

TWENTY FIRST CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
November 19, 2012
6:45 p.m.
Agenda



REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Boler, Kanter, Leslie, Lieberwirth, Luke, Rolley, Salvador, Tazaz, Williams, Willingham, Youngblood

QUORUM: Yes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Kanter

Swearing in of New Members and Members not at Inauguration: The following representatives were sworn into the 21st Congress of Graduate Students:

- Shakirat Salvador

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Mears, Mims, Yu

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Hutson, Okoye, Manakov, Meehan

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: None

MINUTES APPROVED: with amendments. Williams motions. Willingham Second.

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Darshit Shah

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

STUDENT COMMENTS:

- Boler shares a thank you card from travelers from the medical students who had their travel reimbursement approved by COGS 2 weeks ago.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: None.

SPEAKER'S REPORT:

- Congress of Graduate Students is moving offices from Student Life Building to Oglesby Union and will have everything moved by the end of the year.
- Met with Dean Nancy Marcus of the graduate school to inform her about what COGS is doing and how COGS and the graduate school can work together. She is interested in the state of Alumni Village and will keep her informed. She is interested in dialogues which E-Board and Budget committee are deciding they may want to return to and fund.
- Met with Leslie Sacker, the Director of the Wellness Center. She is looking for committee members for the Wellness Center.
- Should have received an Excel spreadsheet with COGS committee assignments.
- After meeting would like for all committees to get together to decide on a Chair and Vice Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR FINANCE'S REPORT:

- Everyone should have received a letter from SAIG regarding Resolution 2 in response to how they will resolve the previous travel situation to prevent it from happening again in the future.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR JUDICIAL AFFIARS:

- There are a lot of open seats. If your department has open seats and if you know anyone interested, please contact them and he will be getting in contact with these schools so we can get those seats filled.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR COMMUNICATIONS:

- Gives recap from NAGPS conference.
- Each of the repress that went attended several helpful and informational.
- She is on the National E-Board and COGS will be gearing more from her regarding NAGPS.
- Wants to get 1000 likes for the 1000 Like Campaign on Facebook to reach out to and engage graduate students.
- If you have not liked COGS on Facebook, please do so.
- Will be getting in contact with graduate students regarding NAGPS.
- NAGPS is doing an "Avoid the Cliff Campaign." Basically the legislation is trying to take away funding and NAGPS will lobby Washington to ensure graduate students education is protected. There is a website to go on to petition and share stories as to why education is important.
- Several benefits for graduate students on the NAGPS website. Please visit the website, your feedback is important.
- Working on making sure the website is updated and have more information related to COGS as well as working on making the website look similar to SGA's website.
- If you want to send information out to your department we can send emails out.
- The plan is to start getting questions we have for graduate students regarding their issues so that as a Congress we can address the issues that are within our power to address.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Budget Committee:
 - Had budget hearings last week. You should have received email with budget requests.
 - COGS will not discuss budget until December 3 meeting, Go through packet and if you have any questions we will discuss at the meeting,
 - Email Tazaz for any pressing questions feel free to email her. If she can't answer them she will email the committee and try to get an answer before the meeting,
- C-SAC:
 - Asking for 6 volunteers for CSAC committee.
 - Volunteers are Tazaz, Boler, Leslie, Williams, Youngblood, Shah, and Rolley.
 - Terms are 6 months at a time and are not appointed.
 - Speaker Boler allows single vote on all 6 candidates. No objections.
- Academics & Student Life: HAVE NOT MET.
- Ways & Means: HAVE NOT MET.
- Internal Affairs Committee: HAVE NOT MET.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

Funding Request:

- Bill 4: *Allocation to Sport Psychology Organization and Research Team (SPORT)*
President of the organization shares information about who they are. Requesting funding for their annual Spear Conference. It provides outreach to the graduate students. The conference is led by graduate students who promote public outreach, professional development workshops as well as provide experiences and create opportunities for members to prepare for the future as well. Leslie motion to extend by 5 minutes. Williams Second. Questions from representatives. Lieberwirth asks how much funding has been allocated already and if that has already been used or is it allocated for something else. Kanter further questions about funding. Kanter motion to fully fund. Leslie Second. Objection Williams. Kanter withdraws. Tazaz motion to fund only \$632.00 in contractual services. Lieberwirth Second. Objection Leslie. Tazaz they stated in their presentation was very important and feels that the money should go to contractual services. Further explained reasons why she suggested only \$632.00. **First PRO: NONE. First CON: NONE. Second PRO:** Kanter calls to question, Second Lieberwirth. Objection: NONE. **Motion Passes 9-0-2.**

