REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Ard’is, Boler, Bollenback, Hutson, Kanter, Mears, Mims, Okoye, Salvador, Tazaz, Williams, Willingham

QUORUM: Yes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ard’is

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: Hutson

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Leslie, Lieberwirth, Manakov

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Howard, Shah,

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: Okoye


PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: NONE

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: John Hahn from MSC

STUDENT COMMENTS: None.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: None.

SPEAKER’S REPORT:

- Last meeting as Speaker
- Pleasure and a joy serving as Speaker and reiterated if anyone has question about role would be happy to share
- Meeting with committees spoke about last week ends this month. The upcoming Speaker will serve on those committees as well.
- Briefly discusses Bill 50 regarding LSC and MSC and efforts to make more efficient and productive in organization.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR FINANCE’S REPORT:

- Please see attached page to minutes
- COGS Allocated Accounts and Budget

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR JUDICIAL AFFAIRS:

- Continuing to work on training program and thinks it will be seen at the next Congress.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- C-SAC: HAVE NOT MET.
- Academics & Student Life: HAVE NOT MET.
- Ways & Means: HAVE NOT MET.
- Internal Affairs Committee: HAVE NOT MET.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE.
FUNDING REQUEST:

- Bill 47: *Allocation to Student Archaeology Club*
  Organization briefly gives information about the club. Main goal is to promote AIA lectures each year. Want to promote and cater the event. Will bring in AIA speakers who will meet students and speakers. Wants to increase membership and involvement with organization. Requesting $200 in travel expenses, $150 for food, and $200 for awards. Questions from representatives. Kanter is AIA bringing in speakers. Bollenback asks about their plan for fundraising. Further questions by Mears regarding organization’s costs. Williams asks about attendance and food. Further questions by Ard’is regarding organization. More questions by Bollenback regarding other funding requests elsewhere. Williams asks to explain funds requested. Tazaz motions to fully fund, Kanter second. Objections None. **Motion Passes to fully fund at $550. Bill 47 Passes.**

- Bill 48: *Allocation to Thalassic Society*
  Organization gives brief history and shares how their organization started with the merging of several other departments. Now they are the official graduate school organization for each of these departments. Do fundraising in the Spring. Is having a graduate symposium so all students can talk about their research in a presentation format and to talk about their research among fellow students and professors in the department. Requesting $100 general expenses. $350 for food and $374.50 for awards given at symposium. Bollenback asks questions regarding food and poster sessions. Mims asks questions about attendance. Willingham motions to fully fund, Second Bollenback. Objections NONE. **Motion pass to fully fund $824.50. Bill 48 Passes.**

- Bill 49: *Allocation to Student Association for Religious Studies*
  President shares briefly about the Organization. Main focus to serve and enrich the knowledge of the graduate students. Shares information about major event, Graduate Student Symposium. Speakers from all over come to present research opportunities for all graduate students to present research at smaller conference where networking and feedback on research is possible. This year will focus on opportunities for graduate students. Event will last all weekend. Requesting $2000 for food to cover 2 dinners, 1 lunch and 2 breakfasts and $1000 for honorarium for speakers. Questions from representatives, Boler asks if date is set, Bollenback asks questions regarding meals. Mears further questions food costs for last year’s meeting. Bollenback motions to fully fund, Second by Mims. Objections NONE. **Motion passes to fully fund at $3000. Bill 49 Passes.**

According to rule #10 of Internal Rules of Procedure, Speaker Ard’is calls Representative Mims to Chair

