Call to Order: Rosalia Contreras, Student Body President will preside over meeting until the Speaker is elected.

Pledge of Allegiance: Student Body President Contreras

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Boler, Hall, Nilson, C. Williams, P. Williams

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: NONE.

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

Swearing in of Members not at Inauguration: The following representatives were sworn into the 22nd Congress of Graduate Students:

- Caleb Greinke
- Brett Leone
- Corey Luttrell

Roll Call:


Nilson motion to hear new petitioners present. Leone Second. Objection: None.

Petitions into the Assembly: Adewale Akinfaderin, Elizabeth Huard, Neleen Leslie, Felicia Proia, Dayton Syme

Luttrell motion to accept all petitioners. Nilson Second.

Elections:

Nominations from the Congress for the 22nd Congress of Graduate Students Speaker of the House:

- C. Williams nominates Representative Boler. Leone Second. Objection: NONE.
- Boler states that he held the office at the last Congress and wants to continue doing the good work of COGS.

First PRO: NONE. C. Williams states she has worked with Alex over the past 10 or so months. He works hard and is a good candidate for this position. Greinke states he has known Alex for a long time and whenever he needed to talk to him he would find him in the COGS office doing work on behalf of COGS. Syme calls to question. Second Leone. Objection: None. The body votes by secret ballot.
Election Results from the Congress for the newly elected Speaker of the House for the 22nd Congress:

- Representative Alexander Boler

Student Body President Contreras swore Representative Boler in as Speaker for the 22nd Congress and turns meeting over to Speaker Boler to preside.

Nominations from the Congress for the 22nd Congress of Graduate Students Deputy Speaker for Finance:

Leslie nominates Representative Catherine Williams. Hall Second. Objection: NONE.
- Catherine Williams introduces herself and shares why she would like to be re-elected.
- Question from Leslie.

FIRST PRO: Leslie states that Catherine rocks. Hall states that Catherine is very dedicated to this position and enjoys it a lot. He also states that she picked it up very quickly. Syme calls to question. Nilson Second. Objection: None. The body votes by secret ballot.

Election Results from the Congress for the newly elected Deputy Speaker for Finance for the 22nd Congress:

- Catherine Williams

Nominations from the Congress for the 22nd Congress of Graduate Students Deputy Speaker for Communications:

- C. Williams nominates Representative Neleen Leslie. Leone Second.
- Leslie states she has been with the Congress for the last four years and explains why she is running for the position.
- Question from Nilson.

FIRST PRO: NONE. Leone calls to question. The body votes by secret ballot.

Election Results from the Congress for the newly elected Deputy Speaker for Communications for the 22nd Congress:

- Neleen Leslie

Nominations from the Congress for the 22nd Congress of Graduate Students Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs:

- Luttrell nominates Representative Nilson. Leone Second.
- Leslie nominates Representative Hall. Leone Second.
- Representative Hall respectfully declines and states he would never run for this position out of respect for the law students that could use this position as a form of reference and asks that the body not vote for him.
- Representative Nilson shares his interest in the position.
- Question from Proia.

FIRST PRO: C. Williams states that Nilson has been really interested in this position and has taken in a lot of information regarding that seat. The body votes by secret ballot.

Election Results from the Congress for the newly elected Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs for the 22nd Congress:

- William Nilson

Speaker Boler swears in newly elected officers for the 22nd Congress of Graduate Students.
Reading and Approval of Minutes: approved with amendments Hall. Luttrell Second.

Special Introductions and Student Comments: NONE

Messages from Student Government:
- Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson will be in Ruby Diamond tomorrow. The doors open at 6:00pm. The lecture starts at 7:00pm.