- **Bill 5: Allocation to Neuroscience Graduate Student Association (NGSA)**
 President of organization shares information about who they are. Create events for academic and professional, and social development amongst graduate students. Requesting \$3550 for food for event, and \$335 for promotional materials for their Brain Fair, Lunches bring all students and faculty together so that they may have lunches from distinguished professionals across the country, they can honor our graduates, give out research to university as a whole so everyone can see what they do in their department. Benefits the university as a whole because they can an educational benefit by allowing these distinguished speakers to come and sit down to talk to them on a one on one basis, Advertise event online, have funding through FSU and bake sales. Kanter asks how much they were given last year. Tazaz asked if they have gone out to seek donations already. Further questions by Kanter regarding lunches. Salvador asks if food will be at all events. Williams motion to extend by 2 minutes. Luke Second. Objections NONE. Kanter asks what \$335 if for. Salvador asks about pencils. Tazaz motion to fund \$335 general expenses and \$3000 in food, Youngblood Second. Objections: NONE. **Motion passes**
- **Bill 6: Allocation to League of Graduate Artists**
 President of organization shares information about who they are. The organization is committed to promoting the general awareness and education of arts throughout the community. They have been accepted to be a part of a huge art fair in Miami. Have been granted funds from Dean Marcus of the graduate school but are requesting funds to get there. Requesting \$600 to get there and to set up their booth and \$300 for tolls and general expenses. This will provide them with an opportunity to learn how networking works in an art community as well as drawing attention to the university itself. Questions by representatives. Willingham asks how many students are going. Salvador asks about membership dues. Tazaz asks about their art. Further questions by Salvador. Leslie asks where the cargo van will come from. Further questions by Salvador and Tazaz. Youngblood motion to extend by 3 minutes. Kanter Second. Objection: NONE. Kanter motion to fully fund. Second Youngblood. Objection Leslie. **First PRO: NONE. First CON: NONE: Second PRO:** Tazaz motion to add proviso language that “any funds not encumbered or utilized by 12-30-12 must be returned to COGS.” Lieberwirth Second. Motion accepted as friendly. Lieberwirth call to question. Williams Second. Objection: NONE. Kanter yields closing. **Motion Passes 10-0-1.**

Speaker Boler waived requirement for Bill 7 to be turned in by 4 on Thursday. Objections: None.
- **Bill 7: Allocation to Alumni Village Student Advisory Committee**
 Organization shares information about who they are. Just recently became an RSO. They concentrate on meeting the needs of families at Alumni Village. Leslie motion to extend by 3 minutes. Luke Second. Organization stated it is very important for graduates to know each other, their neighbors, and the community. Wants to introduce who they are to the community with their event called 3G. This will give the community an opportunity to discuss their concerns as well as an opportunity for their group to grow, Questions by representatives. Shah asks question about the event. Tazaz asks about awards. Leslie asks for further breakdown of funds requested, Rolley motion to extend by 5 minutes. Tazaz Second. Rolley asks where event will be held. Lieberwirth questions about food, meeting expenses. Further questions by Lieberwirth. Leslie asks about clothing and number of members. Salvador asks about banners. Kanter motion to 5 minute recess. Second Leslie. Kanter motion to fund \$575 in food and \$125 in general expenses. Leslie Second. Objection Lieberwirth. Kanter yields. Lieberwirth asks if funding is for single or multiple events. **First PRO:** Leslie fully understands the plight of the situation of Alumni Village. Congratulates organization for taking the initiative to do reach out to the needs of the Alumni Village community. The Congress is not trying to discourage the group but encourages them to take smaller steps and do events at separates times. In the future, they can come back to request more funds. Tazaz agrees with Leslie. Would also like to see the event sponsored by COGS so they can get better attraction. Leslie explains why they gave no funds for clothing and it is not cost effective to do a small order for 16 people. Wait until later event. **First CON: NONE. Second PRO:** Lieberwirth motion to add the proviso language, “limiting the use of these funds for 3G event only. Tazaz Second. Leslie call to question. Luke Second. Objection: NONE. **Motion Passes 11-0-0.**

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ROUNDTABLE & ROLL CALL: Rolley, Salvador, Lieberwirth, Williams, Youngblood, Willingham, Luke, Shah, Kanter, Leslie, Tazaz, Turner-Davis, Boler

ADJOURNMENT: 8:57 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: December 3, 2012