MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
August 25th, 2014
6:34 p.m.


QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Marryshow

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: Leslie

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Matt DelCiampo, Logan Edwards, Shravan Tamaskar

MINUTES APPROVED: Accepted Gaboardi. Second Hall.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

STUDENT COMMENTS:
- Kerr Ballenger, President of the Graduate Assistants United, updated the students about the bargaining meeting. They are striving to receive full coverage for health care and lower rates for graduate assistant fees. He encourages the representatives to visit the website, to stay updated on the status of bargaining for graduate assistants.
- Lakey, PR of Graduate Assistants United, is running a campaign to support Resolution 12, created by COGS. She also advises the representatives to research resetting the presidential search.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:
- Stefano Cavallaro, FSU’s Student Body President, introduces the Secretary for Departmental Affairs, who will act as a liaison between COGS and SGA. Gerald Johnson, Vice President, introduced himself as well. Stefano emphasizes the importance of communication between COGS and general SGA and how he will strive to keep the lines of communication open between the two.

Unfinished Business

Funding Requests:
- Bill 34: An Allocation to the Public Health Student Association
Natalie Bonus, President of the organization is requesting funds from COGS for t-shirts for the organization’s members. Since completing the request, the organization has raised an additional $50. Previously, the organization requested a total of $795 for t-shirts. Since then, the organization has taken the advice of the COGS representatives; to reduce the amount of colors used on the t-shirts, to cut down some of the costs. Removing some of the colors as well as receiving sponsorships, has decreased the amount needed for t-shirts to $600. Natalie explains the t-shirts adds a sense of cohesion to the organization. The department’s professor, Dr. Rohan added that the organization hosts many events on campus as well as off campus and the t-shirts add an identity to the organization. Dr. Rohan mentions that Natalie has gone the extra mile in attempting to gain sponsorships in the community. The t-shirts for new members are something that they can keep for the coming years. Representatives inquire how many shirts the organization will attempt to order, if the previous members have t-shirts and if there are any t-shirts available from last year. Representatives also inquire about the previous allocation, what the funds will be used for, and a number of community service events hosted by the organization throughout the year. Deputy Speaker Leslie inquires if the organization receives any funding from their department. Deputy Speaker Nilson asks if all of the members of the organization are graduate students. Representative Ward motions to fund the organization at $600. Objection. Representative Ward mentions that the president of the organization announced that they raised $50 additional since submitting the request, lowering the amount needed $650 to $600 from COGS. FIRST PRO: Representative Clay believes that the organization will use the funds responsibly. Churey believes the fact that they went around Tallahassee to try to raise funds, shows their dedication to the organization. Halperin believes that the organization is representing the university well and it is a good idea to assist them with purchasing t-shirts. Marryshow adds that the t-shirt creates a cohesive front and that the organization did a good job by reaching out to their department as well. Strazzo thinks that they are really representing the university in a positive light, after hearing about the many events that the organization creates. Nilson is impressed by the department’s support. FIRST CON: Leslie mentions that COGS has allocated 40% of the funds for the year as of August 2014. She respects the level of organization from them, but believes that COGS must strive to stretch the funds for the remainder of the year. Clay believes that if the organization were to charge dues for their members, the out-of-pocket expense would be minimal, which would not be a bad idea. Call to question. Bill 34 passes 14-5-1. Clothing & Awards $600.

New Business:

ROUNDTABLE: Akinfaderin, Asturizaga, Clay, Churey, Daramola, DelCiampo, Gaboardi, Hall, Halperin, Lee, Leslie, Logan, Luttrell, Marryshow, Nilson, Pratt, Strazzo, Syme, Tamaskar, Wang, Ward, Williams,

ADJOURNMENT: 7:51 p.m.