TWENTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
COGS Assembly Room
Room 250 Student Life Building
June 18, 2012
6:35 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Ard’is, Boler, Cabrera, Doyle, Manakov, Mears, Pasqua, Tazaz.

QUORUM: Yes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Doyle.

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: None.

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Lieberwirth, Leslie, McFarland.

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Christian.

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: Hutson.

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: None.

MINUTES APPROVED: with amendments. Cabrera moves, Pasqua seconds. Minutes approved.

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Viviano.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- COGS Advisor: discusses the COGS Program Associate search.

STUDENT COMMENTS: None.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: None.

SPEAKER’S REPORT:
Spent the day meeting with the Diversity and Inclusion Council, have another meeting tomorrow. Also met with President Barron and discussed what COGS has been working on, including the Studio Project, intellectual property, and general graduate student needs and issues.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR FINANCE’S REPORT:
Financial report included in bill packet shows current stat of the COGS finances at the end of this academic year. Tonight’s funding request is for next year’s budget, so does not include the numbers attached. Also, request from Student Senate for Representatives to serve on the Aramark Committee – Mears, Doyle, and Boler volunteer.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR JUDICIAL AFFAIRS:
Internal Affairs will be meeting soon to work on the lections processes. I will be graduating in August, and have Traffic Committee meetings this week.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR COMMUNICATIONS:
Settling into the new office and office hours. Have created a Drop Box for documents, all Representatives encouraged to contact me so I can add you.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- C-SAC: has not met.
- Internal Affairs: has not met.
- Academics & Student Life: has not met.
- Ways & Means: Representative Mears in the new chair, interested in hearing what Representatives want.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

FUNDING REQUEST:
- Bill 38: Art Therapy Association interested in attending a conference. Funding would be for 16 students to attend and pay for early bird registration. Questions about how many people are attending, any out-of-pocket expenses attendees are incurring. Mears motions to extend Question & Answer by 5 minutes, second by Pasqua.
  - Doyle moves to fully fund the Art Therapy Association, Pasqua seconds. Manakov objects. First Pro: none. First Con: Pasqua indicates he thinks it isn’t enough money. Second Pro: Tazaz moves to amend the bill with Proviso language stipulating that any fundraising that occurs at the conference is returned to the Congress of Graduate Students, Pasqua seconds. Motion passes. Pasqua calls the question, Cabrera seconds. Motion passes 9-0 to fully fund the Art Therapy Association at $3,760 with Proviso language.

NEW BUSINESS:
- Bill 39: Funding of COGS Promotional Items
  - Tazaz indicates similar bill to last meetings which was vetoed because of errors. This bill requests funding for COGS promotional items. First Pro: Manakov thinks it is a good idea and this has already been discussed. First Con: none. Second Pro: Mears calls the question, Pasqua seconds. Motion passes 8-0.

Agenda reordered by Speaker.
- Bill 41: Requirement of COGS Approval for Purchases
  - Tazaz indicates similar bill to last meetings which was vetoed because of incorrect terms. Still interested in requiring large single-item purchases over $1,000 to be approved by COGS and have a COGS inventory sticker for documentation. First Pro: none. First Con: none. Second Pro: Pasqua calls the question, Cabrera seconds. Motion passes 6-2.

Boler to Chair
- Bill 40: Requiring All Representatives Become Financial Certified
  - Doyle and Ard’is discuss the importance of Representatives understanding and being familiar with the financial manual, particularly due to the high number of funding requests COGS votes on. First Pro: none. First Con: Manakov believes this seems reasonable. Second Pro: Tazaz believes this will be helpful. Tazaz makes friendly amendment to add “council members and funding board representatives” to the legislation, Manakov seconds. Second Con: Cabrera calls the question, Manakov objects, Cabrera withdraws. Manakov asks a clarifying question about the legislation. Manakov calls the question, Pasqua seconds. Motion passes, 7-1.

ROUNDTABLE & ROLL CALL: Ard’is, Boler, Cabrera, Doyle, Hutson, Manakov, Pasqua, Cabrera, and Tazaz.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:58 pm

NEXT MEETING: July 2, 2012