REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Boler, Gajjarapu, Greinke, Hall, Hansford, Kanter, Kanuri, Leslie, Lieberwirth, Mims, Mookherjee, Nilson, Okoye, Pratt, Salvador, Shah, Tazaz, Williams, Willingham,

QUORUM: Yes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Nilson

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Leone, Luttrell, Youngblood, Yu

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Hutson, Manakov, Meehan

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: Mims

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Karim Tabbaa


SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

STUDENT COMMENTS: NONE

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

SPEAKER’S REPORT:
- In the code there is a provision for an Executive Editor. Wants to appoint Nilson as editor.
- The body will vote on it at the next meeting.
- Apologizes for extra pieces of paper on table not being in the bill packet. Asks that the body would allow them to be heard. This will not happen again on his end.
- Met with the Internal Affairs committee. In the past, COGS has put on an event called Dialogue where graduate students present their research with the aim of achieving an award; which was funding for a research opportunity but that may change. Boler asks the Internal Affairs committee to take over the task and hopes to have it ready by September of this year in order for presentations to be submitted by January 2014.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR FINANCE’S REPORT:
- Williams also apologizes for things that were not put in the agenda on her part that were not added and it will not happen again on her end as well.
- Under the finance report, the only things that have changed are the COGS unallocated and organizational lines. Pay attention to those as they will matter regarding the things we discuss tonight. Everything else will be changed at the beginning of the month.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR JUDICIAL AFFAIRS:
- Asks the chairpersons of each committee to notify him of any unexcused absences.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR COMMUNICATIONS:
- Will share information from NAGPS at the next meeting via PowerPoint.
- The next international coffee hour is April 5. Needs representatives to come, help out and notify constituents of the event.
• The College of Communication is having an ice-cream social from 2-4 p.m. this coming Wednesday and they want COGS to help table the event. Leslie has class from 1-4 and asks for a representative to help out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
• C-SAC:
  -Has met and a resolution will be heard later.
• Internal Affairs:
  -Has met and a report was given.
• Academic & Student Life: HAVE NOT MET
• Ways & Means:
  -Met before tonight’s meeting and will be sending an email out next week mentioning which things to look at in the Code for revisions.

Unfinished Business: NONE

  Kanter motion to waive the rules to add Bills and Resolutions that were not currently in the bill packet. Lieberwirth Second. Objection: NONE.

Funding Requests:
• Resolution 12: Sponsored by C-SAC: Allocation to Ecology and Evolution Research Discussion Group
  Kanter motion to pass the Resolution with an amendment striking “Indian Student Organization” and replacing it with “Ecology and Evolution Research Discussion Group” Second Nilson. Resolution 12 Passes with no objections.

• Bill 17: Allocation to the World Affairs Program
  The director of the program shares briefly about the organization. Requests funding for 1 hotel for 3 nights and 2 airline tickets in the amount of $1350. Questions from representatives. Salvador asks about airfare funding request. Leslie asks about funding from other sources. Kanter asks if the organization is a graduate student organization and the numbers of undergraduate and graduate students they have. Further questions by Leslie. Leslie motion to extend by 2 minutes Salvador Second. Objection: NONE. Williams asks the percentage of membership for graduate and undergraduate students. Lieberwirth asks the percentage of graduate students attending the conferences. Shah asks if they have asked for additional funding from other sources. Williams informs the organization that according to the COGS Code at least 50% of RSO membership has to be represented in order to be considered for funding. Tazaz motion to zero fund. Leslie Second. Objection: NONE. World Affairs Program is funded zero dollars.

• Resolution 11: Sponsored by Representative Tazaz: Proclaiming Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week at FSU
  Tazaz has made a change in her resolution as a friendly amendment. Shares briefly about graduate appreciation week that is put on by the Graduate School. Wants to add “and Spring Fling on April19th. Question by Lieberwirth. First PRO: NONE. First CON: Second PRO: Leslie motion to amend to add “and Spring Fling on April 19th after the second further be it resolved” Williams Second. Objection: NONE. Lieberwirth motion to amend to add the word “is” between the words” and, and underappreciated” on the second line. Hansford motion to adopt by acclimation. Objections: None. Resolution 11 Passes by acclimation.

• Resolution 13: Sponsored by The Congress: Permission for Phi Alpha Delta to host an off-campus event.
  Zach from the college of law shares briefly why it is beneficial for the organization to have the event off campus. The venue is neutral ground for everyone involved and off campus events have a better turn out. Greinke asks what the organization does. Several questions from Representative Tazaz regarding the event. Tazaz motion to extend by 1 minute. Second Williams. Further questions by Tazaz. Williams motion to extend by 1 question. Second Leslie. Objection: None. First PRO: Leslies thinks amount is not huge and good professional opportunity for law students and that networking is important. Nilson states that the event is important for networking and it is how students get jobs.

ROUNDTABLE: Shah, Greinke, Pratt, Lieberwirth, Gajjarapu, Nilson, Mookherherjee, Kanuri, Willingham, Tabbaa, Mims, Okoye, Hansford, Hall, Tazaz, Salvador, Kanter, Leslie, Williams, Boler

ADJOURNMENT: 7:43 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 1, 2013