

TWENTY FOURTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
January 11th, 2016
6:31 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order: 6:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pfiefler

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Asturizaga, Cavannaugh, Ferraro, Gupta, Luttrell, Peruche, Pfiefler, Scriven, Sulentic, Wang, Ward, Williams

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Akinfaderin, Hall, Kerry, Uttermark

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: James, Lee

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: Elwood

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

Petitions into the Assembly: Vivianne Asturizaga

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Williams. Cavannaugh Second.

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

Messages from Student Government: NONE

Unfinished Business:

- Resolution 6 Sponsored by Representative Lee: *Opposition of Senate Bill 68 and House Bill 4001*
In the absence of Representative Lee, the Sponsor of the Resolution, Vivianne Asturizaga, Chair of the Academics and Student Life Committee, explained to the congress the edits made to the resolution and the updated information from prior meetings. The intent of the edits were to make the resolution sound clear and concise, rid the resolution of provocative tones and make it as informative as possible. Representatives inquire about the importance of including generalized information as opposed to adding the correct dollar amounts. **FIRST CON:** Luttrell does not necessarily agree with the resolution. Pfiefler would like to include softer language within the resolution. **SECOND PRO:** Solomon believes that the language is softer than the original language and it mirrors the language used by FSU. Asturizaga explains that the committee tried to eliminate the emotional connection from the language. Solomon moves to strike the “millions of dollars” clause from the resolution. Williams 2nd. Amendment passes. **SECOND CON:** Luttrell believes that without any direct evidence, this information is speculation on what may or may not happen and he is hesitant to add his name to it. Solomon would like to join with the student senate to make sure ideals aren’t conflicting. **THIRD PRO:** Asturizaga believes that everyone should be familiar with the resolution since COGS has been talking about it and explains that there have been several correspondences made on behalf of the resolution. Deputy Speaker

Williams moves to add language to the bill, submitted in writing. Asturizaga Second. Amendment passes. Scriven moves to strike "would" from all language in the resolution and replace them with "could". Second. Objection. Scriven explains that using "could" explains a possibility while "would" explains a consequence. Pfeiffer is in favor of the amendments. **FIRST CON:** Solomon does not believe the language is aggressive and thinks that "would" is grammatically correct. **SECOND CON:** Luttrell believes that changing "would" to "could" changes the purpose of the resolution. **THIRD PRO:** Scriven states that the best choice of wording would be "could" to see that students haven't chosen a particular side. Motion to call to question. Amendment fails 5-8-0. Motion to call to question. Second. **Resolution passes with amendments 8-5-0.**

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 5: *Allocation to the FSU Art Therapy Association***
The organization explains that they will be hosting their 3rd Annual Art Therapy Workshop this spring. The goal of the workshop is to bring more notoriety to the art therapy program and enlighten others about the role of art therapists. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Lisa Heinz. The organization is requesting funding for honorariums for the speaker and food and supplies for the workshop. Representatives inquire what the funds that have been raised will be used for, the expected attendance and if the organization will receive funds from an outsource other than COGS. **FIRST PRO:** Luttrell is in favor of the bill and would like to fully fund the organization. Solomon believes that the bill should be fully funded. Gupta is excited that the organization is extending its welcome to other organizations. Motion to call to question. Voice by vote. **Bill 5 passes \$1485 Contractual Service, \$200 in General expense and \$1000 in food.**

New Business: NONE

Round Table: Asturizaga, Cavannaugh, Ferraro, Elwood, Gupta, Luttrell, Peruche, Pfeiffer, Scriven, Solomon, Sulentic, Wang, Ward, Williams

Adjournment: 7:32 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 1, 2016