cut parts of funding requests in order to remain within their small budget.

Representative Winters announced there were several previous objections in Finance Committee to the proposed amount allocated and believed that the travel funding wasn’t being properly allocated as the UNC students wouldn’t be traveling to a location. He addressed the fact that since all schools were local, then there wouldn’t be a need for travel funding.

Representative Winters rose to a Point Information – Representative Winters asked Delish if he had created a new funding request.

Representative Best clarified that this was a new request completely.

Representative Winters moved to amend the request and allocate $0.00 for travel, $4.60 for publicity, and $311.14 for supplies.

Representative Best objected to the amendment.

Representative Smalenger declared his confusion behind how a new bill had been created in Student Congress and that the bill wasn’t legally being created.

Speaker Brady clarified that the organization had appealed from their initial request and that this was the same request.

Representative Best announced that Representative Stelpflug and herself objected to the bill because it wasn’t fair to other groups on campus.

Representative Tolinni asked if Science Days would also involve students on campus.

Dilesh responded that the program was taught and coordinated by UNC students.

Representative Tolinni asked how the publicity funding would be utilized since curriculums had to be created.

Dilesh clarified that every aspect of the program was a demonstration and that the printing supplies would be re-used for future Science Day sessions.

Representative Clark clarified that it was the first year of the club and that they intended on re-using supplies.
Representative Smalenberger rose to a Point of Information. He asked what the current motion was on the floor.

Speaker Brady clarified that the motion on the floor was the amendment to the initial funding request.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Guzek admitted that he had heard good arguments on both sides. He asked how re-usable the materials actually were after analyzing the specific materials requested on the list.

Delish clarified a large amount of them were reusable for future sessions.

Representative Winters clarified to Smalenberger how the request was being merged. Representative Winters also explained to Representative Best that the whole purpose of an appeals process was so that students could use it to defect from the initial decision made in Finance Committee. He explained that he believed his amendment was a reasonable amount of money for Delish’s request.

Representative Stelpflug explained that it was illegal for Student Congress to fund these specific supplies since the recipients were non-UNC students. He stated that the Finance Committee could fund transportation and publicity, but not supplies that weren’t used by UNC students.

Representative Ferguson motioned to limit the debate to 5 minutes. Seconded. Consent. No objections – the motion passed.

Smalenberger moved the previous question and to vote on the amendment. Seconded. Despite objection, Representative Smalenberger didn’t withdraw his. A vocal vote was taken. The nays included: Representative Winters. In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it. The motion passed.

Speaker Brady then moved to taking a vote on the amendment to the funding request. Seconded. A vocal vote was taken. Representative Hardy abstained. In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it. The amendment passed and the request changed.

Representative Best explained that Representative Winters misunderstood what she was saying and she moved to amend the funding request for supplies to $0.00.
Representative Root rose to a Point of Information. He asked whether debate had been limited on the bill as a whole or just on the specific amendment that was previously discussed.

Speaker Brady clarified that it was only limited on the amendment.

Smalenberger exclaimed that the supply funds were providing for non-UNC students and that they would primarily benefit non-UNC students. He reminded Congress that the Finance committee had decided not to fund supplies that weren’t directly used by UNC students.

Representative Smalenberger moved the previous question and to vote on the amendment. A vocal vote was taken. The nays included: Representative Winters and Representative Sariya. In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it. The motion passed.

Speaker Brady then moved to taking a vote on the amendment to the funding request. Seconded. A vocal vote was taken. The ayes included: Representative Best. In the opinion of the chair the nays have it. The amendment fails and the request sustains its current form.

Representative Burney moved previous question and to vote on the bill as a whole. Seconded. Representative Best and Speaker Pro-Tempore Guzek object. A vocal vote is taken. The nays included: Representative Best and Speaker Pro-Tempore Guzek. In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it. The motion passed.

Speaker Brady then moved to taking a vote on the bill as a whole. Seconded. A vocal vote was taken. In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it. Representative Best calls for a division. A roll call vote is taken. The nays include: Representative Niver, Representative Hardy, Representative McClelland, Representative Touby, Representative Swain, Representative Stelpflug, Representative Greene, Representative Deal, Representative Smalenberger, and Representative Best. The ayes have a majority. The motion passed and the funding request is approved.

b. SCB-95-109 A BILL TO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROPRIATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO CAROLINA CAMPUS CIVITAN. Chair Best represented the organization that applied for funding due to their absence from the meeting. Chair Best exclaimed that their request for food and backpacks promoted personal gain and was therefore non-fundable under the Student Code.
Representative Root moved the previous question. Seconded. No objections – the motion passed.

Representative Root moved to vote on the request. Seconded. In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it. The request passed.

**X. Consent Calendar**

Speaker Brady relinquished the chair to Representative Burney.

Speaker Brady moved to pass all of the items on the Consent Calendar. Seconded. Representative Swain abstained from voting on SCB-95-099 due to his membership in the UNC Walk-Ons. In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it. The motion passed.

Representative Burney returned the chair to Speaker Brady.

**XI. Special Orders**

Representative Burney moved to bring Representative Clark to the Oversight & Advocacy Committee, since she had completed her job on the Ethics Committee.

Speaker Brady entertained a vote on the motion. A vocal vote was taken. In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it. The motion passed.

**XII. Announcements**

A representative from the conference to Fight Poverty announced that the conference was going to be held on UNC's campus this weekend. She announced that the conference essentially invited speakers in from across the nation to deliver presentations about the prevalence of poverty in the world. The conference representative requested student government attendance to the event due to the low turnout by UNC students.

Representative Ferrara added that he would be speaking at the Fight Poverty conference this weekend.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Speaker Pro-Tempore Guzek moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. No objections – the motion passed.

Speaker Brady adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.