

TWENTY-FOURTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
October 17th, 2016
6:37p.m.



CALL TO ORDER: 6:37 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Allen, Asturizaga, Baker, Clark, Elwood, Garcia, Guilbeau, Head, Indrakanti, Lehn, Mendez, Peoples, Peruche, Scriven, Sharifi-Raini, Shu, Solomon, Uttermark, Ward

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Allen

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Aung-Din, Engelbrecht, Grubbs, Miller, Oseguera, Sanogo, Williams

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: DeStefano, Garson, Mазzie, Rosenthal

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: NONE

MINUTES APPROVED: Uttermark.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS: Gabe Marengo (Oglesby Union, Nole Central)

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: NONE

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 41** Sponsored by CSAC: *Allocation to the Lebanese Social Organization*
The organization is requesting funding for a screening of the documentary, "A World Not Ours" which depicts the life in a refugee camp Lebanon. The organization would like to purchase the license fee of the documentary and some additional funding for popcorn and refreshments to consume during the film. **FIRST PRO:** Scriven is in favor of the event and believes that it allows other cultures to learn the history of Lebanon. Deputy Speaker Ward adds that the organization will have a panel of guests who work with refugees and study the culture discuss the film. Motion to call to question. Vote by roll call. Allen: Ay, Asturizaga: Ay, Baker: Ay, Clark: Ay, Garcia: Ay,

Guilbeau: Ay, Head: AY, Indrakanti: Ay, Lehn: Ay, Mendez: Ay, Peoples: Ay., Peruche: Ay, Scriven: Ay, Shairfi Raini: Ay, Shu: Ay, Solomon: AY, Uttermark: Ay, Ward: Ay. **Bill 41 passes; General Expense: \$240, Food: 250.**

New Business:

- Bill 42 Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee: *Substantive Edits to the COGS Code, Amending Chapter 113: Requirements to Maintain Office*
Chair of Ways and Means Explains the purpose of Chapter 113. Solomon further explains that the Code does not hold representatives responsible for arriving late or leaving early from a COGS meeting. In addition to the 6 absences policy the committee added if the representative leaves a meeting before Roundtable, it will count as a half absence (.5). The same rule applies if you arrive late to a meeting. Representatives inquire if a person goes to the restroom during Roundtable, will the representative be counted as absent, did the committee consider a duration of time to determine if the representative will have to use the half absence, how the discussion came about for the half absence penalty, and the intentions of some absences notice going to the Program Associate and others going to the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs. Representatives also inquire who is in charge of tracking late arrivals and early departures. Representatives continue to question the merit of the half absence and a clear definition of arrive early, leave late and how the absence can be excused. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Ward appreciates the efforts of the Ways & Means Committee and believes that it is the right step to take for order. Peruche is in favor of the bill, but believes it needs some minor changes. **FIRST CON:** Scriven believes there are certain parts in the amendments that should be clarified. Deputy Speaker Asturizaga is hesitant about the amendments and does not know if it is necessary to penalize those who show up to a meeting rather than missing a meeting. **SECOND PRO:** Solomon informs the congress that many of their comments and questions are listed in the COGS Code. Motion to amend the bill, submitted in writing. Second. Objection. Deputy Speaker Ward explains the intent of the amendments was to make some areas of the Code more clearly defined. Representatives inquire how the modifications are not in conflict with 114.2, 114.3 and 114.4, what is the sponsor's point of view on the definition of Call to Order in 114.2. Motion to refer the bill back to the committee. Second. Motion Passes. **Bill 42 sent back to the Ways & Means Committee.**

Roundtable: Allen, Asturizaga, Baker, Clark, Elwood, Garcia, Guilbeau, Head, Indrakanti, Lehn, Mendez, Peoples, Peruche, Scriven, Sharifi-Raini, Shu, Solomon, Uttermark, Ward

ADJOURNMENT: 8:27p.m.