MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
April 15, 2013
6:30 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Boler, Hall, Kanter, Leone, Lieberwirth, Luttrell, Mookerherjee, Nilson, Okoye, Salvador, Shah, Tabbaa, Tazaz, Williams, Willingham, Youngblood, Yu

QUORUM: Yes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Salvador

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: Leslie, Salvador

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Hansford, Gajjarapu, Kanuri

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Greinke, Manakov, Meehan, Hutson

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: Mims, Pratt

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: NONE

MINUTES APPROVED: with amendments Shah. Second Leone

Under the Internal Rules of Procedures, Speaker Boler and Representative Leone call for a Moment of Silence for Boston Victims.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

STUDENT COMMENTS: NONE

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:
- COGS Advisor Danielle Morgan shares an email regarding the closing of Alumni Village on August 22, 2014.

SPEAKER’S REPORT:
- Met with Vicki Dobiyanski to discuss Alumni Village issue and what Student Government is planning to do. No firm plans at this point but we are definitely here to support the students at Alumni Village.
- Asks Academics and Student Life committee to help out also. In the near future, the Student Body President Rosie Contreras and Boler will meet with Dr. Frame who is part of University Housing to discuss what we could do to help.
- If you are interested in learning more let Felicia or Boler know.
- Boler shared about the PeaceJam event on last Friday.
- Celebration of Graduate Students Excellence will be held Wednesday at 3:30 pm in the Alumni Center Ballroom. A reception will follow. Please wear COGS polo shirts or business casual.
- Spring Fling is coming up this Friday. COGS is funding KidZone which will held in the union amphitheater.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR FINANCE’S REPORT:
- COGS Unallocated is the line to be aware of as we have 2 funding requests.
- There is money left for presentation and attendance grants if you know anyone who is traveling for conferences in the summer and is registered for classes, let them know about the grants.
DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR JUDICIAL AFFAIRS:
- Internal Affairs Committee will talk about leave of absence.
- Please be aware that there is a vacancy in the College of Arts in Sciences.
- If you have any questions about leave of absence, vacancies, or the attendance policy, see Kanter or Representative Willingham.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- C-SAC: HAVE NOT MET
- Internal Affairs:
  - If you plan to be out in the summer you should apply for a leave of absence and Internal Affairs has to approve the absence.
  - If you anticipate being gone more than 3 COGS meetings, leave of absences can be approved for summer and your seat will be temporarily vacated. Email Shenika with your name, position and return day, and Internal Affairs will approve it. If you will be off campus for more than 30 days, apply for leave of absence.
  - Internal Affairs is putting together an Ad HOC committee for the Dialogues conference. If you are interested let Willingham know.
- Academic & Student Life:
  - Met this evening and will collaborate with the graduate student union regarding assistantships.
  - Parking issue cannot be resolved.
  - Discussed change of leadership as Youngblood is graduating in May. Representative Shah will be Chair.
- Ways & Means:
  - Has not met but will meet briefly after tonight’s meeting.

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:
- Bill 18: Allocation to the Political Science Graduate Student Association
  Came to COGS a few months ago requesting funding for their spring event. Is requesting an additional $500 to pay one of their speakers. Her department has agreed to donate $2500 to add with the amount COGS funded the organization. We are getting the most of our money. They have done advertising by making fliers. Other departments have also donated to help make event happen. Tazaz motion to change the bill face to say “On April 15, 2013, the body voted to move $500 from the COGS 2012-2013 Unallocated Account to Political Science Graduate Student Association,” and under Purpose to say “ to provide additional funding to Political Science Graduate Student Association Spring Conference” Second Lieberwirth. Objection: None. Motion Passes to fund and amend the bill face.

- Bill 19: Allocation to the Indian Student Association of Tallahassee
  Organization thanks COGS for funding their last event. It was a success. Requesting funding for a workshop that provides incoming graduate students with outreach and educational information on how to settle in at FSU and to make use of resources. Nilson asks clarification of name of organization. Leslie asks about attendance. Lieberwirth asks what type of food will be served. Hall asks about t-shirts. Leslie asks how much money the organization is requesting with the revisions they made. Shah motion to extend by one minute. Okoye Second. Further questions from Shah, Salvador, and Leslie. Williams motion to extend by two minutes. Kanter Second. Leslie asks if the organization has talked to student publications about posters. Youngblood as about attendance. Nilson asks how many graduate students are attending. Further questions from Youngblood. Leslie motion to fully fund $30 in expense, $420 in food, and $450 in clothing and awards. Second Shah. Objection: Lieberwirth. Leslie applauds organization for trying to do something to benefit students at FSU. The event is not just for this organization but for all students. The food is reasonably priced and applauds them for trying to find very inexpensive options. Youngblood asks about figures for t-shirts. Tazaz asks if any fundraising has been done for this event. Further questions from Representatives. First PRO: Shah states he has been involved in what they are doing and is in favor of funding. Leslie fully appreciates what the organization is trying to do and COGS should try to help them as much as possible because international students are one of the most under-recognized organizations on
First CON: Tazaz supports their initiative. She has an issue with amount of funds for this event. Tabbaa supports it as well but thinks funding for the shirts is excessive. Yu is not against idea but has an issue with pricing. Second PRO: Tazaz motion to amend expense in $50, food $350, and clothing $300. Kanter Second. Objection: Leslie. Tazaz explains her breakdown of each expense for her motion to amend the bill as well as suggestions of how the organization can cut down costs. They declared they did not fundraise and this is a way to encourage them to do so for this event. Questions from Representatives Shah and Leslie. Kanter motion to extend by one minute. Okoye Second. Lieberwirth supports money for food but not for clothing, First CON: Leslie states it is a new organization that has been around for a few months and is the largest international organization there is. Leslie is not in favor of cutting the amount for food because it will limit the amount of food provided for people coming. She further explains why funding for shirts should not be cut as well. She also states that it is unfair to ask an organization to go back and ask for lower prices when their prices are already low. Tabbaa agrees that food cost should remain at $450 and also agrees with Tazaz’s quote for t-shirts. Youngblood agrees with clothing amount but not with food amount and states that there is a lot of work that goes into preparing Indian food. Okoye agrees with Youngblood and Tabbaa. Second PRO: Youngblood call to question. Second: Willingham. Objection. Leslie. Youngblood does not withdraw call to question. The Ayes have it and the call to question succeeds. Tazaz further explains reasoning for her amendment. Ayes have it, Tazaz’s amendment passes. Leslie requests a hand-raised vote. Ayes have it 13-4-2. Second PRO: Kanter call to question. Lieberwirth Second. Objection: Leslie. Ayes have it 11-7-1 to vote on Leslie’s motion to fund. Leslie asks representatives to at least reconsider funding the organization for food. Motion to fund is 7-8-4. Kanter motion for 5 minute recess. Tazaz Second. Kanter call division on previous vote and motion to vote by roll call. Bill Passes 16-0-3.

New Business: NONE

ROUNDTABLE: Pratt, Lieberwirth, Yu, Shah, Youngblood, Nilson, Tabbaa, Leone, Willingham, Mims, Okoye, Hall, Tazaz, Kanter, Williams, Boler.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:27 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 20, 2013