

TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
October 5th, 2015
6:34 p.m.



REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Asturizaga, Cavannaugh, Edwards, Elwood, Ferraro, Gupta, Hall, James, Kerry, Lee, Luttrell, Peruche, Pfeifler, Smith, Solomon, Uttermark, Wang, Ward, Williams

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lee

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Carter, Saunders, Ward

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Akinfaderin, Smillie, Tamaskar

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: Edwards, Kerry

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: NONE

MINUTES APPROVED: Williams. Uttermark Second.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

STUDENT COMMENTS: NONE.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

- Speaker- Informed the congress of the upcoming COGS Elections and inauguration. Representatives were encouraged to participate on the Graduate Leadership Award board.
- Deputy Speaker for Finance- Provided representatives with the financial breakdown of the OCGS accounts.
- Deputy Speaker for Communications- Encouraged representatives to send links of events that are taking place on campus so that it can be added to the social media pages for COGS.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Internal Affairs- Had a meeting to discuss the impeachment process procedure.
- Ways & Means- Had a meeting to create 3 bills for Code amendments.

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:

- Bill 33: *Allocation to the MBA Association*
The organization will host two events; United Health Care Roundtable and Women in Business Ethics Seminar. They are requesting funding assistance for a reception following the round table

for each event. Each seminar will allow students to network with the companies and seek potential job offers. There will be light refreshments served. All students are welcome to attend the event on October 30th and November 10th. Representatives inquire if the organization researched dining services outside of FSU, what type of gifts does the organization plan to give to the visitors, justification for varying prices for catering, how will the self-generated funds be used, what type of fundraising events does the organization host and how does these events cater to the whole graduate student community. **FIRST PRO:** Luttrell likes the events that the organization is hosting and thinks that the costs of the events are high and does not think that COGS is allowed to fund the gifts to the speakers. Pfeifler is in favor of the event. **FIRST CON:** Edwards is concerned about the cost per person for the receptions and believes that the organization will benefit more by utilizing local stores. Motion to amend the bill to \$840 in food and \$0 in Clothing and Awards. Second. Objection Luttrell would like to fund the organization \$7 per person for food and also a ten person buffer for additional guests for each event. **FIRST PRO:** Edwards believes it is a reasonable amendment and does not want to hinder the organization from having a successful event. **FIRST CON:** Pfeifler does not agree with the amendment which is a significant difference from the original request for two events. Lee agrees with the amendment in the Clothing and Awards line, but does not agree with the decrease in the food budget. **SECOND PRO:** Deputy Speaker Williams agrees with the amendments in the food budget and compares the presented amendment to other allocations. Solomon believes that \$7 for snacks per person is a reasonable amount. Motion to call to question. Second. Amendment passes 14-1-2 \$840 in Food. Motion to call to question. **Bill 33 passes 14-1-2 \$840 Food.**

New Business:

- Bill 34 Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee: *Substantive Edits of the COGS Code, Amending Chapter 113: Requirements to Maintain Office*
Representative Luttrell of the Ways & Means Committee explains the changes made to the Code to fix loopholes and create clarity. Motion to call to question. Second. Bill 34 Passes.
- Bill 35 Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee: *Substantive Edits of the COGS Code, Amending Chapter 114: Removal for Truancy*
Representative Luttrell and the Ways and Means Committee created an appeal process and relocated the guidelines for Truancy. Motion to call to question. Bill 35 passes.
- Bill 36 Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee: *Substantive Edits of the COGS Code, Amending Chapter 115: Impeachment*
Representative Luttrell explains the main changes to this chapter which is to establish a statute of limitations and creating an appeal process. Motion for a roll call vote. Bill 36 passes 13-0-4.
- Resolution 6 Sponsored by the Representative Lee: *Opposition of Senate Bill 68 and House Bill 4001*
Speaker Hall refers the resolution to the Academics & Student Life Committee for clarity and then to the Ways & Means Committee to ensure the resolution is consistent with COGS' language.

ROUNDTABLE: Asturizaga, Cavannaugh, Edwards, Elwood, Ferraro, Gupta, Hall, James, Kerry, Lee, Luttrell, Peruche, Pfeifler, Smith, Solomon, Uttermark, Wang, Williams

ADJOURNMENT: 7:28 p.m.