

TWENTY SIXTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
March 5th, 2018
6:50 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order: 6:50 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Batchelder

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Asturizaga, Batchelder, Bhowmik, Blake-Hedges, Burns, Collopy, Demirsoy, Engelbrecht, Gerardi, Hernandez, Hirsch, Lehn, Lozano, Oloye, Oseguera, Reyna, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark, Zhang

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: Asturizaga

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Khazem Sanogo, Stewart

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Lange

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Approved. Forsman 2nd.

Petitions into the Assembly: Adam O'Neill (Engineering), Ji Hyun Kim (Arts & Sciences)

Special Introductions and Student Comments: NONE

Messages from Student Government: NONE

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 11 Allocation to the Association for Computing machinery**
The organization informs the congress that they are the student chapter of the national organization. The organization interests those from computer science engineering and students interested in programming. The will be hosting a large programming workshop that will bring in 250 -300 students from local universities and schools to spend six hours answering questions provided and will receive prizes. They are requesting additional funding for t-shirts to give away as an incentive for attendance. The organization has additional resources for food and other costs. Representatives inquire how many t-shirts will \$1000 purchase, if the funds are not allocated what will happen with the event, how many graduate students are attending the event and how is the event marketed. Representatives also ask how many graduate students are in the organization, how were last year's t-shirts funded and the time and location of the event. **FIRST PRO:** Zhang is in support of funding and states that it is a good camp for graduate student to participate in. Batchelder notes that they did great job explaining marketing outreach. Bhowmik believes that it is a good initiative to improves skills and it showcases that FSU supports innovation. Blake-Hedges is in full support of the bill. Hirsch believes it is a good event to support graduate students from different colleges and enjoys innovation and interdisciplinary aspects. **FIRST CON:** Reyna notes is not in favor of purchasing so many shirts and doesn't believe it is a

good use of funds. O'Neill is hesitant to fund the organization and believes the funds could serve another purpose. **SECOND PRO:** Burns notes that the t-shirts will serve a lasting purpose and believes that it is a valuable investment and should be supported. Sorribes notes that they are trying to make an effort to reach many students. Oloye notes that the t-shirts are less than \$3 per person and that the organization is expecting a large attendance. Motion to call to question. Second. The organization reiterates the need for the t-shirts and urges representatives to support. Batchelder: Ay, Bhowmik: Ay, Blake Hedges: Ay, Burns: Ay, Collopy: Ay, Demirsoy: Ay, Engelbrecht: Ay, Forsman: Ay, Gerardi: Ay, Hernandez: Ay, Hirsch: Ay, Lehn: Ay, Lozano: Ay, Oloye: Ay, Oseguera: Nay, Reyna: Ay, Sorribes: Ay, Uttermark: Ay, Zhang: Ay, Kim: Ay, O'Neill: Ay, Bill passes 21-1-0; **\$1,000 in Clothing & Awards.**

Unfinished Business:

New Business: NONE

Round Table: Batchelder, Bhowmik, Blake-Hedges, Burns, Collopy, Demirsoy, Engelbrecht, Forsman, Gerardi, Hernandez, Hirsch, Kim, Lozano, Oloye, O'Neill, Oseguera, Reyna, Sorribes, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark, Zhang

Adjournment: 7:36 pm

Next Meeting: March 19th, 2018