

# TWENTY SECOND CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union  
April 21, 2014  
6:39p.m.



**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Adolphson, Akinfaderin, Behuniak, Boler, Clay, Daramola, Greinke, Hall, Halperin, Huard, Leslie, Luttrell, Marryshow, Misrahi, Nilson, Pratt, Raleigh, Strazzo, Syme, Ward, Williams

**QUORUM:** YES

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Syme

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** Pratt

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Lee

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** Wakil

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY:** NONE

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Greinke accepts. Luttrell Second.

**SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**STUDENT COMMENTS:**

**MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:**

## **Funding Requests:**

- *Bill 24: An Allocation to the FSU Art Therapy Association*  
The organization is requesting funding to attend the American Art Therapy Conference in Texas, this July for 18 members. There will be 22 members attending, 4 of which will be presenting; applying separately. This is an opportunity for the organization to attend workshops, gain a broader view of therapy techniques and to network on a national level. The organization will also host an Alumni reception which will allow alumni and conference attendees to meet and greet personally with FSU's Art Therapy Association. The organization is responsible for funding the early registration fees, transportation, hotel and meals. The organization is not requesting the full amount listed in the Bill, their main goal is to receive reimbursement for registration fees. The organization asks COGS to take this information into consideration. The representatives inquire where are they flying from and flight location considerations and if they have been trying to fundraise for the conference. COGS continue by inquiring if the organization attended the conference last year and if the organization has requested funds from their department. Akinfaderin asks the organization if they are aware of the attendance grant application. Deputy

Speaker Leslie asks if the organization considered renting a van from AVIS instead of driving personal vehicles to lower the costs. Nilson inquires the expected attendance for the Alumni reception. COGS continues to inquire about departmental assistance, and if food is provided at the conference. Leslie moves to fund the organization for \$0. Luttrell second. Objection. Deputy speaker Leslie says that the organization is requesting over 40% of the COGS unallocated budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. She then adds that if COGS just funds the registration attendance fees that this amount will cover over 13% of the budget for the whole year. The representatives inquire Deputy Speaker Leslie's decision to 0 fund the organization. They clarified that the suggestion to request funding from the department and then return to request funding again. **FIRST PRO:** Nilson partially agrees with the decision to 0 fund. He does believe that the conference is very beneficial and wishes COGS could fund the organization, but does not have enough funds to do so. He also feels that the 0 funding the organization would send a message to the department to assist their students so COGS can move forward with funding. Luttrell agrees with 0 funding. He believes that the organization can apply for attendance grants which may cover 1/3 of the requested amount. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Williams believes that the bill should be tabled on the basis that COGS would like to fund the organization, but would like for the organization to receive assistance from their department. Tabling the bill would allow the department some time to do so. **SECOND PRO:** Ward may be a good idea due to the fact that organizations may began to feel as though they can request attendance funding for national conferences on top of funding for organizational projects, instead of applying for conference grants that are specifically designed for attendees and presenters. Deputy Speaker Leslie closes by saying that COGS is here to represent as many organizations as possible and in no way she is trying to punish the organization. The intent to 0 fund is so the department can offer assistance to their students. **Bill 24 Allocated \$0 in General Expense, \$0 in Travel,0 in Food passes 15-1-2.**

#### **New Business:**

- *Resolution 10 Sponsored by Representative Misrahi: Permission for the MBA Association to host an event off campus*  
Representative Misrahi explains that the organization is trying to spend their funds off campus to host a mixer at Level 8 Lounge. At the mixer, the organization will present an award to a faculty member. Light refreshments will be served and they are expecting an attendance of 15-80 students. Representatives inquire why the event needs to be held off campus, if the funds were allocated with the intent of holding an event off campus and if they will be serving alcoholic beverages. **Resolution 10 passes 10-3-5.**

**ROUNDTABLE:** Adolphson, Akinfaderin, Behuniak, Boler, Clay, Daramola, Grienke, Hall, Halperin, Leslie, Luttrell, Marryshow, Misrahi, Nilson, Raleigh, Strazzo, Syme, Ward, Williams

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:05 p.m.