 REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Akinfaderin, Asturizaga, Churey, Clay, DelCiampo, Edwards, Gaboardi, Hall, Halperin, Lee, Luttrell, Marryshow, Nilson, Pratt, Strazzo, Williams

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Churey

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Syme, Tamaskar, Wang, Ward

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: Daramola, Leslie

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Andi Dangerfield

MINUTES APPROVED: Accepted Gaboardi. Second Strazzo.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

STUDENT COMMENTS:

- Melissa Mears, graduate student representative for the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, wanted to address the body to answer any questions that COGS representatives may have. She discusses the general process of selecting potential candidates. She also informs representatives of the upcoming advisory meetings and assures representatives that some students share the same concerns as COGS.

- Lakey Lakey, PR for Graduate Assistants United, informed representatives that she is in favor of Resolution 14, and how much she appreciates COGS for passing the resolutions related to the presidential search. She encourages COGS to attend the open forums and continue to voice their concerns about the presidential search process through social media.

- Kim Anderson, a graduate student is also in favor of Resolution 14. She voiced her concerns of how the university will be represented if Senator Thrasher is selected and how she lacks trust in his abilities to lead the institution.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:

Unfinished Business
Funding Requests:

New Business:

- Resolution 14 Sponsored by Representative Lee: Regarding Florida State University's Presidential Search

Representative Lee briefly states that the resolution is parallel to the faculty resolution which stated that faculties wanted a president to have mastery skills detailed in the position description, and since Senator Thrasher lacks the qualifications, he should not be considered as president. They also call for the Board of Trustees not to hire Senator Thrasher and to consider the other candidates who do have the mastery skills listed for the position description. Some representatives inquire if the resolution is stating that Senator Thrasher lacks mastery in all of the listed qualifications, or just the ones stated in the resolution. They also inquire why graduate students are not listed in the resolution. **FIRST PRO:** Halperin supports the resolution and would like to add an additional clause stating some of Senator Thrasher’s ethics violations. Leslie supports the resolution and questions Thrasher’s concern for education. Strazzo is in favor of the resolution and expresses her concern, if Senator Thrasher becomes the next president of FSU. She is also in favor of an additional clause stating some of his violations. Gaboardi questions Senator Thrasher’s ability to separate his personal beliefs from professional affairs. **FIRST CON:** Nilson questions his ability to vote for or against the resolution because he doesn’t feel as if he is educated enough on the subject to say if Thrasher is well qualified or isn’t. DelCiampo agrees with the content of the resolution but disagrees with the strong language because. He believes that COGS should consider the ramifications for future graduate students and COGS representatives’ relationships, should Thrasher become the next president. Hall agrees with the resolution but expresses his concern as to why graduate students specifically, are not stated in the resolution. Pratt isn’t sure that Senator Thrasher won’t be a good fit because he may lack some mastery skills listed as qualifications. He isn’t sure if past presidents of the university had mastered all the qualifications, so he cannot make such a strong assumption. **SECOND PRO:** Luttrell is in support of the resolution and doesn’t want to use a different tone in the resolution. He feels that COGS should take a firm stance on the issue. Lee believes that taking a strong stance on the issue is a great idea regardless of the outcome. Leslie agrees with taking a strong stance in the resolution. **SECOND CON:** Pratt believes that if the congress does not agree with Senator Thrasher becoming the next president, that COGS should take a stance for who they would like to pick for University President. Halperin agrees with Pratt and that representatives should support a potential president who they feel will be a good fit at FSU. Motion to strike “candidate” to “one of the finalists” in the resolution. Objection. **FIRST PRO:** Hall thinks it’s a good amendment. **FIRST CON:** Luttrell doesn’t believe that it should be changed from candidate. Nilson agrees with Luttrell. Call to Question. Motion Passes. Hall motions to amend the resolution to add an additional clause to the resolution. Amendment Passes. Representative Halperin motions to amend the resolution to add additional language. Leslie Second. Objection. Halperin wants to specifically address the ethics violations that our contrary to what the Presidential Search Advisory Committee stated in the position description. **FIRST PRO:** Leslie is in favor of the amendments. **FIRST CON:** Pratt would want to know more about his ethics violations before including it in the resolution. Deputy Speaker Nilson motions to amend the amendment to strike the addition of footnotes in the original amendment by Representative Halperin. Deputy Speaker Nilson’s Amendment Passes. **SECOND PRO:** Strazzo believes this is an appropriate amendment to the resolution. Hall is in favor of the resolution. **SECOND CON:** Luttrell does not agree that the amendments have a place in this resolution. Edwards agrees with Luttrell and doesn’t think that this addition strengthens COGS’ position. Motion to call to question. Second Pratt. Representative Halperin’s amendment passes. Motion to call to question. Second Marryshow. Objection. Resolution 14 passes, 12-2-4.

ROUND TABLE: Akinfaderin, Asturizaga, Clay, Churey, Daramola, DelCiampo, Edwards, Gaboardi, Hall, Halperin, Lee, Leslie, Logan, Luttrell, Marryshow, Nilson, Pratt, Strazzo, Williams,

ADJOURNMENT: 8:25 p.m.