

TWENTY FIFTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
November 21, 2016
6:33 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order: 6:33 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Asturizaga

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Allen, Asturizaga, Elwood, Guilbeau, Head, Kelty, Lehn, Mendez, Oseguera, Peruche, Scriven, Shu, Solomon, Uttermark, Williams

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Head, Indrakanti, Ward

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Aung-Din, Baker, DeStefano, Engelbrecht, Garson, Grubbs, Sanogo

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

Swearing in of Members not at Inauguration: The following representatives were sworn into the 25th Congress of Graduate Students:

- Max Solomon

Petitions into the Assembly: Latanja Peoples

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Approved with amendments. Uttermark second.

Special Introductions and Student Comments: NONE

Messages from Student Government: NONE

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests: NONE

New Business:

- Resolution 2 Sponsored by the Academics & Student Life Committee: *Support to Advance Diversity and Inclusion on Campus*
Deputy Speaker Asturizaga thanked Representatives Baker, Lehn, Oseguera, Guilbeau as well as Inam Sakinah (PowerofWe Campaign), Matt (Graduate Assistants United) and those who contributed officially and unofficially to creating the resolution. Asturizaga further adds the importance of recognizing graduate student issues on campus. Resolution 2 was created as a result of many conversations pertaining to diversity, inclusion and discrimination on campus. The Academic and Student Life Committee attempted to create a proactive response as opposed to a

reactive response. The intent of the resolution is to align with the university's initiative. Representative Lehn adds that is important to articulate that COGS supports all graduate students and the freedom of speech but doesn't condone hateful rhetoric. Deputy Speaker Asturizaga and Representative Lehn notes that the resolution is in alignment with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and supports the PowerofWE campaign. Asturizaga shared the experience of how to combat discrimination by stepping outside of your comfort zone and challenged other representatives to do the same. **FIRST PRO:** Lehn supports the resolution and how it represents COGS as an organization as well as FSU. Lehn adds that it is smart to articulate that the mission is aligned with the FSU mission statement. Mendez is also in favor of the resolution and believes it sends a good message. Motion to call to question. Passes. Vote by voice. **Resolution 2 passes unanimously.**

Round Table: Allen, Asturizaga, Elwood, Guilbeau, Head, Kelty, Indrakanti, Lehn, Mendez, Oseguera, Peruche, Scriven, Solomon, Shu, Uttermark, Williams

Adjournment: 7:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 5, 2016