



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

**THIRTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Assembly Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order: 6:34 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Representative Smith

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Adhikari, Amaraneni, Baffour-Awuah Junior, Boatright, Collins, Creigh, Delva, Galeano, Gfatter, Hagemeyer, Harshe, Hirsch, Linsky, Ilesanmi, Neale, Noor Mustafa, Myhre, Rogowski, Ryan, Smith, Vaughn, Vouzas, Wilson

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** Adhikari, Hagemeyer

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** Amaraneni

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** Horner

**REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:**

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to amend the minutes to reflect Representative Gfatter's absence. Objection: Rep. Hirsch. Motion to approve the minutes: Creigh; Second: Hirsch

Petitions into the Assembly:

- *Keturah Young, College of Education Seat 4*
- Speech
  - Student for Bachelor's, Master's, PhD student. Unique perspective
  - President for College of Education's student leadership council
  - I think I'd be a fit representative for the COE; I could give back to the program that's already given so much to me as a student.
- Questions
  - Rep Linsky: How did you become interested in COGS?
  - Young: Amber and Gaurav visited one of my classes this past semester. I've always been really involved, and feel like I can be a better advocate for my community through involvement.
  - Rep Linsky: What can we be doing to get more people interested in the open seats we have?
  - Young: The classroom visits help, so recurring visits to remind students that COGS is there and there to help.
  - Dep Speaker Creigh: Are you able to commit to 6:30pm meetings on Mondays.
  - Young: Those times work for me.
  - Creigh: Do you need any info on being financially certified?
  - Young: I am aware that I need to be financially certified, and can reach out to you if I have any questions.
  - Creigh: Do you have any committee you're interested in joining?
  - Young: The Student Affairs Committee, but I'm happy to join wherever I am needed most.

- Creigh: If you are interested in any of our leadership positions in the future?
- Young:
- Adhikari: Why were you interested in joining COGS?
- Young: I know experiences change between schools. I want to help make this transition as smoothly as possible.
- Pros:
  - Rep. Hirsch: I think Keturah is very motivated and wants to get involved. I like how she is getting involved as a first-year PhD student, which helps for COGS continuity. She does seem to also have good leadership skills.
  - Mustafa: Her sense of commitment seems quite contagious. She has been in the COE for many years, and that will only benefit the college.
  - Vaughn: Keturah was my classmate in the Fall. She is passionate and would be a great member of COGS. Because of her experience, she will fill in the gaps in knowledge that we currently have in our college.
  - Gfatter: I liked her enthusiasm and I'm excited to have her on board.
  - Linsky: It's important to fill our seats, and she seems motivated to help with this.
  - Adhikari: She was clear and concise in her reasons for joining COGS. She would make a good fit in COGS.
  - Delva: It seems like she's been a part of FSU for a long time, so she has a unique perspective and can see the needs of the university.
- Move to call to question: Hirsch; Delva: second
- Vote: 22-0-0
- Dep. Speaker Delva swore in Rep. Young.

Special Introductions and Student Comments: N/A

Messages from Student Government: Ash Soto, Assistant Director for the Pride Student Union

- I've received a few messages from graduate students to attend Pride. You are welcome to attend.
- Our first event of the semester is on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm
- Please email me if you have any questions: pride.astdirector@gmail.com

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: Executive Director Rawan

- We are the advocacy engine for all levels of student government. We lobby on the city at the local, state, and federal levels.
- Our biggest event is FSU's Day at the Capitol.
- Please come to Rally in Tally, to lobby alongside other directors of governmental affairs on January 25<sup>th</sup>
- We'll have a lobby day, the board of governors will be in attendance. Please visit this link for more information: <https://forms.gle/FdWMUSUkbZxGQcME6>

