Twentieth Congress of Graduate Students

Minutes of the Regular Session
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
July 15, 2013
6:34 p.m.


Quorum: Yes

Pledge of Allegiance: P. Williams

Representatives Left Early, Excused: None

Representatives Left Early, Unexcused: None

Representatives Absent, Excused: Gaigarapu, Hall, Mookherjee, Tazaz, Willingham

Representatives Absent, Unexcused: Hutson, Kanuri

Representatives Late, Excused: None.

Representatives Late, Unexcused: None

Petitions into the Assembly: None


Special Introductions and Announcements: Senators speak about legislation on Senate floor discussing coverage and pay for Graduate Assistants.

Student Comments: None

Messages from Student Government: None

Speaker’s Report:
- New Graduate Orientation is August 20th. COGS will be tabling and would appreciate Representatives support and participation. Wear polos.
- From 5pm-8pm on August 20th will be the third annual COGS Tour of Tallahassee and Picnic. After the Tour, Representatives needed to help set up. Great opportunity to meet new students and get them involved with graduate student organizations.

Deputy Speaker for Finance’s Report:
- The financial update can be found in the Bill Packet. There are no current funding requests. Keep an eye out for future requests and communicate deadlines and processes with your constituents.
- New Financial certification will be up soon.
- Attendance grants are online, spread the word.

Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs’ Report: None

Deputy Speaker for Communications’ Report:
- Leslie reminds everyone that New Graduate Student Orientation is Tuesday, August 20, 2013. There will be a lot of activities going on and we need as many representatives as possible to help out.
- Working on a new COGS brochure
- Will be working with Ben Young to update the COGS website/create a new one.

Committee Reports:
- C-SAC: HAVE NOT MET
• Internal Affairs: Has met. Planning a COGS research conference.
• Academic & Student Life: Met and want to make changes to the COGS Code.
• Ways & Means: Met after last meeting and have a bill today.

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests: NONE

New Business:

Bill 23: Amendment to Section 120.3 of the COGS Code, sponsored by Ways & Means Committee
• Luttrell: main difference is the addition of part G, to deal with members of the funding board that are voting for funding for their own RSO, the addition would make this an ethics code violation.
• Leslie asks about the annual budget and how this does not apply, Luttrell explained that the annual budget is exempt in the Code.
• PRO 1: Leslie supports, many Representatives try to do this, explicitly stating the expectation is a good idea. CON 1: NONE. PRO 2: Leslie calls the question. Nilson seconds. Objections: NONE.

Bill 23 passes, Ayes have it.

Leslie moves to waive the rules and have Bill XX sponsored by Academics & Student Life heard. Nilson seconds.
C. Williams objects due to timeliness, as well as the impact it may have on the COGS budget with more research and history. Could drastically change things.
Motion to waive rules 8-5-0.
Luttrell calls for division. Checking the Internal Rules that require a 2/3 vote to waive rules. Two thirds was not met.
New vote to waive the rules fails 7-6-0.

C. Williams take the podium.

Representative Boler moves to waive the rules for Resolution 17, to recognize Claudia Lieberwirth in her last meeting after 5 Congresses. Seconded by Misrahi. No Objections.

PRO 1: Leslie commends Dr. Lieberwirth, chaired Internal Affairs Committee, very passionate about COGS and has always gone above the call of duty CON 1: NONE. PRO 2: Leslie moves to amend changes to proper name of school from Lieberwirth. Second by Shah. No Objections. Amendment passes. Leslie moves to accept by ACCLIMATION. No Objections.

Resolution 17 Passes with Acclamation. Congratulations Dr. Lieberwirth!


ADJOURNMENT: 7:08 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: August 26, 2013