

# TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union  
February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
6:30 p.m.



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

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Arif, Asturizaga, Baker, Dickman, Elwood, Engelbrecht, Head, Lehn, Oloye, Oseguera, Perez, Rathakrishnan, Rosenthal, Sanogo, Scriven, Shu, Uttermark, Williams

**QUORUM:** YES

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Allen, Goodridge, Grubbs, Indrakanti, Mendez, Peruche, Solomon

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** DeStefano

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY:** Ruben Lane Forsman (Social Work), Kevin Pierce (Veterans Advocate)

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Shu. Second Uttermark.

**SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS:** NONE

**MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** Dr. Whitley from the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards, explains that their office helps students apply for external funding. The office interviews with students to introduce them to the funding database "PIVOT". They also work with students on drafts for applications. This year OGFA will host a workshop series. Dr. Whitley opened the floor to questions.

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

**Funding Requests:** NONE

**Unfinished Business:** NONE

**New Business:**

- Bill 10 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark: Transferring Funds to Support Conference Attendance Travel

Deputy Speaker Uttermark would like to move the remaining unused funds from the July through October funding period to the March through June funding period. An additional 21 students will be able to receive attendance grants. Motion to call to question. Second. Vote by voice. Bill passes unanimously; 19-0-0;

- Bill 11 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark: *Transferring Funds to Support Conference Presentation Travel*

Deputy Speaker Uttermark would like to move unused funds from the July through October funding period and the November through February funding period to the March through June funding period to provide additional funding for student presenting at conferences. \$600 will be left in the account as a contingency. Motion to call to question. Second. Vote by voice. Bill 11 passes unanimously

- Bill 12 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark: *Transferring Funds to the COGS Unallocated Account*

Deputy Speaker Uttermark requests to transfer funds from the November through February presentation grant account to the COGS unallocated account to increase potential funding for RSO requests. Motion to call to question. Second. Hand raise vote. Bill 11 passes unanimously.

Introduction of Bill 13: *The Annual Budget for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year*

- Deputy Speaker Uttermark begins by giving appreciation to the Budget Committee for their hard work. He further explains that the budget was decreased this year. Deputy Speaker Uttermark proceeds by breaking down the recommendations of the budget committee. Representatives inquire the justification for the why MSC would be funded more than LSC, how many graduate students are enrolled in graduate courses, the reason for the mandatory increase in salaries, why do funding boards receive a lump sum and still have access to additional funds from COGS, why is the budget cut from the organizations not distributed evenly and who receives funding from the Dissertation Research line item.

**Roundtable:** Arif, Asturizaga, Baker, Dickman, Elwood, Engelbrecht, Forsman, Head, Lehn, Oloye, Oseguera, Perez, Pierce, Rathakrishnan, Rosenthal, Sanogo, Scriven, Shu, Uttermark, Williams

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:57 p.m.