
QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Hall

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Akinfaderin, Clay, Dangerfield, Khan, Wang

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY:

MINUTES APPROVED: Passed with amendments. Gaboardi second.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

STUDENT COMMENTS:

Student Senator Austin would like to increase communication between COGS and SGA. He informed the Congress that there are 18 Graduate Student Seats open in Senate and it would be a great idea to have the voice of the graduate students within the senate.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:

Unfinished Business

Funding Requests:

- Bill 41: Allocation to the Music Theory Society
  The organization informs the congress that they are hosting their 32nd annual forum conference. It is a good opportunity for the organization to market their program across the nation and Canada. The organization recruits undergraduate and graduate students. The conference is free to attend, but would like to limit the lunch to 50 people. Registration is free. They are requesting
funds for coffee breaks and lunch for registered attendees. The organization is currently fundraising to cover the majority of the food expenses. Representatives inquire the estimated cost of coffee breaks and if the coffee breaks are limited to registered attendees. They also inquire if the organization considered asking for donations from companies for coffee and if there is any priority to graduate students if they attend the forum. Motion to fund at food expense at $250. Second. Objection. Representative Hall would like to fund the coffee breaks, since it is open to the general body. 

**FIRST PRO:** Pratt would like to support the organization. Deputy Speaker Nilson believes that it is a good idea to fund the coffee breaks since it will be open to the student body, but does not want to fund the lunch since it is limited to registered guests. Ward supports the idea of only funding coffee breaks. The lunch is open to a maximum of 50 guests who may or may not all be FSU students, so funding coffee breaks seems more feasible. **FIRST CON:** Leslie is concerned about the unallocated budget. She expresses that the congress funded the travel cost to bring the speaker to FSU. Professional conferences usually do not include lunch breaks and coffee breaks and believes COGS will be overextending themselves if they afford this expense. Luttrell thinks that COGS put all the money that they could towards assisting the organization at the current fiscal position. Nilson would be interested in amending the expense for coffee. 

**SECOND PRO:** Asturizaga believes that COGS should encourage RSOs to plan events for the year in advance so that they can fundraise. If they still need assistance, COGS may be more lenient in approving their request. DelCiampo believes that the congress shouldn’t make decisions solely on projections of what may come, but more so if the request is a good use of funds. Lee believes that the organization did a good job in reducing their request and is in full support of the amendment. 

**SECOND CON:** Deputy Speaker Leslie explains the unallocated budget and thinks that the congress will be limiting the assistance to other new organizations by over extending themselves to other organizations. By assisting the organization in bringing in the speaker, Deputy Speaker Leslie believes that COGS has done a good deed for the organization. Luttrell would like to be fair and fund other organizations who may request funds later in the year, for that purpose the congress will have to be mindful of the unallocated budget. **THIRD CON:** Marryshow agrees that COGS is limited on funds and if this were their first request, she would feel more inclined to support additional funding. Since the organization recently received funds to bring in a speaker, she cannot agree with additional assistance on a limited budget. Motion to Call to question. Bill 41 passes 8-7-2. $250 in Food.

- **Bill 42 Allocation to the History Graduate Student Association**

The organization has raised funds to support their Southeast Regional Graduate Conference in March 2015. They hope to have 50 presenters at the conference and over 50 people in attendance. The organization believes that the event will help support FSU in the efforts of becoming one of the top 25 universities in the nation. They are also requesting funds to bring a keynote speaker to the conference. The organization has raised over $750 in their own funds to support the conference as well. They are hoping to have lunch for the panel and presenters and the event is open to all students. Representatives inquire who the lunch will be provided to and a breakdown of expenses. Deputy Speaker Nilson moves to fund the organization at $500 in Contractual Services, $80 in expense. Objection. Deputy Nilson thinks that we should support the event and that COGS should support the travel of the speaker, printing and name badges because they benefit the entirety of the program. **FIRST PRO:** Leslie is in favor of supporting the organization and understands the rationale of the amendment. Hall believes that this is a great amendment by Deputy Speaker Nilson and commends the organization for raising funds to support their conference. Pratt believes that the organization fundraising shows initiative. 

