

TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
February 2nd, 2015
6:32 p.m.



REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Akinfaderin, Asturizaga, Churey , Daramola, Delciampo, Edwards, C. Hall, T. Hall, Jones, Leslie, Luttrell, Marryshow, Nilson, Pratt, Tamaskar, Uttermark

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Luttrell

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Clay

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Lee, Petrantoni, Ward

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

MINUTES APPROVED: with amendments T. Hall. Luttrell second.

Motion to waive the rules to hear petitioners into the assembly. Objection. Motion passes.

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Ashley Carter, Tyler Smillie

*Representative Luttrell motion to table the petitioners until the next meeting. Marryshow second. Deputy Speaker Nilson objection. Luttrell urges the assembly to welcome the petitioners at the next meeting and focus on the Annual Budget for this meeting. **FIRST PRO:** Pratt agrees with Luttrell and believes that if the petitioners had more time to review the budget for this special meeting, he would be in favor of accepting them now. He would be in favor of reordering the agenda to accept the petitioners after the Consideration of the Annual Budget. **FIRST CON:** Leslie believes that the representatives should not table the petitioners after they waived the rules to hear them. They have the option to choose not to vote if they don't feel as though they are adequately prepared to vote or form an opinion. Deputy Speaker Nilson agrees with Leslie. Nilson believes that if the goal is to figure out if there is a problem with their credibility that would be determined if they are accepted as petitioners, not whether or not if the petition is tabled. **SECOND PRO:** Luttrell believes that tabling the petitioners does not prohibit the petitioners from listening to the budget hearings. **SECOND CON:** Deputy Speaker Nilson believes that there may be different reasons why the Internal Rules of Procedure does not include the petitioners as a part of the agenda and that the representatives should not overstretch the bounds of the rules that are not written. Edwards adds that the petitioners are present, willing to join the congress, and are graduates students, so that they have the ability to review the budget and make their own decisions as to whether or not they can vote on it. Motion to call to question. Second. **Motion to table the petitioners until the next assembly failed.***

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

STUDENT COMMENTS: NONE.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

Unfinished Business

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 8 : Allocation to the Black Graduate Student Association**
The President of the organization is requesting additional funds to attend the National Black Graduate Students Association Conference in Jacksonville, FL. This is the 3rd year that the chapter is the Affiliate Chapter of the Year. Also, BGSA has members that are representatives of the executive board of the National Black Graduate Student Association. They would like to cover conference registration and hotel fees for ten members. Representatives inquire what out of pocket expenses will the members ensue, and if the organization requested this in the budget request and explain what is Affiliate Chapter of the Year. Motion to \$0 fund. Objection. Deputy Speaker Akinfaderin believes that the organization should apply for COGS presentation grants and believes that the traveling requests defeats the purpose of presentation grants. **FIRST PRO:** Luttrell agrees with Deputy Speaker Akinfaderin and thinks that they should apply for presentation grants. Marryshow believes that this very good conference and is in favor of \$0 funding the organization so that they can receive the \$200 reimbursement . Marryshow adds that the out of pocket expenses is minimal. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Hall informs the congress that the organization requested funds from COGS last year and they were told to fundraise and return if they still needed assistance. The organization followed that request and as an entity of COGS, their request should be considered. Leslie informs the congress that it is very important to send the BGSA to the conference to bring back information to FSU and the organization's budget was drastically reduced which is why they are returning to the assembly. Leslie believes that it is not fair to \$0 fund them at this point. **SECOND PRO:** Deputy Speaker Akinfaderin believes that the students should apply for the presentation grants since they are attending and presenting research at the conference. Marryshow believes that COGS should fund the organization but not necessarily from the unallocated account. Marryshow also thinks that by funding them through the presentation grant account, that this will make them more accountable for their own expenses. **SECOND CON:** Deputy Speaker Hall further explains his sentiments as it relates to BGSA. He informs the congress that COGS told BGSA to fundraise and then return if they need additional assistance and COGS would help them. They did what they were asked. He further explains that the presentation grants are for individuals attending and presenting at conferences. BGSA is going as a group to represent FSU. Edwards believes that \$0 funding the organization would be a big mistake since it is not a field conference or about presentations. Edwards is in favor of funding less. Motion to call to question. Motion to \$0 fund failed. Motion to fund at \$2000 in travel. Second. Objection. **FIRST PRO:** Leslie is in favor of the motion and believes that now the organization will have to apportion the funds amongst each other. Carter is in favor of the amendment and believes that COGS is making a major impact by advocating for minorities. Edwards thinks this amendment is a good compromise. **FIRST CON:** Luttrell states that by funding them this way, it takes the burden from the organization to allocate the funds appropriately. Motion to call to question with a roll call vote. **Bill 8 passes \$2000 in travel.**
- **Bill 9 : Allocation to the Political Graduate Student Organization**
The treasurer of the organization explains that they will be hosting a spring workshop. They attempted to reach out to their department and other resources for financial assistance, but was denied. Representatives inquire why the organization is looking outside of FSU for speakers, if the department will assist the organization if COGS supplements the expenses and how will they advertise, and the anticipated attendance. **Motion to fund at \$2000 in Contractual Services and \$400 in Food. Bill 8 passes.**
- **Bill 10: Allocation to the Hispanic Graduate Student Association**
The organization would like to present the movie *Chronicle of Escape* and have a panel of discussion following the film. The organization is requesting funds for the copyrights of the movie

and for popcorn for the attendees. Representatives inquire how many students are expected to attend and the breakdown of expenses for the film viewing. Motion to fully fund. Second. **Bill 10 funded at \$400 and \$60 in expense.**

New Business:

Consideration of the Annual Budget:

- Bill 11 Sponsored by The Budget Committee: *The Annual Budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year* Deputy Speaker for Finance, Tristan Hall, individually thanked the members of the Budget Committee for their hard work during the deliberations. He encourages the representatives to trust the committee members' debating skills and allocations. Questions are welcome. Representative Leslie also explains what NAGPS is and why it is included in the proviso language. **Bill 11 The Annual Budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year passes.**

ROUNDTABLE: Akinfaderin, Asturizaga, Carter, Churey, Daramola, DelCiampo, Edwards, C. Hall, T. Hall, Jones, Leslie, Luttrell, Marryshow, Nilson, Pratt, Smillie, Tamaskar, Uttermark

ADJOURNMENT: 8:32 p.m.