

# TWENTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
COGS Assembly Room  
Room 250 Student Life Building  
June 4, 2012  
6:36 p.m.



**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Ard'is, Boler, Doyle, Lieberwirth, Leslie, Howard, Manakov, Mears, Tazaz.

**QUORUM:** Yes

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Doyle.

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** None

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** None.

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Cabrera, Horner, Pasqua, Williams

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** Christian, Hutson

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED:** None.

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** None.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** with amendments. Leslie moves, Tazaz seconds.

**PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY:** None.

**SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**STUDENT COMMENTS:** None.

**MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** None.

## **SPEAKER'S REPORT:**

E-board is meeting regularly. Speaker has been working with Representative Leslie about recruitment and retention of COGS members. Speaker has been having many meetings with college administrators, including Vice President for Student Affairs and upcoming meeting with President Barron. Applied for the NAGPS organization of the year. Luau and Orientation is coming up and we will need everyone's help!

## **DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR FINANCE'S REPORT:**

Financial report might not be completely updated, but is as follows: \$5,305.12 in COGS Administrative. \$3423.08 in Self-Generated. \$30,323.71 in COGS Unallocated. \$7,734.00 in COGS Organizational. Made a few dollars from GoodSearch, and the new travel grant cycle began June 1.

## **DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR JUDICIAL AFFIARS:**

Apologize for missing the retreat meeting. Continue to need membership.

## **DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR COMMUNICATIONS:**

Elections are tonight for this position, but Boler serving temporarily, it has been a pleasure.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- C-SAC: has not met.
- Internal Affairs: has not met.
- Academics & Student Life: has not met. Howard appointed to Committee.
- Ways & Means: has not met, but has produced a flow chart based on Internal Rules.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Elections of Deputy Speaker for Communications**

- Doyle nominates Representative Boler, second by Lieberwirth.
- Mears nominates Representative Leslie, second by Lieberwirth
- Two minute speech by both candidates.
- Questions to each candidate from Howard about time commitments and engaging students, Howard motions to extend time by 5 minutes, Manakov seconds. Doyle questions about graduation dates and Manakov questions about academic performance, Tazaz about holding office hours.
- Debate highlights the passion, strength, dedication and time left in graduate school. Both candidates speak up and work hard. Mears calls the question, Lieberwirth seconds.
- Paper secret ballot vote: **Boler is elected Deputy Speaker for Communications.**

*Bill 32: Purchasing of COGS Office Supplies*

- Proponent speech by Doyle and Tazaz regarding importance of office supplies need and any COGS activities prior to July 1. **First Pro** – office supplies are important and social events would be beneficial. **First Con:** no comments. **Second Pro:** Manakov motions to increase to \$2000, seconds by Lieberwirth, Howard objects, Tazaz and Doyle accept as friendly.
- **Bill passes with friendly amendment, 8-0** for \$2000 to be moved from COGS Unallocated to COGS Admin.

Boler takes chair.

*Bill 33: Requirement of COGS Approval for all expenses for off campus events*

- Proponent speech by Tazaz highlighting Chapter 201.6 and the costs associated with making off campus events and open to all students. Minimal questions about language. **First Pro:** probably benefit to students who do not have a car. **First Con,** none. **Second Pro:** Manakov calls the question, Leslie seconds.
- **Bill passes, 8-0,** to require a Resolution passed by the majority of COGS Body for any off campus events using A & S fees.

