REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Ard’is, Boler, Doyle, Gauthier, Kushnir, Lieberwirth, Leslie, Manakov, McFarland, Mears, Pascua, Tazaz.

QUORUM: Yes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Representative Boler.

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Christian, Johnson, Lavengood, Ramirez, Williams.

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Powell, Shelton.

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:

MINUTES APPROVED: Minutes approved with amendment: In attendance: replace McFarland’s name with Gauthier for excused absence.

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: John Hahn-College of Medicine.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

STUDENT COMMENTS: None.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: Vicki Dobiyanski informed Body, about Supreme Court hearing tonight at 8:30 pm at the Advocacy Center –Main courtroom, she will need to leave this meeting early to attend the hearing.

SPEAKER’S REPORT:
- Graduate Housing- plan is to provide competitive housing for FSU graduate students. More information will be provided to the body after Spring Break.
- Elections for MSC: Training for RSO in planning stages
- BGSA Hi-Fi event, which was set up like Jazz Café, was a success.
- New appointments: Tazaz: appointed to Vice President of Research Committee. Doyle appointed to NSGA.
DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR FINANCE’S REPORT:
- COGS Organizational $10,096.00
- COGS Unallocated $25,240.00
- Sweepings $10,040.00

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR JUDICIAL AFFAIRS REPORT:
- Feb. 18th retreat cancelled. Planning for sometime in March, the 17th may be a possible date.
- Newsletter- Doyle and Ramirez working on newsletter.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:
- Speaker Ard’is: Representative Ramirez is not present tonight due to illness.
  - During this time Ard’is compliments Rep. Lieberwirth for sending out to her college the e-mail about describing what COGS is and how to become a Representative. The body has 46 seats available and letting your college know about COGS may be a way to help fill all the seats.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- C-SAC: Met twice; see agenda for resolution.
- Internal Affairs: Addressing number of seats. Creative ideas are developing to fill these seats. The Committee met the Monday before the 20th meeting. Next meeting Feb. 27, 2012.
- Academics & Student Life: Nothing to report tonight.
- Ways & Means: Meeting to take place after body meeting.

FUNDING REQUESTS:
Speaker Ard’is reorders agenda for funding requests. (Rule10)
- Resolution 12 Sponsored by CSAC Committee- Support of Graduate Art Exhibit prepared by the FSU League of Graduate Artists: Presentation made by Tazaz for CSAC Committee. Pascua motions to accept, 2nd by Kushnir, no objections. Resolution passes by acclamation.

Doyle to Chair

- Bill 24 Sponsored by CSAC Committee-Sponsorship of the Grand Opening of the League of Graduate Artists Exhibition: Tazaz to introduce Bill. Leslie asked what kind of recognition COGS would possibly be receiving from this event. Tazaz said she is bringing COGS banner to event, so it shows the body’s interest in sponsoring this event. The event is being advertised in FSU View Tallahassee Democrat Lime Light section, flyers, e-mails, printed advertising being printed with the Congress of Graduate Students being a sponsor. Pascua: motion to accept by acclamation, 2nd by McFarland. Bill 24 passes by acclamation.

- Resolution 13 Sponsored by CSAC Committee- Allocation of funds to League of Graduate Artist: Tazaz introduces resolution for CSAC Committee. She stated that the CSAC committee was very impressed with all donations this RSO has been given and all the fund raisers they have done. At this time CSAC needs to make friendly amendment to the resolution by reducing the Expense line to $292.00 from $443.00 and change total cost being requested from $743.00 to $592.00. CSAC asked this RSO if over the weekend they could possibly spent some time on funding donations for supplies. Since they were able to obtain more supplies through donations over that requested period of time, their expense line request has been reduced. This RSO has worked extremely hard in finding ways to reduce their funding request to the body. Motion on floor made by Pascua is to accept this amended resolution, and is 2nd by McFarland, no objections. Resolution 13 passes by acclamation.

- Resolution 14 Sponsored by CSAC Committee- Allocation of funds to League of Graduate Artist: Withdraw by CSAC Committee.
OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bill 25 Sponsored by Representative Tazaz and Ard’is- Creation of OPS position for the Deputy Speaker for Communication and Judicial Affairs: Tazaz and Ard’s presented Bill 25. There were questions and concerns about graduate students being able to hold these positions. Tazaz explained: In Oceanography you are not supposed to be employed while attending graduate school. You may request special permission to hold a job, which is what Tazaz requested to hold her position as Deputy Speaker of Finance. Boler the COGS Law School Representative spoke about the Law School’s work requirements. All students expect 1L (1st year Law Students) can hold part time positions, the 1L’s can request special permission to do so as well. With that question and concern answered, Pascua motion to accept Bill 25, 2nd by McFarland no objections. Bill 25 passes by acclamation.

Speaker Ard’is takes back chair.

- Resolution 15- Sponsored by Representative Doyle: Lieberwirth: motion to amend; #24 A line 6, strike the word property, and add properly, 2nd by Pascua. Pascua friendly amendment was to unstrike A&B and take out underline in #24 B. Sponsor accepted motion. Boler motioned to strike the word a in #24 A line 6, 1st line, 2nd by Lieberwirth. Manakov: friendly amendment accepted by sponsor, in #24 B un-strikes: not subject to a second or a vote. Leslie to make friendly amendment which was accepted by sponsor: Change wording in (B) to read, Technical, non-debatable interjections, which are out of order if made without Chair’s acknowledgement, but do not need a second or to be voted on. Pascua motioned to amend, strike A6 than add to A3, this motion may be debated in accordance with rule 15. Leslie 2nd: Vote: 9 in favor, 3 opposed, Pascua amendment passes. Tazaz: makes friendly amendment which sponsor also accepts, in #24 A, line 3 strike with shall be. Representative Leslie motions to Table Resolution 12 as amended to Internal Affairs Committee, 2nd by Gauthier, objection by Tazaz. Vote by hand: 9 in favor, 3 opposed. Resolution 15 tabled to IA with amendment. (Please see amended Resolution attached).

Resolution 16 not on agenda, Tazaz asks to have it heard because it is a time sensitive resolution. Pascua: motion to hear resolution, 2nd by Boler.

- Resolution 16- Sponsored by CSAC Committee- Allocation of funds to Lebanese Social Organization: Tazaz introduces resolution on behalf of CSAC. Pascua motions to accept resolution by acclamation 2nd by Hahn. Resolution 16 passes by acclamation.

Speaker Ard’is open agenda; asks to hear Resolution 17 which is not on agenda; no objections.

Doyle to Chair

- Resolution 17-Sponsored by Speaker Ard’is- Following the opening, Boler asks sponsor to accept friendly amendment. In line 3 and 4 add the before the word campus, sponsor accepts. Gauthier: friendly amendment: in 2nd whereas, strike the letter s in Students and in line 6 strike the word amongst and add on. Both changes are accepted by sponsor. Tazaz friendly amendments: in 4th and 6th whereas; change wording, from on the campus of Florida State University to read, on The Florida State University Campus. In Be It Further Resolved: add the word electronic before the word copy. Sponsor accepts all suggestions made by Tazaz. In, therefore be it resolved area of resolution, Gauthier makes a friendly amendment, this amendment is to add and representatives after Speaker, sponsor accepts. Pascua: call the question, 2nd by Gauthier. Vote: Ayes have it. Resolution passes with friendly amendments.

ROUND TABLE AND ROLL Call: Ard’is, Boler, Doyle, Gauthier, Kushnir, Lieberwirth, Leslie, Manakov, McFarland, Mears, Pascua, Shelton, Tazaz.

- ADJOURMENT: 9:01
• NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2012