

TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
August 28th, 2017
6:50p.m.



Deputy Speaker Uttermark presided over the meeting until a new Speaker was elected

CALL TO ORDER: 6:37p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Arif, Asturizaga, Dickman, Engelbrecht, Lehn, Mendez, Oloye, Oseguera, Pierce, Rathakrishnan, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pierce

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

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

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: DeStefano, Gao, Shu

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Tyler Payne (Law), Yancili Lozano Torres (International Advocate)

MINUTES APPROVED: Mendez. Lehn Second.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS: NONE

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

COGS SPEAKER Elections

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

Representative Engelbrecht nominates Deputy Speaker Uttermark. Uttermark respectfully declines.

Representative Rathakrishnan nominates Representative Engelbrecht. 2nd. Engelbrecht accepts.

Deputy Speaker Lehn nominates Deputy Speaker Scriven for COGS Speaker 2nd. Scriven accepts.

Election Results from the Congress for the newly elected Speaker for the 25th Congress:

- Deputy Speaker Joshua Scriven (10-4)

Deputy Speaker Uttermark swore Deputy Speaker Scriven in as Speaker for the 25th Congress. Deputy Speaker Uttermark turns meeting over to Speaker Scriven to preside.

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: NONE

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 19: Allocation to Public Health Student Association-** The organization is requesting funds for various events. They plan to host 8 seminars over the school year and all FSU students are welcome. Events are designed to bring awareness to FSU programs at the Center for Health Advocacy Programs. The organization is also requesting funds to attend their annual convention in Atlanta. Their President is an invited speaker and will have the opportunity to promote their organization and FSU. Funds will also be used for a Fun Run where individuals will be informed about spreading about nutrition and exercise. Funding is also requested for T-shirts to create a sense of unity. They will also host a Big Bend Dinner which is a meal cooked by the organization for the Homeless Association. Lastly, the organization plans to host a Spring orientation for outreach. Representatives inquire will there be fundraising for the 5k family run, will there be tabling at the convention, how many members are in the organization, and who will attend the convention. Representatives also inquire a breakdown of expenses requested, if FSUPD has been notified about the 5k run for security purposes, what information will be presented at the convention and will their college help offset some costs for the convention if COGS does not fully fund. **FIRST PRO:** Engelbrecht admires their involvement and how they engage the community. Mendez is in favor of assisting the organization with funding. Deputy Speaker Lehn appreciates the organization for returning for assistance. **FIRST CON:** Uttermark is ok with funding some of their events, but is hesitant to fund the t-shirts and notes that the convention isn't confirmed for tabling. Motion to strike travel expenses from the allocation and reduce Clothing and Awards to 1400. 2nd. Motion carries. Motion to amend General expense: \$314, Clothing \$100 and Food \$486. Objection. Asturizaga explains the reductions in each category. **FIRST CON:** Mendez believed that the amendment is inexpensive and that the organization may need additional assistance for the events. Motion to call to question. Second. Amendment fails 10-4. Motion to amend Food: \$1121.46. Motion to call to question. 12-0-2. Amendment carries. Motion to amend General Expense: \$543.92 Clothing: \$100 and Food: \$337.15. 2nd. Amendment carries. Motion to call to question. The organization is appreciative of being offered the opportunity to come back and request funds for their convention but, is also concerned about the food allocation for several of their events. Vote by roll call: Arif: Ay, Asturizaga: Ay, Dickman: Ay Engelbrecht: Ay, Lehn: Ay, Mendez: Ay, Payne: Ay, Oseguera: Ay, Pierce: Ay, Rathakrishnan: Ay, Sorribes: Ay, Uttermark: Ay, Lozano: Nay, Payne: Ay. **Bill 19 Passes 13-1-0; General Expense: \$543.92, Clothing/Awards: \$100, Food: \$337.15.**
- *Motion to table bill 20 due to absence from meeting. 2nd. Bill tabled.*
- **Bill 21 Allocation to the Society for Musicology-** The organization will host two visiting scholars to speak to FSU students. Scholars include Patricia Shehan Campbell in the fall and Stephan Pennington in the spring. The organization plans to host a guest scholar reception where faculty members are invited to speak to the scholars and promote interaction and communication. The organization raised funds for the event through bake sales. The College of Music was asked for financial assistance and was not offered any. Over 100 students are expected to attend the lecture series. **FIRST PRO:** Mendez is in favor of funding one scholar at this time. Deputy Speaker Lehn acknowledges that the organization has received funds in the past and is thankful that they are requesting funding for the year at one time. Asturizaga is happy with the way the information was presented which shows that they are financially responsible. Motion to call to question. 2nd. Objection. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Lehn would like to carefully consider fully funding the organization. Motion to amend Food: \$0 and Contractual Services to \$4000. 2nd. Motion carries. Asturizaga is in favor of funding. Motion to call to question. The organization is thankful for the allocation and they look forward to promoting their organization. Vote by roll Arif: Ay, Asturizaga: Ay, Dickman: Ay, Engelbrecht: Ay, Lehn: Ay, Forsman: Ay, Oloye: Ay, Mendez: Ay, Pierce: Ay, Sorribes: Ay, Uttermark: Ay, Lozano: Ay, Payne: Ay. **Bill passes 14-0-0; Contractual Services: \$4000.**

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

Roundtable: Arif, Asturizaga, Dickman, Engelbrecht, Lehn, Lozano, Mendez, Oloye, Oseguera, Payne, Pierce, Rathakrishnan, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark

ADJOURNMENT: 8:32 pm