Director of Legislative Affairs, Ash Soto

- I'm planning the night reception as well as the Rally in Tally. If there's anything you'd like to see in the agenda, please let me know. Here is more information related to Rally in Tally: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfCrkAwPbhxsBLksluO7qm0zCRk61qtGuK\\_cwsRxx3aMuA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfCrkAwPbhxsBLksluO7qm0zCRk61qtGuK_cwsRxx3aMuA/viewform)

Report of Officers:

- The Report of the Speaker
  - I would like to encourage members to attend the Rally in Tally for the OGA.
  - I want to let you know the Jewish Student Union is having a banquet on 1/30 at the Alumni Center that I also encourage you to attend. Here is a link for more information: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScP1VI-hQTq9QjDhROh84BIIVqJHcGCyL8VKUInLSFTZfCrNQ/viewform>

- Instead of using yes/no messaging for voting, we are attempting to use virtual iClickers online. Everyone please download the iClicker app at your earliest convenience so we can begin to troubleshoot issues.
- Please join our Slack channel so everyone can collaborate and talk with one another.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
  - We are entering the new calendar year, if you look at page 2 in the current bill packet. We are sitting comfortably with unallocated funds, as well as funding grant funds. It does not look like we are going to use the full funds for these grants.
  - Budget requests are due this Friday at noon. If you know your RSO will be participating in this, please give them a reminder. I will be sending out more reminder emails for the committee.
  - COGS Budget Hearings start 1/21 – I'll be sending the committee the most common questions we cover during these meetings. RSOs have about 10 minutes to give us a summary for their requested funding for the year.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs
  - I am working on a training PPT and training document for new members.
  - I'm working on updating our COGS guidebook to 2021/2022 and will have Internal Affairs work on this, too.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications
  - I am planning to email course instructors over the next week regarding speaking to graduate students. I will also be emailing each representative to ask for a course that would like to hear about COGS.

#### Committee Report:

- C-SAC: Creigh
  - Nothing to report
- Internal Affairs: Linsky
  - We have a meeting scheduled for this Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.
  - I've also assigned some reading to the committee to familiarize the committee with current student issues.
- Student Advocacy: Mustafa
  - We haven't met yet, but I sent out a Qualtrics to gather information from the group, including areas of interest on the committee.
  - We reached a consensus on a time to meet monthly.
- Student Affairs: Smith
  - If you haven't done so already, please fill out the Doodle poll with your availability.
  - We are planning some headshot events, graduate student appreciate week, and market Wednesdays for graduate student organizations, name tags, and stoles.
  - We are also planning a movie night and a day at the capital

#### Funding Requests: Presented by Dep. Speaker Collins. Joined by Michael Morgan, CHAOS Representative

- *Bill 01: Counseling and School Psychology Students Helping to Advocate, Organize and Serve (CHAOS at FSU), General Expenses, Food, Contractual Services, Clothing & Awards*

#### Questions

- Creigh: Is there a DJ? Or is that just part of the description of Contractual Services/
- Morgan: There is no DJ, it's just a description from the proposal.
- Point of clarification from Morgan: This is actually two events: Dr. Duffy in April and Dr. Fields in June
- Gfatter: Is there a rationalization for selecting \$1500 for Honorarium?
- Morgan: It is a flat rate and we expect the Honorarium will total \$1500 between the two speakers.
- Delva: Is it 50 people you're expecting in total, or 50 people per event?

- Morgan: 50 people per event. So, \$300 in food is expected to feed 100 people in total.

Pros:

- Hirsch: I really like this organization, and this proposal seems to be really organized.
- Creigh: This would be our second time funding CHAOS. The first event turned out really well, and it seems like this event will make the same impression.
- Mustafa: I would encourage such events that would promote a good cause within the community.
- Gfatter: I'm glad it's two events, since it has the potential to reach more people.
- Delva: The speakers seem very important and worthwhile for the event.

Cons:

- Move to call to question: Linsky; Second: Delva

Vote: 14-0-4

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Round Table: COGS Spring Retreat

Adjournment: 8:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Monday, January 24, 2022 at 6:30p.m. in HCB 103 & Zoom**