TWENTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
COGS Assembly Room
Room 250 Student Life Building
March 12, 2012
6:30 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Ard’is, Boler, Christine, Doyle, Gauthier, Hahn, Johnson, Kushnir, Lieberwirth, Leslie, Lavengood, Manakov, McFarland, Mears, Pascua, Powell, Ramirez, Shelton, Tazaz, Williams.

QUORUM: Yes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Representative Pascua.

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: None.

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: None.

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: None.

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: None.

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: None.

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: Lavengood, Christian, McFarland, Powell, Johnson.

MINUTES APPROVED: Ramirez motion to accept minutes, Gauthier 2nd motion.

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY:

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. West speaking this evening about what the Office of Graduate Fellowship & Awards housed in Strozier Library has to offer Graduate Students.

- Individual advising.
- Information about awards available to Graduate Students.
- How to build a professional profile.
- Event workshops available.
- Interview preparation.
- Please contact Dr. West by e-mail if you have further questions or comments: amwest@admin.fsu.edu

STUDENT COMMENTS: None.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:

- Danielle Morgan COGS advisor informed the assembly about upcoming Special Student Government Elections which will be held on March 21, 2012. The same ballot will be used and the same candidates will be running from the first election.
SPEAKER’S REPORT:
- Survey sent to students about housing. One question asked on survey was where would you like to live in proximity to campus? Need your help to generate participation.
- Vision Boards
- Center for Global Engagement Coffee, representatives attended to show COGS presence on campus.
- Thank you to Representatives Lieberwirth and Leslie who sent out e-mail to actively recruit from their college.
- Thank you Representatives, Ramirez, Powell, Tazaz, Mears, Leslie, and Shelton for the all the time, effort, and energy you have provided in preparing for NAGPS Conference.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR FINANCE’S REPORT:
- Please see attached page to minutes
- Encourage upcoming conference attendees to turn in paperwork

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR JUDICIAL AFFAIR’S REPORT:
- Currently serving on Traffic Board and Bill Board.
- 25th Greek Challenge coming up, this is set-up to encourage all Greek houses to raise money for the Student Foundation, let’s make a team and represent COGS.
- Need representatives in the following areas: 2 seats available in College of Arts and Sciences. 2 seats available in College of Business, 4 seats available in Education, 3 seats available in Communication and Information, 1 seat available in Law, 1 seat available in Social Sciences, 2 seats in Social Work, 1 seat in School of Motion Picture, Television & Recording Arts, 1 seat in Visual Arts Theatre & Dance, 1 seat in undecided, the Minority Student Advocate seat is open as well as the Graduate Housing seat, Panama City Campus.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR COMMUNICATION’S REPORT:
- Instructions: How to get to our organization blackboard site.
- NAGPS: Please put out information in your departments about the conference we are hosting.
- Directions for FSU Graduate Students to register for NAGPS Conference on-line.
- Dean Marcus will be guest speaker at NAGPS Conference.
- Dr. Baumeister author of Will Power, which was on the NY Times bestseller list will also be a guest speaker.
- Need volunteers to help at conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- CSAC- Met and heard two funding requests. Elections tonight.
- Internal Affairs: Met Feb. 27, 2012, to work on Resolution that was tabled to our committee, but we did not make quorum, in our next meeting we will continue to work on this.
- Ways and Means: Met last week. Creating a flow chart project to help with understanding debate technique.
- Academic and Student Life: We haven’t met.

FUNDING REQUESTS:
- Bill 26 Sponsored by Representative Ramirez- Co-sponsorship of Peace Jam Nobel Laureate Public Talk: Pascua motion to accept with acclimation, Tazaz objects, Pascua withdraws motion. Doyle motion to fund, Christian 2nd, Tazaz objects. 1st Pro: Gauthier states the past events for Peace Jam had standing room only; this will be 1st time speaker who is from the United States. 1st Con no speakers. Tazaz motion to amend amount by increasing $200.00 to $500.00, 2nd by Boler an objection by Powell. Vote on Tazaz amendment, Ayes have it Tazaz amendment passes. 2nd Pro: Tazaz to call the question, 2nd by Gauthier. Vote Ayes have it, Bill 26 passes as amended.
Tazaz makes motion to hear Resolutions sponsored by CSAC Committee, 2nd by Lieberwirth.

- Resolution 18 Sponsored by CSAC- Allocation of funds to Society for Women’s Advancement in Philosophy: Tazaz presented resolution. Pascua motion to pass by acclamation, 2nd by Lieberwirth, no objections, Resolution 18 passes by acclamation.

- Resolution 19 Sponsored by CSAC- Allocation of funds to Public Administration Graduate Association: Tazaz presented resolution on behalf of CSAC Committee. Pascua motions to pass by acclamation, 2nd by Lieberwirth, no objections, Resolution 19 passes by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:
- CSAC Elections: Speaker Ard’is mentions that one of the duties for the Deputy Speaker of Finance is to Chair the CSAC Committee. Boler nominates himself to be on committee, 2nd by Tazaz. Manakov nominates himself, 2nd by Doyle. Doyle nominates himself, 2nd by Gauthier. Johnson nominates Mears, who accepts, 2nd by Tazaz. Doyle nominates Williams who declines. Mears nominates Johnson who accepts, 2nd by Ramierz. Lavengood nominates herself, 2nd by Williams. Pascua motion to close floor for nominations, 2nd by Tazaz. Vote: all accepted nominations were voted to serve on CSAC Committee.

ROUND TABLE AND ROLL Call: Ard’is, Boler, Christine, Doyle, Gauthier, Hahn, Johnson, Kushnir, Lieberwirth, Leslie, Lavengood, Manakov, McFarland, Mears, Pascua, Powell, Ramirez, Shelton, Tazaz, Williams.

ADJOURMENT: 7:57

NEXT MEETING: March 19, 2012
Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance  
20th Congress of Graduate Students  
March 12, 2012

- COGS (from Sweepings) $10,040.00
- COGS Administrative $42,098.42
  - Self-generated $3,406.55
- COGS Unallocated $23,390.00
- COGS Organizational $8,704.00
- COGS Presentation Grants Total $93,415.93
  - Hold for Sweepings $2,368.35
  - Encumbered $59,689.62
  - Left for Year, usable $31,357.96
  - Carry Forward $2,368.35
  - July-October $0.00
    - Encumbered $1,100
    - Paid $41,123.40
  - Nov-Feb $18,083.06
    - Encumbered $19,089.062
    - Paid $47,829.02
  - March-June $50,000.00
    - Encumbered $39,500.00
    - Paid $0.00
- COGS Conference Travel Left for year $19,410.59
  - Hold for Sweepings $299.87
  - Encumbered $9,492.88
  - Left for Year, usable $9,917.71
  - Carry Forward $2,800.00
  - July-October $1,000.00
    - Encumbered $300.00
    - Paid $3,895.00
  - Nov-Feb $1,217.84
    - Encumbered $3,492.88
    - Paid $4,094.28
  - Mar-Jun $7,400.00
    - Encumbered $3,600.00
    - Paid $0.00