

TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
April 17th, 2017
6:31 p.m.



CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Allen, Arif, Dickman, Elwood, Engelbrecht, Forsman, Head, Lehn, Mendez, Oloye, Pierce, Rathakrishnan, Rosenthal, Sanogo, Scriven, Shu, Solomon, Uttermark, Williams

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Allen

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: Mendez

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Asturizaga, Baker, Goodridge, Oseguera, Perez, Williams

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: DeStefano, Grubbs, Indrakanti, Peruche

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Inmaculada Sorribes (Disabilities Advocate)

MINUTES APPROVED: Solomon. Second Shu.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS: NONE

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: NONE

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 15** Allocation to the Student Chapter of the National Art Education Association
The organization explains that they will be hosting a professional development and support event for the art educators and art therapist art students as well as graduate students. The speaker will be Olive Guide from the Chicago Art Institute. She is an educator and art professional. The full day workshop will be held on June 9th. The organization will need financial assistance to partially fund honorarium expenses. NAEA and the department will assist in covering the additional expenses. Representatives inquire the expected attendance this year, attendance from the past, and what marketing strategies will they use to increase attendance. **FIRST PRO:** Rosenthal is in favor of the event and appreciates that the organization has active outreach. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Scriven is hesitant about funding the organization in its entirety due to the history of attendance. **SECOND PRO:** Head is in favor of the event and mentions the accolades of the speaker and the thorough outline of events that the speaker will participate in. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill 15 passes; 14-2-2; \$2000 Contractual Services.**

- **Bill 16: Allocation to Scholars Commons**
Abby Scheel is requesting funds to update audio and recording equipment inside the COGS Media Boxes for graduate student presentations. She further explains that two of the boxes are not in order. The Media Boxes are used in research and creative activities and presentations at conferences. The request also includes transcription software. Representatives ask what will happen with antiquated equipment, how long is the equipment allowed to be borrowed for, what's the longevity of the equipment and if students request waterproof equipment. **FIRST PRO:** Solomon believes it is a great idea for graduate students to have this technology available to them. Mendez is in favor of funding and believes that it is a reasonable amount for the equipment being purchased. Allen notes that the equipment is in high demand and the importance of updating equipment for compatibility purposes. Lehn equipment alleviated the financial burden on graduate students. **FIRST CON:** Dickman is concerned that the boxes are not being used as much as they could be. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill 16 passes; 17-1-0; General expense \$1,422.**
- **Bill 17: Allocation to Art History Association**
The organization is requesting funding for faculty publications for student. The publications will be housed in the Art Design Library in the William Johnston Building. Students will have the opportunity to review the material within the library. The organization would also like to purchase t-shirts that were designed by art students to distribute at their end of the year celebration. Representatives ask is the Art Design Library a part of the FSU Library System, is there any other way to access the publications, has any book been stolen from the library, and is the library open to all FSU students. Representatives inquire how do students become aware of the publication if the library is non-circulating, would they consider adding the department website to the t-shirts, **FIRST PRO:** Uttermark is in favor of providing more reference materials that are not available, digitally. Dickman agrees with Uttermark and believes that the expense is invaluable to interested graduate students. **FIRST CON:** Lehn believes that the request is a conflict of interest with the department faculty and is not comfortable purchasing faculty publications. Rosenthal is not in favor of funding t-shirts and believes that the organization should fund them internal since there is not enough information about who will be the recipients of the t-shirts. **SECOND PRO:** Head is in favor of funding the publications which are specific to their studies. Solomon is in support of the request. Scriven is in favor of partially funding the t-shirts and making students more aware of the resources available. **SECOND CON:** Lehn is in favor of knowledge making but believes that the text needed for a particular department is the purview of the department. Motion to amend to \$300 GE \$300 Clothing and Awards. Motion failed. Motion to call to question. Second. Objection. Vote on voting 12-5-1. Vote by hand raise. **Bill 17 passes 13-5-0; General Expense \$700, Clothing/Awards \$700.**

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business:

- **Bill 14 Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee: Substantive Edits to the COGS Code Amending Chapter 300**
Representative Solomon dissects each section that is included in the amendment and explains the role of the Law School Council. He encourages questions throughout each section for clarity. Representatives inquire the structure of the LSC board, representatives also inquire the history of LSC and the addition to some of the sections within chapter 300 if the changes conflict with the SGA Statutes, who will be accountable for certain duties if not completed. representatives continue to inquire about the responsibility and structural changes with in the section, details about the LSC elections. **FIRST PRO:** Uttermark good amendment cleans up some of the language in the COGS CODE. **FIRST CON:** Scriven is not in favor of some of the changes within the code and has problems with clarity and accountability within the council. **SECOND PRO:** Solomon explains the reason why some of the processes were changed within LSC. Motion to call to question. Second. Motion for a roll call vote. Second. Allen: Ay, Arif: Ay, Dickman: Ay, Engelbrecht: Abstain, Forsman; Ay, Head: Ay, Lehn: Nay, Oloye: Ay, Pierce: Ay, Rathakrishnan:

Ay, Rosenthal: Nay, Sanogo: Nay, Scriven: Nay, Shu: Ay, Solomon: Ay, Sorribes: Ay, Uttermark, Ay. **Bill 14 passes 11-4-2.**

Roundtable: Allen, Arif, Dickman, Engelbrecht, Forsman, Head, Goodridge, Lehn, Oloye, Rathakrishnan, Rosenthal, Scriven, Shu, Solomon, Sorribes Uttermark, Williams

ADJOURNMENT: 8:51 pm