

# TWENTY-FOURTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union  
September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
6:35 p.m.



**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:35 p.m.

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Allen, Asturizaga, Aung-Din, Baker, Clark, Elwood, DeStefano, Garcia, Garson, Guilbeau, Head, Indrakanti, Lehn, Mendez, Miller, Oseguera, Peoples, Peruche, Rosenthal, Sanogo, Scriven, Sharifi-Raini, Solomon, Uttermark Ward, Williams

**QUORUM:** YES

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lehn

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** Solomon

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Shu

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** Grubbs, Mazzie

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY:** Austin Engelbrecht (Law)

**MINUTES APPROVED:** With Amendments. Second Guilbeau.

**SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS:** Abby Scheel, University Libraries

**MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** NONE

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

**Unfinished Business:** NONE

**Funding Requests:**

- **Bill 39: *Allocation to Applied Sport Psychology***  
The organization is requesting funds to invite Dr. Elizabeth Jenkins, a certified motivational interviewing trainer who will discuss how to strengthen a client's motivation and commitment in order for them to seek meaningful behavioral changes. The organization would like to invite the Counseling Program, Clinical Psychology, Social Work and Sport Management departments. It will be an 8-hour training course. Dr. Jenkins will tailor the training to the audience and will be reimbursed for the workbooks, traveling costs and hotel fees. The organization also reveals that they have fundraised. Representatives inquire what is the expected attendance, how many attendees are not from the Psychology Department, whether the training course will only be

offered to those who receive an invitation and where will the training take place. Representatives also inquire if the 8-hour training will be held during the weekend or a weekday, how do they plan to advertise, how many members are in the RSO and if the training course will count towards any certification requirements. **FIRST PRO:** Guilbeau believes that the request is reasonable and well put together and applauds the organization for reaching out to other departments for inclusion purposes. Deputy Speaker Ward informs the congress that the RSO's budget, which is the same request from the Budget Hearings, was not funded and should be considered. Peruche is also in favor of funding the organization. Motion to call to question. Vote by Roll Call. Allen: Ay, Asturizaga: Ay, Aung-Din: Ay, Baker: Ay, Clark: Ay. DeStefano: Ay, Engelbrecht: Ay, Garcia: Ay, Guilbeau: Ay, Head: Ay, Indrakanti: Ay, Lehn: Ay, Mendez: Ay, Miller: Ay, Oseguera: Ay, Peoples: AY, Peruche: Ay, Rosenthal: AY, Sanogo: Ay, Scriven: Ay, Sharifi-Raini: Ay, Uttermark: Ay. Ward: Abstain, Williams: Ay. **Bill 39 Passes 25-0-1; Contractual Services: \$2,090 Food: \$300.**

- Bill 40: Allocation to the Student Association for Religious Studies**  
 The organization is seeking assistance for their 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Symposium. The theme this year is religion and conflict. The requested amount is \$3500 in total. The expected attendance is 150. The organization explains that in the past, they've had presenters from all across the United States as well as a presenter from Africa. The organization has not decided on who will be the keynote speakers at the conference. The organization also explains that the conference is a good professionalization opportunity and that it is open to the public. Representatives inquire as to the request amount from last year, whether the organization has fundraised, whether the participants pay an attendance fee and whether the department will guarantee any additional funds for the conference. Representative also request the justification for hotel fees, how many speakers will the honorarium request cover, how many graduate students from outside the department are expected to attend the conference, and if the organization considered charging student presenters from other schools. **FIRST PRO:** Allen explains how the conference is interdisciplinary and how faculty from the music department assist in the conference. Deputy Speaker Ward believes that the honorarium expense is reasonable for 3 speakers. Guilbeau is in support of the allocation and admires the organization for a detailed request and having support from their department. Motion to amend the bill to read \$2890 in Contractual Services, \$200 General Expense and \$300 in Food. Objection. Representatives inquire the purpose of amending the contractual services line item and if the reduction came from the hotel expenses. **FIRST PRO:** Peruche is in favor of the amendment since it is what the organization requested. Guilbeau supports the request, but is not in favor of the amended contractual service amount. Motion to call to question. Vote by roll call. Allen: Ay, Asturizaga: Ay, Aung-Din: Nay, Baker, Nay, Clark: Ay, DeStefano: Nay, Engelbrecht: Ay, Garcia: Ay, Garson: Ay, Guilbeau: Nay, Head: Ay, Indrakanti: Ay, Lehn: May, Mendez: Ay, Miller: Ay, Oseguera: Nay, Peoples: Ay, Peruche: Ay, Rosenthal: Nay, Sanogo: Nay, Scriven: Nay, Sharifi-Raini: Ay, Uttermark: Nay, Ward: Nay, Williams, Ay. Amendment passes; 13-2-0. Motion to amend Contractual Services from \$2890 to \$3000. Objection. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Ward is in favor of the amendment. **FIRST CON:** Sharifi-Raini is in favor of the \$2890 amount since it is what the organization requested. Aung Din agrees with Sharifi-Raini and believes that the amount calls for good book keeping. Motion to call to question. Vote by roll call. Allen: Ay, Asturizaga: Nay, Aung-Din: Nay, Baker: Ay, Clark: Nay, DeStefano: Nay, Engelbrecht: Nay, Garcia: Nay, Garson: Nay, Guilbeau: Ay, Head: Nay, Indrakanti: Ay, Lehn: Ay, Mendez: Ay, Miller: Nay, Oseguera: Ay, Peoples: Ay, Peruche; Nay, Rosenthal: Ay, Sanogo: Ay, Scriven: AY, Sharifi-Raini: Nay, Uttermark: Nay, Ward: Ay, Williams: Ay. Motion passes; 13-12-0. Return to the bill. **SECOND PRO:** Deputy Speaker Ward agrees with good book keeping but believes that the request of \$3000 holds good merit for the 3 speakers at the conference. Motion to call to question. Vote by roll call. Allen: Ay, Asturizaga: Ay, Aung-Din: Ay, Baker: Ay, Clark: Ay, DeStefano: Ay, Engelbrecht: Ay, Garcia: Ay, Garson: Ay, Guilbeau: Ay, Head: Ay, Indrakanti: Ay, Lehn: Ay, Mendez: Ay, Miller: Ay, Oseguera: Ay, Peoples: Ay, Peruche: Ay, Rosenthal: Ay, Sanogo: Ay, Scriven: Ay, Sharifi-Raini: Ay, Uttermark: Ay, Ward: Ay, Williams: Ay. **Bill 40 passes; 25-0-0. \$3000 Contractual Services, \$200 General Expense: \$200, Food: \$300.**

**New Business: NONE**

**Roundtable:** Allen, Asturizaga, Aung-Din, Baker, Clark, Elwood, Engelbrecht, DeStefano, Garcia, Garson, Guilbeau, Head, Indrakanti, Lehn, Mendez, Miller, Oseguera, Peoples, Peruche, Rosenthal, Sanogo, Scriven, Sharifi-Raini, Solomon, Uttermark Ward, Williams

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:18 p.m.