REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Adolphson, Akinfaderin, Behuniak, Boler, Clay, Greinke, Hall, Leslie, Misrahi, Nilson, Raleigh, Vakil, Ward, C. Williams

QUORUM: Yes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Misrahi

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Halperin, Luttrell, Syme

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Proia

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: Vakil

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Avi Assidon

MINUTES APPROVED: with amendments Misrahi motion. Nilson Second

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

STUDENT COMMENTS: NONE

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

Funding Requests:

- Bill 7: Allocation to Society of Composers
  The organization is requesting funding for a Holocaust Music Symposium on March 7, 2014. The organization will be bringing in a guest musicologist who specializes in Holocaust music. The organization has raised $1500 so far with support from community organizations. Misrahi asks for further explanation of the intended use of the requested funds. Further Questions from Nilson and Hall for further justification of the requested funds in the bill packet. Williams asks if the general expense would be for the honorarium for the guest speaker and what will the funds for contractual services be used for. Leslie moves to extend questions for 2 minutes. C. Williams Second. Leslie asks if they received free printing from Student Publications, how that will affect the requested funding amount. Nilson asks if the dues for the organization are mandatory. Misrahi moves to amend the funding request to $500 in Contractual Services, $270 in Food and $20 in General Expense. Vakil Second. Misrahi is open to questions and suggestions related to funding amounts. C. Williams moves to waive the rules to ask the organization some questions. Leslie Second. Williams asked the organization how many people they are expecting to attend the symposium. FIRST PRO: Leslie is in favor of funding the organization. She believes that the COGS should encourage events like this. Raleigh thinks it is an excellent idea and a great addition to Jewish
month in March. **FIRST CON**: Nilson believes that a few numbers should be changed. C. Williams move to amend $40 in General Expense, Food to $200. Nilson Second. Further questions from Misrahi. **FIRST PRO**: Nilson believes that the amendment should stand because there are additional expenses that should be covered. **FIRST CON**: NONE Amendment Passes. **Bill 7 Passes 15-0-0**

- **Bill 8**: *College of Social Work Doctoral Student Organization*
  The organization is requesting $250 for food costs to fund their national event sponsored by the Gerontological Society of America on April 11, 2014. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness that there are many career opportunities created in aging that go beyond healthcare careers. Misrahi moves to extend time by one minute. Nilson Second. The organization further explains that the funds will supplement the additional funds raised for the event. Hall moves to fully fund the organization at $250. Raleigh Second. Objection: NONE. **Bill 8 Passes**.

- **Bill 9**: *Sponsored by Representative Behuniak: Amending Leave of Absence Standards*
  Behuniak explains that the amendment is if there is another seat in COGS open either temporary or permanently vacant, a representative can move to that seat, once the representative returns. No leave of absence will become effective unless communicated with the COGS Speaker or acting Speaker. The leave of absence must include the name, position, duration and reason for request. No request will be accepted unless the student is not enrolled in graduate credits or will be out of town studying abroad and any other reason approved by internal affairs. Assidon inquires about the idea to add clause A&B, when internal affairs makes the decision ultimately. Hall moves to extend by 2 minutes. Nilson Second. Hall asks for further explanation of 118.1B and the reason for the addition. **FIRST PRO**: Leslie is in favor of the bill because it clarifies the rules and guidelines of leave absence for the Internal Affairs committee. **FIRST CON**: Assidon would be in favor of the bill if it wasn’t for the shift of seats; if someone takes another’s spot, it negates the point of petitioning a seat. He feels it would feel more comfortable if the COGS Speaker had the ability to appoint or something other than shifting seats. Hall believes that it would seem sketchy to shift seats. Misrahi moves to amend 118.1B. Assidon Second. Objection: NONE. Amendment Passes. **FIRST PRO**: Nilson moved to insert a clause in 118.1B. Misrahi Second. Nilson withdraws amendment. Assidon moves to table to Internal Affairs. Nilson SECOND. Motion Passes. **Bill 9 Tabled to Internal Affairs**.

*Leslie moves to waive the rules to hear Bill 10. Huard SECOND. Objection: Assidon. Motion to waive the rules to hear Bill 10 passes 5-4-6.*

- **Bill 10**: *Sponsored by Representative Leslie: NAGPS Action Days Travel*
  The bill is to fund the attendance of Representatives Leslie and Raleigh at the NAGPS Legislative Action Days. They will be speaking to a representative of the legislation about an increase in federal funding for the university. Assidon inquires if the representative will be representing the COGS at the conference. Misrahi asks who all is attending the conference. Ward asks how it is different from graduate students requesting funding for travel attendance, which is $100. **FIRST PRO**: Misrahi thinks that it is very interesting event and would like to hear about the information acquired from the summit. Raleigh believes that this is fantastic opportunity to speak with different representatives and universities directly. **FIRST CON**: Greinke inquires what this conference is accomplishing that FSU can’t already do. Student Government has the Office of Governmental Affairs which lobbies for increase in federal funding at the national and state level. In addition to OGA, FSU has lobbying groups within the university who are full time professionals whose job is to lobby on the state and national level. He doesn’t believe that the representatives’ attendance at the conference will accomplish anything that the university isn’t in the process of working for. Assidon believes it is an expensive trip for two students to attend, agrees with Greinke that there are representatives who lobby on behalf of the issue and thinks that the money could be of better use for student groups, and is uncomfortable about students lobbying on behalf of COGS without receiving a directive from COGS, or lobbying on issues without collaboration and consent from
COGS. Nilson is also uncomfortable with the idea, and thinks that it is half of the remaining budget for the February cycle. Assidon moves to have a roll call vote. Nilson SECOND.


Bill 10 Fails 1-8-6

**ROUNDTABLE:** Assidon, Behuniak, Boler, Clay, Greinke, Hall, Leslie, Misrahi, Nilson, Raleigh, Vakil, Ward, C. Williams.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:03 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 17, 2014