

TWENTY FIFTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
November 7, 2016
6:37 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order: Nathan Molina, Student Body President will preside over meeting until the Speaker is elected.

Pledge of Allegiance: Representative Peruche

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Allen, Asturizaga, Aung-Din, Baker, DeStefano, Elwood, Garson, Guilbeau, Head, Kelty, Indrakanti, Mendez, Peruche, Sanogo, Scriven, Shu, Uttermark, Williams

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: Sanogo

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Clark, Ward

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Solomon

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:

- David Aung-Din
- Michael Head
- Sarah Kelty
- Joshua Mendez
- Michelle Peruche
- Manfa Sanogo
- Joshua Sciven
- Zhiqiang Shu
- Brenton Williams

Petitions into the Assembly: Austin Engelbrecht, Nick Garson, Brandon Grubbs, Jeanette Lehn, Jorge Oseguera

Elections:

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

Representative Asturizaga nominates Representative Elwood for COGS Speaker Second. Elwood accepts.

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

- Representative Ben Elwood

Student Body President Molina swore Representative Elwood in as Speaker for the 25th Congress and turns meeting over to Speaker Elwood to preside.

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

- Representative Scriven nominates Representative Matthew Uttermark for Deputy Speaker for Finance. Second. Uttermark accepts.

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

- Matthew Uttermark

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

- Representative Baker nominates Representative Asturizaga as Deputy Speaker of Communications. Second. Asturizaga accepts.

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

- Vivianne Asturizaga

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

- Deputy Speaker Uttermark nominates Representative Scriven. Second. Scriven accepts.
- Representative Asturizaga nominates Representative Guilbeau. Second. Guilbeau respectfully declines.

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

- Joshua Scriven

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Approved. Second Peruche.

Special Introductions and Student Comments: Inam Sakinah (Chair of the Student Diversity and Inclusion Council and #PowerOFWE Campaign)

Messages from Student Government: NONE

Speaker Elwood reorders the agenda to hear New Business first and requests Deputy Speaker Uttermark to Chair the Bill.

New Business:

- Resolution 1 Sponsored by Speaker Elwood: *Establishing the Internal Rules of Procedure Speaker Elwood*
Speaker Elwood explains the importance of establishing the internal rules for the meeting, to pay close attention to rules 14 and 15 for tonight's meeting and to review the Internal Rules in their

leisure. Representatives inquire if there were any changes made to the rules. Motion to approve. Vote by voice. **Resolution carries.**

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 1: *Allocation to INSAT***
The organization is requesting funds for the Diwali event. The event will be held the first week in December. The event will feature cultural dancing games and attire. Funding will be used for food and other expenses. The event will be open to all FSU students. Representatives inquire where will the event take place, how many non-members are expected to attend the event. **FIRST PRO:** Garson is in favor of the event and recognizes that the organization has fundraised and is requesting less money for assistance. Shu is in favor of the bill. Motion to call to question. Second. Vote by roll call. Allen: Ay, Asturizaga: Ay, Aung-Din: Ay. Baker: Ay, DeStefano: Ay, Engelbrecht: Ay, Garson: Ay, Grubbs: Ay, Guilbeau: Ay, Head: Ay, Kelty: Ay, Indrakanti: Abstain, Lehn: Ay, Mendez: Ay, Oseguera: Ay, Peruche: Ay, Sanogo: Ay, Scriven: Ay, Shu: Ay, Uttermark: Ay, Williams: Ay. Bill Passes 20-0-1; **\$300 in Food.**
- **Bill 2 Sponsored by C-SAC: *Allocation to the School of Teacher Education Graduate Student Association***
Deputy Speaker Uttermark explains that STEGSA requested funds for meetings when they host administrators for leadership development and funds for a small gathering where they will discuss the state of student education. They will serve pizza at the meetings. Cost per person is \$3.97 per person. **FIRST PRO:** Mendez is in favor of the allocation. Motion to call to question. Second. Vote by Voice. Bill 2 passes unanimously; **\$254.26 in Food.**
- **Bill 3: *Allocation to the MBA Association***
The organization is planning a company trip to Atlanta to provide insight within the industry in a metropolitan area. They would like to build connections with the companies for potential job opportunities. It will be open to MBA students first and then will open to all graduate students in hopes of cultivating relationships. The organization had two fundraisers informs the congress that they are very involved on campus. The intent of the travel is to build connections through FSU. Representatives inquire how are the students selected to attend the event, what were the raised funds used for, does the organization have a current connection with the companies, does the organization feel as though they will be successful in building connections, and what are the membership dues used for. Representatives further inquire the breakdown of the hotel costs, how were travel accommodations decided upon, are membership dues voluntary or mandatory and the explanation of the charge for tours. Lastly representatives inquire will the organization be tabling or promoting FSU in any way, will there be a discussion with other members once the trip is over and what will the attendees be contributing to the cost of the trip. **FIRST PRO:** Asturizaga appreciates the organization for their proposal and how it can contribute to their college. Engelbrecht recognizes the difficulty breaking into particular job markets and transition out of the state. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Scriven does not believe the request is beneficial to other members of the organization who are not attending the trip or the student body. Peruche agrees with Scriven. Motion to amend the bill to read \$0 in travel. Motion carries. Motion to call to question. MBA thanks the congress for reviewing their request and for their time. Allen: Ay, Asturizaga: Ay, Aung-Din: Nay, Baker, Ay, DeStefano: Nay, Engelbrecht: Nay, Garson: Nay, Grubbs: Nay, Guilbeau: Ay, Head: Nay, Kelty: Ay, Indrakanti: Ay, Lehn: Ay, Mendez: Ay, Oseguera: Ay, Peruche: Ay, Sanogo: Ay, Scriven: Ay, Shu: Nay, Uttermark: Ay, Williams: Abstain. Bill carries: 12-8-1; \$0 in Travel.
- **Bill 4 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark: *Transfer of Travel Grant Funds***
Deputy Speaker Uttermark informs the congress that there are additional unused funds in the attendance grant account for the July through October funding period. The intent of the bill is to transfer the unused funds to the November through February funding period to fund more students traveling during the upcoming months. Deputy Speaker Asturizaga appreciates

Uttermark for his hard work with the budget. Motion to call to question. Second. Vote by voice. Bill carries unanimously. **Transfer of \$3,600 to November through February funding period.**

Round Table: Allen, Asturizaga, Aung-Din, Baker, DeStefano, Elwood, Engelbrecht, Garson, Guilbeau, Grubbs, Head, Kelty, Indrakanti, Lehn, Mendez, Oseguera, Peruche, Sanogo, Scriven, Shu, Uttermark, Williams

Adjournment: 8:08 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 21, 2016