*Bill 34: Purchasing of COGS Promotional Items*

- Proponent speech by Ard'is, promotional items highlighted by Tazaz. Questions about pricing and environmental friendliness, as well as personal thoughts about giveaways. Leslie extends questions by 5 minutes, Howard seconds. Manakov seconds by 5 minutes, Howard seconds. **First Pro:** Howard believe PR is good, Mears thinks water bottles are a great idea and the cheap ones would be okay. **First Con:** none. **Second Pro:** Leslie supports the bill. Manakov calls the question, second by Mears.
- **Bill passes, 7-1-0,** to move \$5000 from COGS Unallocated to COGS Admin to cover promotional items for COGS summer, orientation, and annual events.  
**BILL VETOED.**

*Bill 35: Requirement of COGS Approval for OCO Purchases*

- Proponent by Tazaz regarding OCO funds and how they are tracked. Questions about how inventory works and what people spend money on. **First Pro:** Leslie fully supports, Manakov suggests better tracking in the future. **First Con:** none. **Second Pro:** Manakov calls the question, Howard seconds.
- **Bill passes, 8-0,** to require any GRSO purchase totaling \$1000 or more to have COGS majority approval.  
**BILL VETOED.**

*Bill 36: Change in the Deadline for Form Submission*

- Proponent by Doyle to update deadlines for funding due to new vendor procedures. Manakov questions how the reasoning behind three weeks. **First Pro:** none. **First Con:** none. **Second Pro:** Leslie can see how this is necessary for funding, and how it can help adjust graduate students expectations of what can and needs to be done. **Second Con:** Mears calls the question, Leslie seconds.
- **Bill passes, 7-1,** to require all funding requests to be submitted 15 business days in advance.

*Resolution 25: General Assembly Meetings*

- Proponent by Ard'is regarding current structure and how it is difficult to follow. Howard questions how people will get information about when meetings are. **First Pro:** Howard appreciates the clarification of this bill. **First Con:** Tazaz is fearful it might cause confusion to GRSO's who might not know the schedule, Mears is curious as to where the counting begins, Howard thinks there should be a calendar, Manakov thinks it doesn't need to be changed since meetings are held whenever. **Second Pro:** people like that it will be clearer. **Second Con:** Lieberwirth comments that telling people first and third is helpful, Doyle thinks there is a better solution, Leslie thinks regardless there should be a calendar in place, Howard agrees. **Third Pro:** Tazaz follows up that room is currently vacant. **Third Con:** either way we need a calendar.
- **2-3-2 Resolution Fails.**

Ard'is brings Bill 37 to the floor.

*Bill 37: Purchasing of COGS Polo Shirts*

- Proponent by Ard'is to purchase 150 dry-fit polo shirts sends around price quote. Doyle questions how many shirts are left from prior, people ask numerous questions about shirt sizes, samples, and personal desires. **First Pro:** Howard would like a shirt, Leslie would like a shirt that fits, Doyle thinks shirts should be order that will fit people, Manakov thinks a shirt should be cotton, Mears thinks it is beneficial when COGS is uniform, Tazaz thinks there is a need for new shirts but that \$4000 is excessive and sets bad precedent, since other groups don't get money just "to give it back. **First Con:** none. **Second Pro:** Doyle moves to accept by acclimation, Tazaz objects. Leslie calls the question, Mears seconds, Tazaz objects, Leslie withdraws motion.
  - Tazaz moves to amend the bill to reduce the amount to \$2500. Lieberwirth seconds, Ard'is objects. Tazaz states that \$4000 sets a negative precedent, that many shirts aren't need, still have twenty from two years ago. Questions about sizes and what will happen to old shirts. **First Pro:** none. **First Con:** Ard'is wants to be able to order more shirts. **Second Pro:** Leslie supports the reduction amount; Howard says the unused amount will be given back anyways. **Second Con:** we shouldn't let ourselves spend money in ways we don't let others, we do need different size breakdowns. **Third Pro:** none. **Third Con:** none.
  - 4-4 Vote on the amendment, tie must be broken by Boler, 5-4 motion passes.
- Leslie moves to accept by acclimation, Lieberwirth seconds, Ard'is objects.
- **Bill passes as amended, 6-1,** to move \$2500 to purchase COGS polos.

Ard'is takes Chair.

**ROUND TABLE AND ROLL CALL:** Ard'is, Boler, Doyle, Lieberwirth, Leslie, Howard, Manakov, Mears, Tazaz..

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:05pm**

**NEXT MEETING: June 18, 2012**