



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting

April 17, 2023

6:30pm

Minutes

Call to Order: 6:37pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Gui

Roll call: Rogowski, 2nd - Delva

Present: Basualdo, Beavon, Burns, Delva, Ebuara, Elmi, Galeano, Gui, Ilesanmi, Mostbauer, Risler, Rogowski, Salimi, Vaughn

Absent Excused: Casseus, Wesner

Absent Unexcused: Amaraneni, Lenchitz

Reading and approval of the Minutes:

Petitions into the Assembly:

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

Messages from Student Government:

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:

Report of Officers:

- Report of the Speaker: Will be graduating this summer, so expect a new one this Fall if you will be out this summer. Masters of Public Health Conference this weekend, so please go.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance: We have someone interested in this role moving forward, but the election won't happen until summer. We are doing a good job getting the unallocated account down and it will be transferred what is left over to the administrative account for new swag to minimize what goes into sweepings. Will be moving money around this meeting. Are getting through the grants, but there are IT issues and people aren't getting notified of their acceptance. Need to figure out a better way for the grants.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs: Will be presenting a bill today about the group travel fund. It's been a year of work.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications: Please spread the word and social media news about our COGS Spring Social. Summer dates are May 22, June 5 & 26, July 17; Taqueria Miranda on May 2nd from 11am-1pm and Frother's Daughter on May 3rd from 12:30-2:30pm. We have new swag, so please get some.

Committee Report:

- C-SAC:
- Internal Affairs: During our last meeting, trying to get some provision to work with MSC on their concerns, but after meeting with advisors and SGA Attorney General, we need to consider other populations that face the same issues as MSC. Will work on do more research to write a more inclusive provision.
- Student Advocacy: Haven't met still, so no updates
- Student Affairs: Met today. Please be at the Bowling Alley around 6:30pm to help with setup.

COGS Spring Social - April 21st at 7pm

Funding Requests:

Bill #21: Amendments to COGS Code Number(s): 202.5, 202.7, and 208.2

Opening statement: Explained the strike through language vs. underlining language. Purpose of the bill is to create more accessibility for group travel. Current language is very limiting to tabling at an event. Past organizations have applied for funding, but could not get it because they were presenting/performing. Broadening the language to state that it will promote FSU and will benefit students. Second change is that conference travel will be covered by individual conference grants. This makes group travel more inclusive.

Q&A:

Salimi - with RSOs under MSC, would they put in resolution for group travel? Yes. It will be treated like off campus travel.

Rogowski - I'm realizing that we might need to change wording. It says resolution, but does it need to be by bill because it's a purchase? What does resolution mean?

Because it's a purchase, that wording might need to say bill.

Ilesanmi - What is the difference in the travel from the conference grants? These are different things. Travel would be similar to what we saw last year from a research group traveling overseas.

Ilesanmi - so then it should be resolution?

Rogowski - Maybe we need to re-word the bill to say all group travel funded will require a resolution so then they need to submit a bill and resolution. It might be overkill, but would cover it.

Pros:

Rogowski - motion to extinguish, Salimi - 2nd

Cons:

Rogowski - motion to amend the bill. Would like to amend 202.5b instead of saying all purchases, it will say all group travel will. 2nd - Salimi

Pros:

Ilesanmi - motion to extinguish; Mostbauer - 2nd.

Cons:

Ilesanmi - Motion to call to question; 2nd - Salimi

Vote: 13-0-0 Amendment passes

Pros for the amended bill:

Rogowski - Everyone in Internal Affairs has worked hard on this. I'm happy that we are clarifying conferences and defining it explicitly. I hope we can spend more on travel moving forward.

Vaughn - Past requests have had to be denied and this change is important.

Ilesanmi - Allows more organizations to use our funding.

Ilesanmi - Extinguish time; 2nd - Rogowski

Cons:

Ilesanmi - Motion to call to question; Risler - 2nd

Closing: Thank you for supporting this bill. It means a lot to those on campus. It is a change in the code that reflects our graduate students. We want to be inclusive to what graduate students need.

Vote: 13-0-0

Bill #22: Public Administration Graduate Association

Opening statements: It is my honor to present this bill. They will have their Spring awards ceremony. It will honor the students who are graduating and it's open to the public on April 28th. Catering with Olive Garden.

Q&A:

Rogowski - Is Olive Garden is an approved vendor? Yes. Have they had this event funded before? No, but it is something that has been pushed by the students to make it happen. Hosting bonding of the students in the program and hope to have it continue in the future.

Rogowski - How is it being advertised? Social media and in the department's building.

Gui - How many are graduating? Around 30. Expected attendance is 40-50.

Delva - Is it just chicken parmesan? There are pasta stations as well.

Gui - What about family and friends? Currently have 30 RSVPs. Many of the students are already in the field. Food ordered for around 40 people.

