

# TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
6:34 p.m.



**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Akinfaderin, Asturizaga, Carter, Churey, Clay, Daramola, Edwards, C. Hall, T. Hall, Jones, Lee, Marryshow, Nilson, Petrantoni, Pratt, Smillie, Uttermark

**QUORUM:** YES

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Clay

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** DelCiampo, Leslie, Luttrell, Tamaskar, Ward

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Akinfaderin. Marryshow second.

**PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY:** NONE

**SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** NONE

**STUDENT COMMENTS:** NONE.

**MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** NONE

**Unfinished Business**

**Funding Requests:**

**New Business:**

- Bill 12 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Hall: *Transfer of Funds from COGS Organizational Account to COGS Unallocated Account*  
Deputy Speaker Hall explains that the intent of the bill is to transfer funds from the organizational account to the unallocated account. COGS passed bills from the unallocated account which was less than \$1000 and therefore, should have been allocated from the organizational account. This bill is to reflect the accurate spending in both accounts. Motion to accept. **Bill 12 passes.**
- Bill 13 Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee: *Substantive Edits of the COGS Code Chapters 102, 103, 108 and 112*  
Deputy Speaker Hall explains the edits made by the Ways and Means Committee. Representatives inquire the reasoning for the changes in several sub sections. Motion to amend

the bill. Motion to call to question. Amendment passes. Motion to amend the bill, submitted in writing. Objection. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Nilson agrees with the amendments and believes that the edit is better than it was previously. Motion to call to question. Amendment passes. Motion to accept Bill 13 as amended. Objection. Motion to amend the bill in chapter 108.1. Second. Objection. Motion to call to question. Amendment passes. Motion to accept the bill as amended. **Bill 13 passes.**

- Bill 14 Sponsored by the Way and Means Committee: *Substantive Edits of the COGS Code, Amending the Annual Budget Procedures Act of 2012*  
Deputy Speaker Hall further explains that the committee made some changes to the code as it relates to the annual budget to make the language more detailed. Motion to amend the bill. Objection. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Hall believes that this is a good amendment and is interested in finding out how the body will vote for the amendment. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Hall believes that by having both dates listed, makes the language more detailed. **SECOND PRO:** Asturizaga thinks that the clearer the language is for the reader, the easier it is to comprehend. Motion to call to question. Amendment fails. Motion to amend the bill in two sections. Second Edwards. Objection. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Hall states that the Ways and Means Committee decided to use the language mentioned in the bill and does not think it should be altered. **SECOND PRO:** Edwards agrees with the amendment. Motion to call to question. Amendment passes. Motion to accept the bill as amended. **Bill 14 passes.**

*Motion to waive the rules to hear Bill 15: Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Hall Transfer Money to Support Graduate Student Conference Travel. Second.*

- Bill 15 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Hall: *Transferring Money to Support Graduate Student Conference Travel*  
Deputy Speaker Hall briefly explains that this fiscal year, COGS ran out of money in the November- February funding period. Through research there was \$2000 of unused funds from the attendance grant account in the July –October funding period. He would like to transfer \$1600 to the presentation grant account from the attendance grant account to fund student travel in the November–February funding period. Representatives inquire what happens to unused funds from past funding periods and if any students were awarded from the money that may be moved to another account.  
Motion to accept the bill by acclamation. **Bill 15 passes.**

**ROUNDTABLE:** Akinfaderin, Asturizaga, Carter, Churey, Clay, Daramola, Edwards, C. Hall, T. Hall, Jones, Lee, Marryshow, Nilson, Petrantoni, Pratt, Smillie, Uttermark

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:01 p.m.