

## TWENTY SECOND CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union  
July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
6:31 p.m.



**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Akinfaderin, Asturizaga, Gaboardi, Hall, Halperin, Strazzo, Syme, Williams

**QUORUM:** YES

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Strazzo

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY:** John Churey, Xi Wang

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Accepted Akinfaderin. Syme Second

**SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** NONE

**STUDENT COMMENTS:** NONE

**MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** NONE

### **Funding Requests:**

- **Bill 29 Allocation to the Public Health Student Association**

The organization's officer announces that they recently received CEPH (Counsel on Education of Public Health) accreditation, and now the organization would like to send some officers to the National Conference in New Orleans in November. They would like to send 4 officers to the conference for five days. They are requesting funds for travel expenses for the organization's officers as well as a banner for the program for recruiting efforts, T-shirts for everyone in the program, and food for 8 different oratorical events. Representatives inquire if the organization fundraises, to specify the type of shirts they would like to order, and the importance of the accreditation. Another representative asks if for the breakdown of food and how many students they expect in attendance. Deputy speaker Halperin motions to fully fund. Second by Strazzo. Objection. Halperin believes that the representatives should discuss some of the requested expenses further. **FIRST PRO:** Hall believes that the proposal was well thought out and that they are requesting funding at a minimal level. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Hall's concern lies with

the t-shirts and that multiple colored shirts may not be necessary to promote their organization. Akinfaderin values the breakdown, but feels as though the requested amount for travel is high being that they will not be presenting at the conference. Halperin believes that the issue is the cost of travel and does not want to set the precedence of funding travel when there are grants specifically designed to fund conference travel. **SECOND PRO:** Deputy Speaker Halperin would like to remove funding from the travel budget and would like to hear from other representatives. **SECOND CON:** Syme expresses that COGS' budget has been decreased and believes that travel expenses should be amended. **THIRD CON:** Deputy Speaker Halperin believes that the hotel cost is rather expensive for three people. Churey moves to amend the travel cost from \$2210.24 to \$1645. Objection. Churey believes that since the organization is receiving funding from the department, and that attending the conference has some personal benefit along with the benefit to the university, funding the organization for three nights at hotel is a fair compromise. **FIRST PRO:** Strazzo believes that this is a good start to amending the request and believes that the members attending the conference should have a personal investment. Hall believes that this is a good start to amending the request. **FIRST CON:** Akinfaderin believes that this is a good start, but that they can amend the request more. His goal is to achieve consistency and that the organization can apply for the grants online. He believes that the bill was well thought out, but needs to be amended. Asturizaga concern is why the program not assisting more with more resources to help assist their students traveling to the conference. Akinfaderin informs representatives that most departments have an outreach committee to assist departments with funding and that the organization should attempt to reach out to their department. Call to question. Strazzo second. **Amendment passes 5-3-1 Travel \$1645.** **THIRD CON:** Deputy Speaker Hall moves to amend clothing and awards to \$694 second by Gaboardi. Objection. Hall explains that he decreased the clothing and award lines by 100 because of the cost of color. He believes that one color on the t-shirts can represent the organization. **FIRST PRO:** Syme likes the amendment, but believes there could be further amendments to the clothing and awards allocation. **SECOND CON:** Strazzo believes that the cost for t-shirts should be reduced more. Syme is considering clearing the clothing and awards line so that the organization can get a quote for the cost of t-shirts with one color and only for the new members. Motion to call to question. Second by Akinfaderin. Objection. Syme motions to amend the clothing and awards line to 0 instead of 694. Halperin second. **Amendment passes 7-1-1.** Call to question. Syme second. **Bill 29 passes Expense \$125, Travel \$1645, Food \$960 Clothing & Awards \$0.**

- **Bill 30 An Allocation for the Society for Musicology**

The organization is requesting funds for honorariums for guest speakers who will perform or present a lecture. They will also host a reception to encourage mingling with the guest scholars and students. The organization fundraises monthly. Dues for the organization are not required. Representatives inquire how much have they fundraised and how many students that are in the organization, are actually graduate students. Other representatives inquire which speakers do they have an idea will be in attendance for the conferences, how many students do they expect to attend the given events and if the department will assist in additional funding. Deputy Speaker Hall moves to fully fund. Gaboardi Second. Objection. Hall believes that the organization did well with reducing the budget and believes that the requested amount is minimal. **FIRST PRO:** Strazzo believes the budget is very thorough, but thinks the honorarium's expenses are a bit high. Syme believes that the representatives should discuss funding in detail prior to approval. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Halperin commends the organization for a well thought out budget and is considering reducing contractual services for now since all the details are not worked out as it relates to guest speakers. Gaboardi believes the funding amount should be lowered at least by \$200-\$300 until they are able to know who is exactly is coming and where they would stay. **SECOND PRO:** Halperin explains that the request is bare minimum. Syme moves to amend Contractual services to \$3500 second by Halperin. Objection. Syme explains that he deducted funds from the hotel stay and food to reflect two day stay instead of three. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Hall believes this is a good amendment. Halperin believes that this is good amendment and if the amount is not enough, encourages the organization to return to COGS. Hall moves to accept the amendment. Strazzo second. Call to question. **Bill 30 passes. \$3500 in Contractual services, \$200 food.**

**New Business:**

- **Bill 31 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Hall and the Ways & Means**

Deputy Speaker Hall explains that the edits made are non-substantive and are primarily to adapt a uniform language and provide grammatical clarity throughout the code. **FIRST PRO:** Halperin is in favor of the bill. Syme also agrees with the resolution. **FIRST CON:** Akinfaderin believes that representatives need more time to review the edits to the COGS Code. **SECOND PRO:** Halperin understands if the congress needs more time to review the resolution. Deputy Speaker Halperin moves to table the bill for further review. Strazzo second. **Bill 31 Tabled until 7-21-2014.**

**ROUNDTABLE:** Akinfaderin, Asturizaga, Churey, Gaboardi, Hall, Halperin, Strazzo, Syme, Wang, Williams

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:25 p.m.