

TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
January 9, 2017
6:30 p.m.



CALL TO ORDER: 6:50 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Allen, Asturizaga, Baker, DeStefano, Elwood, Engelbrecht, Head, Kely, Lehn, Mendez, Oseguera, Peruche, Sanogo, Scriven, Shu, Solomon, Uttermark, Williams

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Allen

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Shu

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Aung-Din, Garson, Grubbs, Peoples

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: NONE

MINUTES APPROVED: Approved. **Second** Indrakanti.

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 6: Allocation to the Music Teachers National Association Collegiate Chapter**
The organization is requesting funding for their annual workshop entitled, Refresh: Tips and Tools for Music Educators. There will be 4 different sessions. The organization received a grant for \$500 and would like to secure the remaining costs from COGS. Representatives inquire how many participants do they expect at the workshop, what education level is the workshop catering to, how many FSU students are expected to attend this event and how many students attended the event last year. **FIRST PRO:** Allen appreciates the fact the organization was very thorough in their research process. Lehn is in favor of funding the organization. Asturizaga congratulates the organization for getting approved for a grant prior to receiving funding from COGS. Solomon supports the organization and believes that their request could be used as a model for future funding requests. Motion to amend the bill to read \$100 in Contractual Services. **Second.** Motion

Passes. Motion to call to question. Bill approved unanimously; **Contractual Services: \$100, Food \$150.**

Motion to suspend the rules to add Bill 7 to the agenda. Second. Motion passes.

- **Bill 7: Allocation to Active Minds at FSU**

The organization explains that they initially wanted to bring Jenni Schaefer to FSU to discuss her road to recovery from an eating disorder. Unfortunately, she was booked before a contract was signed and funding was secured. The organization would like to host Carol Richardson who has a similar background to Jenni Schaefer. Carol is known for being 300 lbs. and climbing Mount Kilimanjaro three times. She is well known in the eating disorder community for her messages of self-expression and self-esteem. The speaker would be available for a lower cost than the first speaker. As Graduate Assistants in the CHAW (Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness) building, they have conducted Healthy Bodies Studies and 50% of FSU stated that since they have started at FSU, they are unhappy with their body image. Based on the information they received, the organization would like to spread awareness of eating disorders and would like to provide a speaker that could engage with the students. Representatives inquire if the organization has reached out to administration organizations on campus, to breakdown the contractual service expense, how do they plan to market the event and how many students are expected to attend the event. Representatives also inquire will there be any other activities associated with the talk, why are health problems more prevalent here at FSU and if there will be a Q&A opportunity for maximum impact. Lastly, representatives ask if the organization reached out to Greek Life for assistance, and where the event will take place. **FIRST PRO:** Lehn is in support of the bill with amendments and believes that it is an important issue that is contextual to the FSU community. Solomon is in support of the bill, but does not agree with the method in which the bill was presented and would prefer to have had additional time to review the request before it has to be voted on. Mendez is in favor of the bill because it is an important topic that needs to be discussed. **FIRST CON:** Allen notes that since it is such an important topic and could have a great impact, out of regard for the topic, funding should be postponed. Deputy Speaker Scriven is unsure if the request is the best way to use COGS funds based off of the information that was given and believes that there are other ways that the organization could utilize funding for speakers. Head believes the original speaker may have been the best choice and that although Carol is a great pivot from the original plan, it seems as though the organization has not been thorough in their search for new speakers. Deputy Speaker Asturizaga is in support of the event, however, she would like to postpone funding and believes that the organization would have a greater impact during the fall and that the organization can fundraise to help with the expenses. Motion to amend the bill to read \$4000 in Contractual Services. Objection. Engelbrecht explains the intent of the funding decrease which is to lower the requested amount but provide some funding to the organization so they could still host the event and if the organization does not utilize the funds then the money will return to COGS. **FIRST PRO:** Solomon would like to postpone funding the organization until the next meeting. **FIRST CON:** Head is not in favor of amending the amount. Motion to call to question. Objection. Vote on voting on the amendment. Allen: Ay, Asturizaga: Ay, Baker: Ay, DeStefano: Ay, Engelbrecht: Ay, Head: Nay, Kelty: Nay, Indrakanti: Ay, Lehn: Ay, Mendez: Ay, Oseguera: Nay, Peruche: Nay, Sanogo: Nay, Scriven: Nay, Solomon: Ay, Uttermark: Ay, Williams: Nay. Amendment passes; 10-7. Return to the bill. Motion to table the bill until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carries. **BILL TABLED UNTIL 01-23-2017.**

New Business: NONE

Roundtable: Allen, Asturizaga, Baker, DeStefano, Elwood, Engelbrecht, Head, Kelty, Lehn, Mendez, Oseguera, Peruche, Sanogo, Scriven, Shu, Solomon, Uttermark, Williams

ADJOURNMENT: 8:07 p.m.