- Bill 50: *Sponsored by Speaker Ard’is and Representative Boler: Update Cogs Code to make LSC and MSC more efficient.*
  Speaker Ard’is and Representative Boler discusses that updates comes from lots of meeting with LSC and MSC. Wants to make them more efficient and productive. Boler spoke of changes related to the original names of LSC and MSC, and each section of the code with requested changes. Time expired. Bollenback motion to extend 5 minutes, Second Kanter. Ard’is explains changes to MSC. Further explains reasons. Questions from Tazaz regarding change in section 300.5 B under LSC and 302 D under MSC. **First PRO:** Kanter appreciates corrections and will make to make motion. Bollenback likes wording. **First CON: NONE. Second PRO:** Bollenback motion to amend 302.5 A 2. Second Kanter. **Motion accepted as friendly amendment.** Salvador motion to amend 302.2 B, to say “a representative at each regional campus.” **Motion accepted as friendly amendment.** Kanter move to move 302.2 D entire section to 302. B 1. **Motion withdrawn.** Tazaz motion to amend 302.B to change 9th in the wording to additional. Salvador motion to strike the wording “to an additional” to say “two additional representatives of COGS.” **Motion Withdrawn.** Tazaz motions to strike 300.6 G strike “FSU student affairs,” replace “COGS” and after the word guidelines, strike everything after that sentence. **Motion accepted as friendly amendment.** Tazaz motion to amend 300.6 H strike last sentence “LSC may set up an LSC Unallocated account.” **Motion accepted as friendly.** Tazaz motion to amend 300.7 A 4 to change last words from “COGS Speaker” to “the Congress of Graduate Students.” Second Williams. Objection Ard’is. Tazaz wants to change words because the Congress should approve as one body instead of just the Speaker. **First PRO: NONE. First CON:** Ard’is there is nothing that they can necessarily change because of student statutes. **Second PRO:** Tazaz if there is nothing LSC can change then the whole section should be removed. Kanter, given that LSC doesn’t have its own constitution, supports motion. **Second CON:** Bollenback in support of keeping the wording the way it is. Ard’is agrees with Tazaz as far as LSC can’t change statutes and the only thing they can change is how they allocate funds and who they award. Still believes there is no reason to change
wording and would like to leave it as it is.

Willingham questions why is there language giving them permission to change if they have no authority. **Third PRO:** Kanter move to strike all of section 300.7.A 4. Second Bollenback. **Motion accepted as friendly.** Tazaz motion to call to question on her amendment. Second Bollenback. Tazaz waives closing. **Motion passes in the opinion of the chair.** Salvador moves to amend 302.2 B to strike entire last sentence and change to “medical students currently serving as Cogs rep shall be invited to serve as voting members of the MSC E-Board.” **Motion accepted as friendly.** Tazaz move to amend 300.5 B to change Vice Chairperson to say “Treasurer.” Second Mears. **Motion accepted as friendly.** Tazaz move to amend 300.4 A to say “Treasurer” instead of Vice Chairperson. **Motion accepted as friendly.** Tazaz moves to amend 300. 3 D, last three words from speaker of Cogs to Law School Council Selections Commission. **Motion Withdrawn.** Salvador move to amend 302.3B add at the recommendation of the MCS executive board. **Motion accepted as friendly.** Tazaz move to amend 300.3 D to change speaker of COGS to Law School Council Selection Commission. Second NONE. **Motion Fails.** Kanter move to amend 302.6 A to strike “shall post the minutes of the meeting in the medical school student lounge” to say “shall post an electronic copy of the minutes on the MCS website” because there is no medical school student lounge. Second Bollenback. Objection Tazaz. Kanter MSC manages all documents electronically. For the benefit of the entire student body, its best to post minutes in an attestable place. Questions by Tazaz regarding med school intranet. **First PRO:** Salvador sees no reason to object to the amendments. Economically feasible and access feasible for the med school centers not in Tallahassee. They have access to MSC but not the LSC website and this makes it more accessible for students. Okoye asks questions about med school centers. **First CON:** Tazaz LSC and MSC should be same rules for both, what we do for one we should do for the other. **Second PRO:** Ard’is move to make an amendment to Kanter amendment to add “on the COGS website” at the end of that sentence. Second Bollenback. Objections NONE. Ard’is call to question. Second Mears. Kanter yields. **Motion passes 9-1-0.** Bollenback move that 300.3 D to be changed to “shall be filled by appointment by Speaker of COGS at recommendation of Law School Council Selections Commission.” **Motion accepted as friendly.** Kanter move to amend 302.6 B to say the same as what was amended in 302.6 A. **Motion accepted as friendly.** Bollenback call to question Second Mears. Objections NONE. Boler appreciates hard work and dedication to clear up LSC and MSC. Bollenback move to accept by acclimation. Second Kanter. **Bill 50 passed unanimously.**

**Speaker Ard’is to chair.**

Ard’is move that the agenda reflects Bill 50 then put in the archives. Second Kanter. Objections NONE. **Motion passes.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** NONE

**ROUNDTABLE & ROLL CALL:** Willingham, Williams, Mears, Okoye, Bollenback, Mims, Kanter, Salvador, Boler, Tazaz, Ard’is

**ADJOURNMENT:** Sine Dines 20th Congress at 8:53 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 5, 2012
20th Congress of Graduate Students
Report of the Deputy Speaker
October 15, 2012

COGS Unallocated $48,012.02
COGS Organizational Support $12,825.00