REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Akinfaderin, Behuniak, Boler, Hall, Leone, Leslie, Luttrell, Nilson, Syme, Vakil, C. Williams

QUORUM: Yes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Leone

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Greinke, Huard, P. Williams

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Proia

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Allyson Adolphson, Matthew Clay, Michael Misrahi, Savannah Ward

MINUTES APPROVED: Yes. C. Williams approved. Leone Second.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- Dr. Wells from the Graduate Writing Center shares information about the writing center and wants to discuss ways COGS can get involved.

STUDENT COMMENTS: NONE

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:
- There is an event Wednesday night in Dodd Hall at 5:30 p.m. profiling the Student Foundation regarding giving back to Florida State as students and the benefit that has. Boler highly recommends everyone attends.

C. Williams motion to waive the Rules of Internal Procedure to hear a confirmation for Executive Editor. Nilson Second. Objection: NONE.

C. Williams motion to approve Representative Hall as Executive Editor. Luttrell Second. Representative Hall is confirmed as Executive Editor.

Funding Requests:
- Bill 1: Allocation to the Public Administration Graduate Association
  The organization is requesting $500.00 for their Alumni Spotlight event that will be held each month in the spring semester. Misrahi asks if the events are open to the entire student body or specifically for their organization. Leslie asks regarding feedback and attendance. Vakil asks how long the organization has been in existence and if there is any reason they did not fundraise. Further questions from Misrahi and Nilson. C. Williams motion to fully fund at $500.00. Leone Second. Objection: NONE, Bill 1 Passes.

  Bill 3: Allocation to the Art Therapy Association of FSU.
  The president of the organization shares briefly about the organization and is requesting funding for their Annual Spring Workshop. Hall asks regarding funding for travel. Leslie asks regarding airfare.
Further questions from C. Williams, Vakil, and Leslie. C. Williams motion to extend by five minutes. Leslie Second. Further questions from Leslie and Hall. Luttrell asks if they have approached their department regarding funding. Syme motion to fully fund. Luttrell Second. Objection: Leslie. Syme has no disagreements with fully funding the organization. **FIRST PRO:** Luttrell states that it sounds like a good event, the numbers may need to be worked out and we should contribute funds with some addendum. **FIRST CON:** Leslie agrees that this is a valid request, however is concerned that they are requesting funds to host a speaker for a meal with faculty when their department isn’t paying for the second evening and this is no benefit to graduate students. This is her main issue. Hall agrees with Leslies and thinks the expense on the travel can be marked down a little and does not agree with funding for the second hotel stay as it will allow her to eat with faculty members, which is not a benefit to graduate students. **SECOND PRO:** C. Williams motion to amend to strike the general expense and travel expense lines and change contractual services to $1040.00 and $517.00 in food. Leslie Second. Objection: NONE. **Amendment Passes.** Nilson calls to question. Leslie Second. Objection: NONE. Syme thanks everyone. **Bill 3 Passes 14-0-0.**

**Speaker Boler calls Nilson to chair to hear Bill 4 Sponsored by Speaker Boler: Transfer to Sweepings**

- **Bill 4: Sponsored by Speaker Boler: Transfer to Sweepings**
  Boler explains why they are hearing the bill. The money is to reimburse the Art Therapy Association’s travel from last year that came of last year’s budget, but was too late to come out of last year’s budget. Boler further states that we have nothing to worry about because he went to Senate sweepings and got COGS another $10,000. We will have a little extra money left over this year, so it all works out. Questions from Luttrell. C. Williams motions to accept by acclamation. Objection: NONE. **Bill 4 is accepted by Acclamation.**

**Speaker Boler to Chair.**

**Report of Budget Committee:**

- Nilson provides his report: reiterates basics and budget goes onto the computers.
- MSC & LSC cuts – in line with the priorities of funding and cut of the total budget.
- Scholars Commons from this year is struck from the budget, probably would go to unallocated, it is sorely underfunded with the cuts to the budget.

Questions from representatives.

**Consideration of the Annual Budget:**

- **Bill 2: Sponsored by The Budget Committee: The Annual Budget for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year**
  **FIRST PRO:** Vakil thinks this bill is good and people need money. Leslie served on the committee and knows it was a headache to serve everyone fairly. It was hard work and she thinks it is a good budget. Luttrell states that they carefully debated for hours and hours, after the needed changes he thinks it is a solid budget. **FIRST CON: NONE. SECOND PRO:** Vakil motion to amend Bill 2 to change the proviso language from $61,000 for travel between November 1 - January 31 to $62,000. C. Williams Second. Objection: NONE. **Amendment Passes.** Luttrell motion to strike $6,000 in funding from Scholar Commons and increase Unallocated to $34,000.00. Leslie Second. Objection: NONE. **Bill 2 as amended.** Luttrell motion to strike $10,200.00 from BGSA and add $8,000 to the presentation grant line to make that $168,000.00 and $2,200.00 to the conference support grant line to make that $24,700.00. Hall Second. Objection: Leslie. C. Williams states that it is not to say that BGSA cannot get funds. We have had a lot of problems over the past year with the organization being consistently and irresponsible in filling out paperwork incorrectly. This was also demonstrated in the budget hearings by the incoming leadership, they could come to us on a case by case basis. C. Williams thinks it would be good for BGSA to come before the Congress on a case by case basis. We are required to fund BGSA, but not by the budget committee. Questions from Luttrell and Misrahi. Leones asks why it was not brought up in the budget committee meeting. Further question from Misrahi and Leslie?
  **FIRST PRO:** Luttrell thinks it is good idea for BGSA to come before COGS for funding requests.
  **FIRST CON:** Leslie explains why she is not in favor of the amendment. This organization is so necessary on the campus and by taking away all the funding will put the organization back by a few years. Leslie further explains reasons as to why BGSA should be funded. Question from Nilson.
  **SECOND PRO:** C. Williams states she is not saying that they can’t get funding and is amendable to
funding less, and if they need more money, they can come before the congress and have that process. C. Williams motion to amend her original amendment to fund BGSA $500.00 in contractual services, $2,000.00 in expense, $600.00 in food, and $300.00 in clothing and to move $6800.00 to Unallocated and to strike the move to presentation and conference support grants. Misrahi Seconds. Objection: Leslie. C. Williams waive closing. Questions from Nilson, Luttrell and Leone. C. Williams withdrawals. Leslie motion to amend to change contractual services to $500.00, $2,500.00 in expense, $1500.00 in food, zero in clothing and awards, striking $5700.00 from the grants and move it to the COGS Unallocated account. C. Williams Second. Objection: NONE. Amendment Passes. Luttrell likes this better and asks Leslie to explain breakdown of funding. SECOND CON: NONE. THIRD PRO: C. Williams thanks everyone for working with her on this; she is concerned about how money is spent. She does think that they will come before congress and it will be successful. Further comments from Nilson. C. Williams calls to question. Syme SECOND, Objection: NONE. C. Williams waives closing, Amendment Passes 12-0-2. Luttrell is happy with the amendment and suggests that someone should inform BGSA of this conversation. Hall states that LSC is overfunded. Leslie agrees. Luttrell states that we did cut LSC, from what they asked for and what they had last year. It seems reasonable for this budget. Nilson states it does seem reasonable and that they have a larger student body at the LSC and MSC tend to be off campus after the first two years. C. Williams calls to question. Hall Second. Objection: NONE. Nilson states that this is a good compromise with BGSA; it is constitutional and accountable and puts more funds in Unallocated. Boler calls for a roll call vote. Bill 3 Passes 11-0-3.


ADJOURNMENT: 8:32 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: January 13, 2014