SPEAKER’S REPORT:
- Boler thanks everyone for re-electing him as Speaker and encourages the representatives to fill vacant seats.
- There is information about COGS on the website.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR FINANCE’S REPORT:
- C. Williams thanks everyone for re-electing her.
- There are no funding requests for tonight.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR JUDICIAL AFFIARS:
- Nilson thanks everyone for electing him.
- Please spread the word about vacant seats.
- Feel free to contact him with any questions about the Internal Rules of Procedure.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR COMMUNICATIONS:
- Leslie has an email that she sends to her college regarding vacant seats and will send it to the body to use when they are trying to fill seats.
- Leslie is doing a presentation at the NAGPS conference on how COGS budgets our funds which is something that organizations who attends the conference could learn from us.
- COGS has been awarded regional member of the year and has to do an interview at the conference to compete for a chance to become the national member of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- There are no committees appointed yet. After the meeting, fill out a new representative form for the committee you are interested in as well as other useful information in order for us to contact you.

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests: NONE

New Business:
- Resolution 2 Sponsored by the Congress: Re-examination of NAGPS Membership
  Leslie provides information about NAGPS and our involvement. She also shares why she has become more involved. C. Williams explains why we have the resolution. Leslie continues with a presentation about NAGPS. Luttrell motion to extend by 5 minutes. Leone Second. Objection: NONE. Questions from Hall and Proia. P. Williams asks if non-Cogs members have access to benefits from NAGPS. Hall motion to extend by 2 minutes. Luttrell Second. Objections: NONE. Further question from Hall regarding promoting benefits to non-COGS members. Question from Greinke. FIRST PRO: Leone states that as a founding member it is important to stay a part of the organization and help out. He further states that it would look bad to not be a part of it anymore. FIRST CON: Greinke states that there would be no fundamental change to this organization if COGS were not a member. He further explains his reasons as to why he is not in favor of supporting this resolution. C. Williams states that she doesn’t see a lot of interest from the Congress and advises that if you are going to vote to continue membership and to consider that there has to be some type of interest or involvement in the body as well and not just Leslie. SECOND PRO: Leslie states that she doesn’t know how the body can reap the benefits of COGS if no one is interested in NAGPS. Proia states her reasons for being in favor of the resolution. SECOND CON: Hall states that he hasn’t personally seen any benefit to COGS and doesn’t see why it should be supported if no one is interested. Further comments from Greinke. Greinke motion to extend by 1 minute. Objection: NONE. Leone Second. Greinke states that in terms of lobbying and so called advocacy, Student Government has the Office of Governmental Affairs which already handles all the lobbying for the
university, He also states that the university already requires graduate students to have healthcare. He further states that some of the perks we get are better than what NAGPS provides. **THIRD PRO:** Nilson states he would like some more comparison regarding the benefits. He further states that he will be supporting this resolution. Comments from Leslie. Luttrell states that supporting this resolution is providing for the future of COGS. **THIRD CON:** Leone motion to amend Resolution 2 to strike “is not” from the second “Whereas” clause and “shall not” in the “Therefore” clause. Second Syme. Objection: None. **Amendment Passes.** Nilson calls to question. Leone Second. Objection: None. Closing from Leslie. **Resolution 2 Passes 9-1-2.**

*Speaker Boler calls Representative Nilson to Chair to hear Resolution 3.*

- Resolution 3 Sponsored by Representative Boler: **Honoring our Veterans and Active Military Personnel**
  Boler shares information about the resolution. **FIRST PRO:** Leone states why he is in favor of the resolution. **FIRST CON: NONE.** **SECOND PRO:** Hall motion to amend the “Therefore BE IT RESOLVED” clause after “and” to say “gratitude to all the veterans and active military personnel for their commitment to keeping these United States safe.” Second Boler. Objection: NONE. **Amendment Passes.** Leone motion to amend to add the date after “Veterans Day.” C. Williams Second. Objection: None. **Amendment Passes.** C. Williams motion to accept Resolution 3 by acclamation. Objection: NONE. **Resolution 3 is accepted by Acclamation.**

- Selection of Budget Committee:

- Selection of C-SAC Committee:

**Round Table:** Greinke, Luttrell, Akinfaderin, P. Williams, Leone, Proia, Hall, Huard, Syme, Nilson, Leslie, C. Williams, Boler

**Adjournment:** 8:22 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** November 18, 2013