

TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
October 16th, 2017
6:35 p.m.



CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Asturizaga, Batchelder, Dickman, Forsman, Gao, Gerardi, Lange, Lehn, Mendez, Oloye, Payne, Polischuk, Sanogo, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Forsman

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Engelbrecht, Pierce

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Arif, Hernandez, Indrakanti, Lozano, McDonough, Oseguera, Rathakrishnan

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: NONE

MINUTES APPROVED: Approved with amendments.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS: NONE

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: NONE

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 28** Sponsored by C-SAC: *Allocation to the National Art Educators Association*
The organization is requesting funding for food for their monthly meetings. The organization aims to support students who are in the Art Education program as well as support local communities through a teen center, art program and a tutoring group for children. The organization plans to fundraise for their workshop in the summer. Representatives inquire what kind of refreshments will be served at the meetings, how many graduate students are members of the organization, how do people find out about the monthly meetings, and how the meetings benefit the graduate student body. Representatives also inquire what topics are discussed during the monthly meetings. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Uttermark is in favor of fully funding the organization. Dickman would like to fund the organization and thinks that food would attract additional members. Deputy Speaker Lehn is in favor of their fundraising efforts. Gao believes that it is a

positive event. **FIRST CON:** Asturizaga is in favor of funding but is concerned as to why organizations cannot receive help from their departments. Motion to call to question. 2nd. Vote by hand raise. **Bill 28 passes 13-1-1; \$250 in Food.**

Motion to reorder the agenda to review Bill 30 before Bill 29. 2nd. Motion Passes.

- **Bill 30: Allocation to Sport Psychology Organization and Research Team (SPORT)**
The organization is requesting funding for their speaker series conference. The conference has been hosted by the organization since 2009. They are not holding speaker conference this year as done in the past. Representatives inquire if the organization has fundraised for their event, how much is the honorarium for the speaker, how many nights will the speaker be staying and a breakdown of expenses. Representatives also inquire how many years have they been holding the conference, could the traveling date be change, the average attendance of the conference and what type of food will be served. **FIRST PRO:** Uttermark is in favor of funding the full amount and notes that the organization has received funds in the past from the annual budget and they are requesting less funding. Mendez echoes Uttermark's sentiments and is in favor of fully funding. Polischuk is in favor of funding since they use their fundraising for grants. **FIRST CON:** Lange is not in favor of fully funding and believes that the organization could fundraise for their event. Batchelder would like to support the organization and hopes to see more fundraising completed in the future. Deputy Speaker Asturizaga does not believe that the organization should depend solely on COGS. Sorribes would like to partially fund the organization since they have not fundraised for their event. **SECOND PRO:** Mendez notes that the organization is requesting 33-50 percent less than last year. Dickman would like to fund the organization and notes that there is still additional funding available to fund other organizations. Motion to amend Contractual Services: \$500 Travel:500 Food: 150. 2nd. Objection. Deputy Speaker Asturizaga would like to provide some means for the speaker and traveling expenses. Asturizaga also believes that \$150 is sufficient for the snacks of the day. **FIRST PRO:** Lange is in favor of the amendments and notes that funding is not guaranteed year to year. **FIRST CON:** Forsman is not in favor of reducing funding an amount that might be detrimental to the success of their event. Deputy Speaker Uttermark explains that he is not in favor of the amendments and believes that the organization should not be penalized for not fundraising since other organization are not held to the same accountability measures. Motion to call to question. 2nd. Vote on the amendment. Amendment fails 3-10-2. Return to the original bill. Motion to call to question. 2nd. **Bill passes. 12-3-0; \$500 in Contractual Services, \$900 in Travel, \$500 in Food.**
- **Bill 29 Allocation to Indian Students Association of Tallahassee**
INSAT explains that they have joined two events together for one celebration this year; Diwali and the Fresher's Event. Diwali is a large festival of lights. The Fresher's Event is an invitation to incoming Indian students to meet other Indian students from various departments. Everyone is invited to learn about the Indian culture. Representatives inquire the actual date of the two combined events, did the organization receive funding last year and will multiple departments be invited. Representatives also ask about the expected attendance, justification for food expenses and if funding is not given by COGS, will they still be able to host their event, what vendors will they use to supply the food and how they plan to market the event to other areas. **FIRST PRO:** Lehn believes this is a great event that enriches the whole community and the specialty cuisine justifies the requested amount for food. Mendez is in favor of fully funding the event. Polischuk is also in favor of funding and notes that this event is aligned with the University's strategic plan. Motion to call to question. **Second. Bill 29 Passes 15-0-0; Food: \$980.**

Unfinished Business

- **Bill 24: Allocation to Terra Incognita**

The organization is requesting funds for their annual graduate conference. Conference will be held on Saturday April 14, 2018 from 8-5 and the organization is hoping to provide breakfast and lunch pending approval. The expected attendance is 75-100. Portion of the funding will go to name tags, conference programs, marketing tools, and flyers. Representative request a breakdown of the travel and food expenses, to elaborate on how they plan to market the event, will FSU students be charged an abstract fee, and will they extend the invitation to other colleges. Other questions include if they are aware that no FSU student can be charged any fee if they are using A&S Fees, what was last year's attendance, how much will they be willing to reduce general expenses since they are aware that printing is free. **FIRST PRO:** Batchelder believes the organization did a good job organizing their budget and thinks they deserve funding. Gao is in full support of the bill for the research conference, as research is a part of graduate student life. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Asturizaga is in favor of funding their event and notes that organizations should be aware of the resources that are available to them. Oloye echoes Asturizaga's point of view and believes that the travel line can be reduced to cover the cost of the flights. Motion to amend Travel to \$1000 and \$200 General Expense. 2nd. Objection Oloye explains \$1000 is enough for incidentals and travel and \$200 for paper goods should suffice for the conference. Asturizaga agrees that the amendment is reasonable. Polischuk supports the general expense reduction. Mendez would like to amend travel, but not the general expense line. Gerardi would like to support the organization and recognizes that it is for a good cause. Motion to call to question. 2nd. 4-10-1. Motion Fails. Return to the original bill. Motion to amend to \$200 General Expense 1500 Travel 300 Food. 2nd. Objection Matthew Uttermark first conference, usually fund about \$200 for speakers and conference and would like to help them with their first conference. **FIRST CON:** Sanogo, is not in favor of reducing the food line due to the total of meals for the expected attendance. Motion to call to question. Vote on the amendment. 2nd Amendment passes 10-3-2. Vote by roll call Asturizaga: Abstain, Batchelder: Ay, Dickman: Ay, Forsman: Ay, Gao: Ay Gerardi: Abstain, Lange: Ay, Lehn: Ay, Mendez: Abstain, Oloye: Ay, Payne: Ay, Polischuk: Ay, Sanogo: Abstain, Sorribes: Ay, Uttermark: Ay. **Bill 24 Passes; 11-0-4, General Expense \$200, Travel \$1500, Food: \$300.**

New Business: NONE

Roundtable: Asturizaga, Batchelder, Dickman, Forsman, Gao, Gerardi, Lange, Lehn, Oloye, Payne, Mendez, Polischuk, Sanogo, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark

Adjournment: 8:55 pm