

# TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union  
July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
6:32 p.m.



**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Akinfaderin, Gupta, Hall, James, Kerry, Peruche, Pfiefler, Tamaskar, Uttermark, Williams

**QUORUM:** YES

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Uttermark

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Ward

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

*Interim Speaker Hall moves to waive the rules to present Catherine Hall with a certificate for her accomplishments as past Speaker of COGS. Objections. NONE.*

*Interim Speaker Hall moves to waive the rules to elect a new Speaker. Objections. NONE.*

## **ELECTIONS FOR COGS SPEAKER:**

- Representative Uttermark nominates Interim Speaker Hall to become Speaker. Hall accepts.
- Deputy Speaker Akinfaderin nominates Representative Uttermark. Uttermark accepts.
- Interim Speaker Hall and Representative Uttermark both address the congress.

## **Election results from the congress for the newly appointed Speaker for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Congress:**

- Tristan Hall

*Speaker Hall moves to waive the rules to have an election for the Deputy Speaker for Finance.*

## **ELECTIONS FOR DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR FINANCE:**

- Representative Uttermark nominates himself.
- No further nominations.
- Uttermark addresses the congress.

## **Election results from the congress for the newly appointed Deputy Speaker for Finance for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Congress:**

- Matthew Uttermark

**PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY:** NONE

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Uttermark. Second Peruche.

**SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Dr. Stephenson, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School and Director of the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards, informs the congress that their office is available to support graduate students identifying and applying for external funding. She further explains that there is a plethora of agencies that support all of the disciplines on FSU's campus. Students are encouraged to stop by their offices for assistance with applying for funding and attend one of the many workshops that are scheduled throughout the semester.

**STUDENT COMMENTS:** NONE.

**MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** NONE

**Unfinished Business:** NONE

**Funding Requests:**

- *Bill 26: Allocation to the Graduate Students in Interdisciplinary Sciences*  
The newly established organization explains that they would like to advertise their organization to attract new members. The organization is requesting funds for promotional items and for food in hopes of bringing together all students from the interdisciplinary sciences fields to discuss ideas and information related to their field. They further explain that it is highly necessary for graduate students to collaborate. Representatives ask the organization break down the expenses listed in the bill. Representatives also inquire if there are any dates scheduled for their next event and what are other ways does the organization plan to advertise. Motion to fully fund. Objection. Representative Williams is in favor of supporting the new organization. The organization proved that they thought out how they wanted to use the funds and further believes that the organization will develop dates for their events in the near future. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Uttermark informs representatives that the request made will account for 20% of the amount in the Organizational Account. **SECOND PRO:** Representative Pfeifler is in favor of supporting the new organization. Motion to amend General Expense \$84.00, Food \$93.75 Clothing/Awards \$875. Objection. Representative James explains that she would like to partially fund the organization to assist with advertising. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Akinfaderin is in favor of the amendment and does not want to bombard guests who support the organization's event with promotional items. Representative Gupta believes that the amendment was a good choice, but would like to add funds to the general expense category to further assist the organization. **FIRST CON:** Representative Pfeifler would like to fully fund the general expense and food category but would like to partially fund the clothing/awards category. Motion to amend the amendment to \$167.99 General Expense, \$0 Food and \$332.01 in Clothing/Awards. Motion passes. Motion to accept Bill 26 as amended. Second. **Bill 26 passes \$167.99 in General Expense, \$0 Food and \$332.01 in Clothing/Awards.**

**New Business:** NONE

**ROUNDTABLE:** Akinfaderin, Gupta, Hall, James, Kerry, Peruche, Pfeifler, Tamaskar, Uttermark, Williams

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:50 p.m.