**FIRST CON:** Leslie believes that COGS should fully fund their general expense request. **SECOND PRO:** Ward supports the amendment and thinks that the organization should check with their department for pens and folders. Motion to add a food line of $105. Objection.Motion to call to question on the amendment. Motion passes. Motion to call to question on Bill 42. **Bill 42 passes**$500 in Contractual Services $80 in Expense and $105 in Food.

**New Business:**

- **Resolution 16 Sponsored by CSAC: Allocation of funds to the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association**
Deputy Speaker Hall tells the congress that the organization is hosting a mixer to mingle with the first year students and graduate students of their organization, since they have moved to different areas on campus. The event is open to all students. C-SAC inquired how many students are in the organization, and a budget breakdown. Objection. **FIRST PRO:** Leslie mentions that the funds will be moved from the organization line and not the unallocated budget and she fully supports the resolution. **FIRST CON:** Luttrell thinks that the event is mostly for the organization to meet with the others from the department and not for all students. Syme agrees and believes that it is an attempt to recruit within their organization. Call to question. **Resolution 16 passes.** $125 from Organizational Support budget.

- Bill 43 Sponsored by Speaker Williams: *Creating Advocacy Seats for Student Veterans and Students with Disabilities*
  Speaker Williams spoke with the Students Veterans Association Student Veterans Union and the Student Disability Resource Center to see if they would be interested in advocating in COGS for veterans and students with disabilities. Representatives inquire if there are students who are interested in joining the congress to advocate for the new seats. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Leslie is in support of the bill. **Deputy Hall** believes the congress needs more advocacy seats to reflect a wider range of students around the university. Motion to accept the bill acclamation. **Bill 43 passes by acclamation.**

- Bill 44 Sponsored by Representative Syme and the Ways & Means Committee: *Technical Addition to the COGS Code: Chapter 111 Elections*
  Syme explains why the option of a representative denying a nomination should be added to the COGS Code. Motion to accept Bill 44. Objection. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Nilson does not believe that the language is necessary to add to the COGS Code. **SECOND PRO:** Marryshow is in favor of the bill and would like representatives who are excited about being in positions to run for candidacies. Motion to amend the resolution submitted in writing. Second. Objection. Deputy Speaker Nilson would like to memorialize Representative Syme since this is his last act as a representative of COGS. Representatives inquire if Nilson would be opposed to adding the language as a footnote and the spelling of “Syme-ing”. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Leslie appreciates the sentiment of adding Syme to the COGS Code and believes that he will be remembered in other ways as a representative of COGS. Representatives inquire if Nilson would be opposed to adding the language as a footnote and the spelling of “Syme-ing”. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Leslie appreciates the sentiment of adding Syme to the COGS Code and believes that he will be remembered in other ways as a representative of COGS. Hall states that he is not sure that this addition to the Code won’t be made a mockery of the amendment. Representative Ward believes that years down the line, future representatives will not know the meaning of the amendment. Motion to call to question. Deputy Speaker Nilson does not believe that there would be any mockery made of the amendment and would be in favor of adding additional language to the Code to further explain the text. Amendment failed. Motion to call to question. **Bill 44 passes unanimously.**

Motion to waive the rules to hear Resolution 17 Sponsored by Representative Marryshow: *Permission for Emergency Medical Interest Group to host an Off Campus Event*

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  Representative Marryshow explains that the Emergency Medical Interests Group would like to host an Intubation Clinic. It is open to all students, but they would like to have the event off campus at the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for easier transport of equipment. The clinic will teach all attendees how to intubate patients and do different medical procedures. Representatives inquire if the organization is taking food to the hospital. Motion to accept Resolution 17. **Resolution 17 passes.**

**ROUNDTABLE:** Asturizaga, Churey, Daramola, DelCiampo, Edwards, Gaboardi, Hall, Lee, Leslie, Marryshow, Nilson, Pratt, Syme, Tamaskar, Wang, Williams

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:37 p.m.