

TWENTY FOURTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
April 4th, 2016
6:38 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order: 6:38 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Speaker Hall

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Akinfaderin, Aung-Din, Baker, Clark, Elwood, Garcia, Garson, Hall, Luttrell, Miller, Peruche, Pfiefler, Rosenthal, Sanogo, Sharifi-Raini, Solomon, Sulentic, Uttermark, Ward, Williams

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Gupta, Scriven, Wang

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Asturizaga

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Approved. Williams second.

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

Messages from Student Government: NONE

Speaker Hall allows Representative Elwood to Chair the funding requests portion of the meeting. Elwood accepts.

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 23: Allocation to the National Art Education Association Student Chapter at FSU**
The organization is requesting funding for art educator and author, Dr. Terry Barrett to attend the one day hands-on workshop on June 7. Dr. Barrett will focus on the topic of aesthetics which will allow attendees to look at the world from another point of view. Priority for the workshops is given to students of the art class, teachers in Leon County; however, it will also be available to current FSU students, faculty, and staff so long as there are open seats. Representatives inquire how many graduate students are members of the organization, the expected attendance to the workshop, an allocation breakdown, and how attendance priority is chosen. Representatives also inquire where the speaker will be traveling from, whether the speaker participate in any other events and if the organization has any other funding sources. **FIRST PRO:** Speaker Hall thinks it is a great idea to have the professors speak to the students. Luttrell likes the idea of a small hands-on group and the fact that there is another phase to the workshop which will allow more students to attend. Deputy Speaker Ward believes the \$2000 request is reasonable for the organization and also notes that the unallocated account has a reasonable balance so the organization can be funded. Deputy Speaker Uttermark agrees with Luttrell and Deputy Speaker Ward and adds that he admires that this event is focused on the community. **FIRST CON:** Akinfaderin is in favor of the event but is hesitant about providing \$2500 for an honorarium since

the speaker resides in Florida and traveling will be less expensive. Deputy Speaker Ward moves to amend the bill to read \$2000 in Contractual Services. Second. Objection. Deputy Speaker Ward explains that the amount is the original request stated by the organization. **FIRST CON:** Akinfaderin believes that the amount for the honorarium should be reduced since the speaker will be traveling in-state. Motion to call to question. Second. Amendment passes 17-1-1. Return to the Bill. Motion to call to question. Second. The organization appreciates the consideration of allocation. **Bill 23 passes: 18-0-1 \$2000 in Contractual Services.**

Representative Elwood returns the chair to Speaker Hall.

Report of the Budget Committee:

Deputy Speaker Uttermark informs the congress that the Budget committee met on March 30th to discuss changes within the annual budget. He explains that LSC and MSC received additional funding totaling the amount of \$43,500 instead of the original amount of \$40,000. A request of \$2275 from Scholars Commons was denied to encourage their coming before COGS to request additional funds. This amount was split in half and allocated to MSC and LSC. \$2000 from the Graduate School's food budget was cut. LSC and MSC split this amount as well. Lastly the committee moved the remaining amount from the unallocated account and split the allocation between MSC and LSC. The revisions passed with a vote of 5-1. Deputy Speaker Uttermark concludes by thanking everyone who assisted in the budget process.

Consideration of the Annual Budget:

Deputy Speaker Ward inquires if the committee found any additional information about the fees related to FSU Childcare and requests a breakdown of the COGS officers' wages and the reduced amount from the unallocated account. **FIRST PRO:** Peruche states that their committee worked very hard on the budget and is happy that the library was not reduced completely. Akinfaderin explains that during the budget meeting the committee made sure to tackle the concerns from the previous budget and believes that they did a good job with the allocation amounts. Motion to call to question. Vote by roll call. Akinfaderin: Ay, Aung-Din: Nay, Baker: Ay, Clark: Ay, Elwood: Ay, Garcia: Ay, Garson: Nay, Luttrell: Present, Miller: Ay, Peruche: Ay, Pfiefler: Ay, Rosenthal: Present, Sanogo: Ay, Sharifi-Raini: Ay, Solomon: Present, Sulentic: Nay, Uttermark: Ay, Ward: Ay, Williams: Ay. **Bill 20 The Annual Budget for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year passes: 13-3-3.**

Round Table: Akinfaderin, Aung-Din, Baker, Clark, Elwood, Garcia, Garson, Hall, Luttrell, Miller, Peruche, Pfiefler, Rosenthal, Sanogo, Sharifi-Raini, Solomon, Sulentic, Uttermark, Ward, Williams

Adjournment: 7:32 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2016