

TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
May 18th, 2015
6:31 p.m.



REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Akinfaderin, Asturizaga, Gupta, C. Hall, T. Hall, Tamaskar, Ward

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: T. Hall

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Uttermark

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

Speaker Hall motions to waive the rules to elect Savanna Ward as Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs. Approved.

MINUTES APPROVED: T.Hall. Second Akinfaderin

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Kylah Kerry

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

STUDENT COMMENTS: NONE.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

Unfinished Business:

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 20: Allocation to the Student Chapter of the National Art Education Association (NAEA)**
The organization explains that they are requesting funds to bring Dr. Marilyn Stewart to FSU who will provide a workshop for creative ideas for art education. They further explain that the Art Education department will financially assist this endeavor. Representatives inquire how many faculty members are graduate students, when the organization became a Recognized Student Organization and inquire more information about the speaker. Motion to fully fund. Second. **Bill 20 passes \$500 in Contractual Services.**
- **Bill 21: Allocation to the FSU Art Therapy Association**
The President of the organization informs representatives that they will be attending their national conference in Minneapolis, MN and would like to cover partial registration fees for 19 members with assistance from COGS. The organization has raised \$1000 to go to the conference and will receive assistance from the department. The conference will provide networking opportunities

and attend lectures and workshops to learn new ways to develop skills to become art therapists. Representatives inquire if the organization is aware that COGS offers presentation and attendance grants, how were the members of the organization selected to attend the conference and how the organization plans to fundraise at the conference. Motion to \$0 fund. Second. Objection. Deputy Speaker Akinfaderin believes that the organization should apply individually for COGS' presentation and attendance grants. Representatives inquire if the Deputy Speaker Akinfaderin would like to \$0 fund the organization so that they can receive the maximum amount allotted from the presentation and attendance grants online. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Hall is in favor of \$0 funding the organization since COGS offers individual grants for conference travel online. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Hall also believes that it may not be a good idea to \$0 fund since the organization is going to their national conference and engaging in several events to promote the university and their program. **SECOND PRO:** Representative Asturizaga would love to fund the organization and insists that they apply for grants online. Deputy Speaker Ward believes that they have a substantial amount of assistance from their department and fundraising and also agrees that the organization can apply individually online. Motion to call to question **Bill 21 \$0 funded.**

- **Bill 22: Allocation to the Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA)**
The organization is returning to request assistance for their annual Free Will, Moral Responsibility and Agency Conference this fall. The conference will include two keynote speakers who will cover the topics of free will and moral responsibility. Graduate students from other programs will also speak at the conference, following a light breakfast and small brunch. The organization was able to receive funding from their department. Representatives inquire the expected attendance, how are the distinguished speakers selected and the role of the department with assisting the organization. Representatives inquire the reason for two speakers and the process of obtaining the two speakers for the conference with very little financial assistance. Motion to fully fund. Second. **Bill 22 passes \$2750 in Contractual Services and \$250 food.**

New Business:

- **Bill 23: Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Hall: Transfer of Travel Grant Funds**
Deputy Speaker Hall explains to the congress that since COGS cannot fund any additional organizations due to the end of the fiscal year and financial deadlines, he would like to move the funds to the presentation and attendance grants accounts since the funds are depleted. It is his intent to fund as many graduate students as possible with any residual funding. Representatives inquire if the intent is to fund more money to the presentation grant account than the attendance grant account, if there are any other expenses that need to be considered prior to moving all the funds to the grant accounts. Motion to call to question. Second. Bill passes. **Transfer of \$14,000 from COGS Unallocated Account to the Presentation Grant Account and Transfer \$3,000 from the Organizational Support Account to the Attendance Grant Account.**

ROUNDTABLE: Akinfaderin, Asturizaga, Gupta, C. Hall, T.Hall, Kerry, Tamaskar, Ward

ADJOURNMENT: 7:49 p.m.