

# TWENTY-FOURTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union  
June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
6:30 p.m.



**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m.

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Baker, Clark, Elwood, Garcia, Guilbeau, Peruche, Scriven, Sharifi-Raini, Shu, Ward, Williams

**QUORUM:** YES

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Peruche

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Uttermark

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY:** Shiva Charan Indrakanti (International Student Advocate),  
Raymond Mazzie (Business)

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Ward. Second Peruche.

**SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS:** NONE

**MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** NONE

**REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS:** NONE

**REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:**

- The Report of the Speaker: Speaker Elwood informs the congress that he is making preparations for the fall graduate student orientation. At the next meeting, representatives will be asked to sign up to volunteer at the COGS table for orientation.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs: Deputy Speaker Ward expresses the importance of the attendance policy and urges representatives to communicate with COGS if they will not be in attendance for a meeting.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications: Deputy Speaker Guilbeau requests representatives to follow the COGS social media sites and to attempt to recruit new members for COGS, as most of its seats are empty.

*Speaker Elwood turns the chair over to Deputy Speaker Ward to sponsor Bill 16.*

**Unfinished Business:**

- Bill 16 Sponsored by the Ways & Means Committee: *Outlining Speaker Duties for the Office of Governmental Affairs*  
Speaker Elwood explains that the bill is an amendment to the COGS Code making it mandatory for the Speaker to be a member of the Board of Directors in the Office of Governmental Affairs or to appoint a member to serve in place of the Speaker. Motion to call to question. Second. Bill 16 passes.

*Deputy Speaker Ward returns the chair to the Speaker.*

**Funding Requests:** NONE

**ROUNDTABLE:** Baker, Clark, Elwood, Garcia, Guilbeau, Indrakanti, Mazzie, Peruche, Scriven, Sharifi-Raini, Shu, Ward, Williams

**ADJOURNMENT:** 6:50 p.m.