

TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



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



CALL TO ORDER: 6:37 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Allen, Arif, Asturizaga, Baker, DeStefano, Dickman, Elwood, Engelbrecht, Head, Indrakanti, Lehn, Mendez, Oloye, Oseguera, Perez, Rathakrishnan, Rosenthal, Sanogo, Scriven, Shu, Solomon, Uttermark, Williams

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Engelbrecht

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Peruche

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Grubbs

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Emily Goodridge (Fine Arts)

MINUTES APPROVED: Uttermark. Second Engelbrecht.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS: NONE

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: NONE

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 8: Sponsored by Speaker Elwood: *Partnership with PeaceJam***
Speaker Elwood explains that PeaceJam is an event that COGS has sponsored for the past two years. This year Shirin Ebadi a lawyer, former judge and civil rights activist from Iran will be the guest speaker. PeaceJam is requesting \$3000 as a result of the recent inflation of Aramark's prices. A representative from PeaceJam further explains PeaceJam is an International Organization that partners with Nobel Peace Prize Laureates and youth. FSU serves as the southeastern affiliate. Each spring there is a two-day conference. This year the conference will take place on March 25-26. PeaceJam is requesting that COGS sponsor the reception following the public talk. Along with Shirin Ebadi, President Thrasher will speak. Students will also have the opportunity to perform their original work. Representatives inquire what type of performances are

expected this year, and will there be any issues with getting Shirin Ebadi to come to FSU with the Executive Order in place. **FIRST PRO:** Engelbrecht is in favor of the bill and highly respected laureate speaking at FSU. Solomon believes that this event is one of the most important events COGS will fund. Perez fully supports the bill and shares that she was able to experience PeaceJam from a volunteer's perspective. Motion to call to question. The representative for PeaceJam is appreciative of the allocation and informs the congress that there are 5 VIP seats available to attend the event. Second. Vote by Voice. **Bill passes Unanimously; Food: \$3000.**

- **Bill 9: Allocation to the College of Social Work Doctoral Student Organization (CSW-DSO)**
The organization is requesting funds for the advancement of academic achievement and cross cohort collaboration. They will host two DSO monthly meetings to promote academic advising and two brown bags meetings where faculty members outside the College of Social Work give talks to doctoral students for access to research opportunities around campus. DSO will also host two workshops intended to revive papers for publication purposes, a semester service project which includes partnering with Cards of Hope to provide encouragement to kids in the foster system and their case workers, and an end of the year party intended to build more comradery and networks between cohorts. Representatives inquire if the service project is only open to the College of Social Work, how do you plan to market the event, how did you calculate the expenses from the request, will the request amount be sufficient and is the social event catered solely to the department. **FIRST PRO:** Goodridge believes that food at events can assist with the turnout and believes that it is an endeavor worth funding. Baker is excited about Cards for Hope and is happy that COGS can help with giving back to the community. Motion to amend the bill to read Food \$95. Motion fails. Motion to call to question. The organization thanked the congress for the allocation. Vote by hand raise. **Bill 9 Passes unanimously; General Expense: 75; Food: \$175.**

New Business:

- **Resolution 3 Sponsored by the Academics and Student Life Committee: *Support of President Thrasher's Statements About Undocumented Students***
Representative Oseguera explains that the resolution is in support of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and the comments made by Miguel Hernandez at the last meeting as well as President Thrasher's statements about undocumented students. The committee would like to add an additional line in the resolution. The student senate and faculty senate have similar resolutions supporting DACA. **FIRST PRO:** Solomon believes that it is a good resolution that needs some revisions. Motion to strike "We believe" from one clause. Motion to strike "Would like" to "We request". Second. Motion passes. Motion to add an additional clause to the resolution, submitted in writing. Second. Motion passes. Motion to call to question. Vote by hand raise. **Resolution passed unanimously.**

Roundtable: Allen, Arif, Asturizaga, Baker, DeStefano, Dickman, Elwood, Engelbrecht, Goodridge, Head, Indrakanti, Lehn, Mendez, Oloye, Oseguera, Perez, Rathakrishnan, Rosenthal, Sanogo, Scriven, Shu, Solomon, Uttermark, Williams

ADJOURNMENT: 7:43 p.m.