MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
October 21, 2013
6:37 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Akinfaderin, Boler, Greinke, Hall, Juergens, Kanter, Luke, Luttrell, Nilson, Tazaz, C. Williams, P. Williams

QUORUM: Yes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Tazaz

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE
REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE
REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Huard, Leslie, Vakil
REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Branagan, Leone, Misrahi, Proia
REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: Behuniak
REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: NONE

Representative Tazaz calls for moment of silence for the shooting at a middle school in Nevada.


SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

STUDENT COMMENTS: NONE

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:
• Inauguration is next Wednesday. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. You will need to be there early to take pictures and it is Thanksgiving dinner.

SPEAKER’S REPORT:
• This is the last meeting of the 21st Congress. It has been fun and it has been a pleasure serving as Speaker.
• Election results came out last week. 12 representatives were elected for a COGS seat.
• The petition process is still there, we are looking to get some representatives from other colleges and schools that have been under represented in the past.
• Inauguration is next week. Even if you are not being sworn in, you can still show up and get free food.
• 22nd Congress will elect a new E-Board. If you are interested in any of the positions let us know, we are more than happy to talk to you about it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR FINANCE’S REPORT:
• C. Williams thanks the Congress for electing her this past February.
• Pay attention to the COGS Unallocated and Organizational lines for the 4 bills and C-Sac request that we will hear tonight.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR JUDICIAL AFFAIRS’ REPORT:
• Kanter notifies everyone that this is his last meeting and he will be giving all attendance stuff to the Internal Affairs committee.
DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- C-SAC:
  - Met and you will be hearing a resolution allocation funds to the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice later on tonight.
- Internal Affairs: HAVE NOT MET.
- Academic & Student Life:
  - Will meet after tonight's meeting,
- Ways & Means: HAVE NOT MET.

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:
- Bill 31: Allocation to INSAT
  Officers briefly share about the organization and success from past COGS funded events. They are requesting funds for their festival of lights event. Tazaz asks if they have done this event in the past and how successful the event was last year. Further questions from P. Williams and Greinke. Tazaz motion to fully fund the organization $200.00 in general expense and $800.00 in food. C. Williams Second. Objection: Greinke. Tazaz states that the event is successful and they had a great turnout from everybody outside of their organization. They hosted other events that were also successful last year and seem to be growing as an organization. By far of all the organizations we have had, this one has had the most successful event for a new organization. She further gives a breakdown of reasons for funding each expense. Further questions from Nilson and Kanter. FIRST PRO: C. Williams states that she was able to make it to the end one of their event last year and that there was a lot of people and participation there. It was extremely popular and they did a nice job of getting people out there. FIRST CON: Greinke states that it is not the responsibility of COGS to be funding parties for students regardless of attendance. He further explains his reasoning as to why he opposes funding to this organization. SECOND PRO: Kanter states that it is a cultural event and for someone outside it is educational and it would be a disservice not to fund this. Further comments from C. Williams and Nilson. Nilson calls to question. Kanter Second. Tazaz gives a closing. Bill 31 Passes 10-2-0.

- Bill 32: Allocation to the Religion and Law Group
  Representatives from the organization share about the organization and accomplishments from last year's conference. They are requesting funding for their upcoming conference. Questions from Tazaz and Nilson. Behuniak asks regarding beverages. Tazaz motion to extend by 2 questions. Second Nilson. Objection: None. Tazaz asks if they would be amendable to partial funding pending that the organization raises funds and if they need more funds to come back. C. Williams motion for a 5 minute recess. Nilson Second. Objection None. C. Williams motion to fund at $1629.00 in contractual services with proviso language stating that the “organization will attempt to fund raise prior to requesting more funds.” P. Williams Second. Objection: None. Bill 32 Passes.

- Bill 33: Allocation to the Student Association for Religious Studies
  Organization is requesting funds for their 13th Annual Graduate Religion Symposium. They also stated that over the past 12 years it has been a very successful event and has continued to grow. P. Williams asks regarding food. Further questions from C. Williams, Hall, and Nilson. C. Williams asks the date of the conference. Luke asks regarding fund raising. Tazaz motion to fully fund $1000.00 contractual service and $2650.00 in food. No Second. Motion FAILS. Nilson motion to amend and fund $1025.00 in contractual services, $2362.50 in food, and $235.00 in expense. Hall Second. Objection: None. Bill 33 Passes.

- Bill 34: Allocation to the Thalassic Society
  Organization briefly shares who they are. They are requesting funds for their Graduate Student Symposium and speaker costs. Greinke asks if the $200.00 under clothing and awards is for clothing or awards. P. Williams asks where they got their quote for food/ Further questions from Greinke, P. Williams, C. Williams, and Tazaz. C. Williams motion to fund $1000.00 in contractual services, $550.00 in food, and $200 in clothing and awards. Nilson Second. Objection: None. Bill 34 Passes.
New Business:

- **Resolution 22 Sponsored by C-SAC: Allocation of funds to the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association.**
  C. Williams states that C-SAC met with the president and treasurer of the organization. They requested $100.00 in food for a luncheon they are having. They are intending for everyone in their college to show up and all graduate students are welcomed. They are advertising around campus. They will be sharing information about their organization and talking about the criminal justice program. Question from Nilson. No Objections to the C-SAC request. **Resolution 22 Passes.**

- **Resolution 23 Sponsored by Representatives Hall, C. Williams, and Leslie: Supporting Open Access**
  C. Williams states that they felt it was important to have a resolution this week to show support during Open Access week. Questions from P. Williams and Greinke. **FIRST PRO:** P. Williams thinks this is a good idea especially when it uses tax dollars and it is something that everyone should have access to. **FIRST CON:** Greinke states why he is opposed to this resolution. Luttrell motion to extend by 1 minute. Luttrell agrees with Greinke and shares why he opposes this resolution as well. **SECOND PRO:** Tazaz agrees with some of cons regarding Open Access and further shares why she is in favor of the resolution. **SECOND CON:** Juergens concurs with Greinke and adds that there are already many open access journals and open access options to researchers and their funding organizations to decide whether or not to publish something there. He also stated that it sends a naïve message about what we believe research to be and he does not think that it is the role of this body to encourage it. Further comments from Luttrell. **3rd PRO:** NONE. **3rd CON:** NONE. C. Williams states that the resolution is simply saying that we think it’s a good idea. She further states that the point of it is not to cut everything and make it all go away, but it is something that we should consider. She adds that as a body of graduate students, we think this is something that’s worth our while. Further comments from Hall. **Resolution 23 Passes 5-4-3.**

**Deputy Speaker C. Williams motion to waive the Rules of Internal Procedure to hear Resolution 24 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Leslie. Nilson Second. Objection: None.**

- **Resolution 24: Commending Representative Amanda Tazaz**
  C. Williams states that this is a resolution commending representative Amanda Tazaz. She has been with us since the 17th Congress and has done a huge amount of service for COGS. The resolution is commemorating her work as a member of COGS and working for Student Government. **FIRST PRO:** NONE. **FIRST CON:** NONE. **SECOND PRO:** NONE. **SECOND CON:** NONE. Kanter motion to accept by acclamation. Objection: NONE. **Resolution 24 Passes by Acclamation.**

**ROUNDTABLE:** Greinke, Behuniak, Juergens, Luttrell, Akinfaderin, Nilson, P. Williams, Luke, Hall, Kanter, C. Williams, Tazaz, Boler

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:08 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 4, 2013