



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting

July 17, 2023

6:30pm

Minutes

Call to Order: 6:33pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Rep. Beavon

Present: Balogun, Beavon, Delva, Ebuara, Galeano, Hussain, Rogowski, Vaughn

Absent Excused: Wesner

Reading and approval of the Minutes: Galeano, 2nd - Delva

Petitions into the Assembly: N/A

Special Introductions and Student Comments: N/A

Messages from Student Government: N/A

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: N/A

Report of Officers:

- Report of the Speaker: Got access to the Speaker email and working on catching up. Looking forward to Graduate Student Orientation on August 22nd. Let me know if there is anything specific to mention during this. As a reminder with the start of the Fall semester, reach out to those in your department to share that you are a member of COGS. Be an advocate for students.
Representative Ebuara - I am planning to talk to new students coming in to my program. What should I talk to them about?
Talk to them about RSOs and the presentation grants.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance: Everything is going well with the grants for the new fiscal year. The financial report has been updated for this new fiscal year. Presentation grants are being used and MSC is also using their funds for a big event in August. We do have a funding request tonight.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs: No reports.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications: Will be reaching out to confirm people helping with International Student Orientation and will reach out to representatives on summer break for help. Will also be planning representative spotlights for Instagram - look out for emails soon.

Committee Report:

- C-SAC:
- Internal Affairs: N/A
- Student Advocacy: N/A
- Student Affairs: N/A

Funding Requests:

Bill #28: Office of Representation, Inclusion, Student Equity (RISE)

Rep. Galeano: The RISE Office is requesting \$1,500 toward funding their 3rd Floor Thursday series event. This event works to help graduate students get to know each other. There are details attached for food quotes and photos from the events held last year. I yield the rest of my time.

Q&A: Vaughn - Do we know how many people came to these events last year? 30-40 people.

Delva - Would it be a Thursday event every other Thursday or one Thursday a month?
I'm not sure how far apart these events are.

Speaker Rogowski - I can clarify this. The event was twice a month, but we are just funding the first 3 events and encourage them to go to sweepings for the rest of the year. We did not want to clear out our money so early, so they will request more money later from Sweepings.

Pros:

Vaughn - Would like us to offer to help market this event because I don't remember seeing it advertised last year. It's a good way for Graduate Students to meet each other and I would like to see more people attending.

Delva - I like this event because it helps grad students to meet each other.

Ebuara - Motion to extinguish the rest of the time.

Cons:

Hussain - This is the first I've heard about this, so they need to work on advertising.

Delva - Motion to Call to Question; Ebuara - 2nd.

Voting: 7-0-1

Unfinished Business:

Deputy Speaker for Finance Call for Nominees - None

New Business: N/A

Round Table:

Adjournment: 7:23pm

Next Meeting: September 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Senate Chambers