Mostbauer - Location is booked? Yes.

Pros:

Delva - This is a cool event and it's great to see a new organization requesting money and being active on campus. Hoping for more events in the future. Always good to celebrate graduation.

Ilesanmi- I think this is a good event and I hope it motivates this RSO to put in a budget request next spring. More RSOs = more spending = less money to sweepings

Elmi - this is an interesting idea because it is a way to have a last time to make connections. I think other schools should do it.

Cons:

Salimi - Motion to call to question; Delva - 2nd.

Closing; This program is flagship for the Social Science program and should have more recognition. Good event to start and make it as a yearly event.

Vote: 13-0-0

Bill #23: African Graduate Student Association

This is a followup bill from the bill passed last week to have food during the event that was approved.

Q&A: Rogowski - What was your most recent RSVP count? 44 and that's because it was closed early. We have 12 more slots and expect to fill them.

Delva - I don't see water on here? It's not allowed by COGS funding, but we do have drink options.

Risler - Could offer jugs of water.

Salimi - What is the food item that was cut off on the image? The attached quote was a rough estimate of projected cost, so some things might be adjusted once the new board comes in.

Delva - Do you think you will need a section for expenses for cups and things? If they need extra funding, then they can get that from the members.

Pros:

Rogowski - I think this is a great event and a good use of money.

Vaughn - Thank you for taking our suggestions from the last meeting about adding food to the event.

Delva - Happy to socialize and have a mental health day.

Gui - I think many of the members don't have cars and it's a great way to get exposed to the beach and have fun.

Vaughn - motion to extinguish the time; 2nd - Rogowski

Cons:

Risler - Motion to Call to question; Salimi - 2nd.

Closing statements: Thank you to the members of the congress for supporting a new RSO. I do want to emphasize the gratitude for this support. Thank you.

Vote: 13-0-0

Bill #24: COGS Presentation Grants Transfer

We have a series of bills to move funds within our accounts. This one is to move funds from past funding period to the new funding period.

Q&A: Vaughn - Motion to extinguish the time; 2nd - Galeano

Pros:

Ebuara - this seems like business as usual and lets us fund conferences as needed.

Delva - Motion to extinguish; 2nd- Ilesanmi

Cons:

Motion to call to question - Delva; 2nd - Ilesanmi

Closing: None

Vote: 13-0-0

Bill #25: COGS Attendance Grants Transfer

Rogowski - Moving between different funding periods.

Q&A:

Salimi - I see a typo where it says presentation instead of attendance.

Pros: Salimi - motion to extinguish time; 2nd - Ilesanmi

Cons: Salimi - motion to extinguish time; 2nd - Delva

Salimi - Motion to Amend to replace the word presentation with attendance. 2nd - Delva.

Vote: 13-0-0 to amend the bill

Closing: None

Vote: 13-0-0

Bill #26: COGS Unallocated Funds Transfer

Rogowski - Will have around \$10,000 left over after this meeting, so this is moving the funds so they can be used.

Q&A: Motion to extinguish - Salimi; 2nd - Ilesanmi

Pros: Motion to extinguish - Ilesanmi; 2nd - Delva

Cons: Motion to call to question - Risler; 2nd - Vaughn

Vote: 13-0-0

Bill #27: COGS Administrative Expense Funds Transfer

Rogowski - Need more money into our food account for our upcoming events.

Q&A: Motion to extinguish - Salimi; 2nd - Ilesanmi

Pros: Motion to extinguish - Salimi; 2nd - Delva

Cons: Vaughn - motion to call to question: 2nd - Salimi

Vote: 13-0-0

Bill #28: Neurology Association Budget Transfer

Elmi- Funds need to be moved from food account to expense account.

Q&A: Rogowski - Motion to extinguish; 2nd - Ilesanmi

Pros: Motion to extinguish- Salimi; 2nd - Delva

Cons: Motion to call to question - Salimi; 2nd - Risler

Vote: 13-0-0

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Resolution #3: African Graduate Student Association

You should know what this is about. This allows us to host our event off campus.

Q&A: Rogowski - Our student body president has changed so we will need to change this.

Motion to extinguish - Salimi; 2nd - Rogowski

Pros:

Ebuara - Congress has done a lot to make sure this event happens and this resolution makes sure that it can happen.

Motion to extinguish - Vaughn; 2nd - Delva

Cons:

Motion to extinguish - Rogowski; 2nd - Delva

Motion to amend the name of the Student Body President

Vote: 13-0-0 to amend

Closing: Thank you for your support. It means a lot of us in the organization and this is my last presentation as a member of COGS after 3 years.

Vote: 13-0-0

Round Table:

Adjournment: 8:20pm

Next Meeting: **May 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Senate Chambers (3rd floor New Student Union)**