

TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
September 18th, 2017
6:39p.m.



CALL TO ORDER: 6:39p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Asturizaga, Dickman, Engelbrecht, Forsman, Lehn, Lozano, Oloye, Oseguera, Payne, Polischuk, Sanogo, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Forsman

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Gao, Hernandez, Indrakanti, Pierce, Polischuk, Sanogo

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: DeStefano, Shu

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Jennifer Batchelder (Education) Debbie Gerardi (Fine Arts)

MINUTES APPROVED: Engelbrecht. Uttermark Second.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS: NONE

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

COGS Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs Elections

Nominations from the Congress for the 25th Congress of Graduate Students Speaker:

Deputy Speaker Uttermark nominates Representative Asturizaga.2nd. Asturizaga accepts.

Election Results from the Congress for the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs:

- Vivianne Asturizaga (13-0-1)

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: NONE

Funding Requests:

- Bill 22 Sponsored by CSAC: *Allocation to the College of Social Work Doctoral Student Organization*: Deputy Speaker Uttermark, Chair of the C-SAC committee explains that the organization is requesting funding for their monthly meetings and two workshops. Deputy Speaker Uttermark further explains that the organization has received funding from COGS in the past. The organization provided a breakdown of finances which totals are estimated at \$20-\$30 for each event. Deputy Speaker Uttermark notes the organization has requested a small amount for funding. Motion to call to question. 2nd. **Bill passes by acclamation. Food: \$240.**

Unfinished Business

- Bill 20 Sponsored by C-Sac: *Allocation to the School of Teacher Education Graduate Student Association*
Deputy Speaker Uttermark informs the representatives that the organization would like to receive funding for food to fund panel discussions with invited faculty speakers and coffee hours. The organization also requested money for travel in the Spring, but it did not meet the requirements for group travel funding outlined in the COGS Code. The organization has received funding from COGS in the past. Motion to amend to strike travel from the request. 2nd. Motion passes. Motion to call to question. 2nd. **Bill passes Food: \$500.**

New Business:

- Resolution 5 Sponsored by Academics & student Life Committee: *Response to President Trump's Intention to Repeal DACA*
Representative Oseguera explains that the resolution is in response to President Trump's stance on repealing DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). DACA makes it possible for kids who came to the US with their parents to become documented and have the ability to get an education, a driver's license and other citizen rights. The purpose of the resolution is to endorse and support President Thrashers statement regarding DACA. Representative Oseguera further breaks down the points in the resolution regarding not releasing information regarding immigrants and undocumented students unless required by law. Representatives inquire if it was intentional to use the term "immigrant" and "undocumented" in different areas of the resolution, for clarity of the points mentioned and what is the intention of saying "Guarantee" for legal assistance. **FIRST PRO**: Representative Lozano is in favor of this bill and believes it is important for the congress to support issues related to graduate students. Deputy Speaker Lehn believes that by supporting this resolution we show our solidarity. Motion to amend the bill to add language to line 2 in the resolution. Objection. Representative Engelbrecht clarifies the intention of the amendment. Motion withdrawn. Motion for three-minute recess. 2nd. Motion to amend the bill submitted in writing. 2nd. Motion passes. Motion to amend "immigrant" and change to "undocumented" in the Whereas clauses. 2nd. Bill passes. Motion to amend add "any other" to line 1. 2nd. Motion passes. **SECOND PRO**: Deputy Speaker Uttermark is in favor of the bill as it now reads and thanks Representative Engelbrecht for his assistance with the amendments. Motion to call to question. 2nd. Representative Oseguera is thankful for the feedback on the resolution. Vote by roll call. Asturizaga: Ay, Dickman: Ay, Engelbrecht: Ay, Forsman: Ay, Lehn: Ay, Lozano: Ay, Oloye: Ay, Oseguera: Ay, Payne: Ay, Polischuk: Ay, Sanogo: Ay, Sorribes: Ay Uttermark: Ay, Batchelder: Ay, Gerardi: Ay. **Resolution passes 15-0-0.**

Roundtable:

Asturizaga, Batcheleder, Dickman, Engelbrecht, Forsman, Gerardi, Lehn, Lozano, Oloye, Oseguera, Payne, Polischuk, Sanogo, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark

Adjournment: 8:23 pm