

TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
October 2nd, 2017
6:44 p.m.



CALL TO ORDER: 6:44 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Asturizaga, Dickman, Forsman, Gao, Gerardi, Lehn, Oloye, Payne, Polischuk, Rathakrishnan, Sanogo, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Forsman

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Arif, Batchelder, Engelbrecht, Lozano, Mendez, Oseguera Pierce

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Hernandez, Indrakanti

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Patrick McDonough (Law), Lauren Lang (Social Sciences Seat 3)

MINUTES APPROVED: Uttermark. Forsman Second.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS:

- Dr. Amy Hecht (Vice President, Student Affairs) discussed her new role as Vice President of Student Affairs and described some issues she would like to engage in on behalf of graduate students. Representatives were given the opportunity to ask questions.
- Dr. Adrienne Stephenson (Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards) Informed representatives of the Office of Fellowships and Awards and how they help students to identify external funding. Dr. Stephenson reviewed the award process and answered questions.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: NONE

Funding Requests:

- *Bill 23: Allocation to the Philosophy Graduate Student Association*
Deputy Speaker Uttermark educated the congress of the request in lieu of the organization for communication reasons. Speaker Uttermark explained that the funds will be used for the Southeastern Epistemology Conference here at FSU. Each year, the conference is held at a

different college in the southeastern region. PGSA is interested in contributing to the conference by providing refreshments to attendees. Representatives inquire if the event will be open to all students, and the expected attendance for the conference. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Asturizaga believes that it is an honor and a huge responsibility to host this conference and would like to support them. Motion to call to question. 2nd. Vote by roll call Asturizaga: Ay, Dickman; ay, Forsman: Ay, Gao: Ay, Gerardi ay, Lehn: Ay, Oloye ay, Payne: Ay, Polischuk: Ay, Rathakrishnan; Ay, Sanogo: Nay, Sorribes: Ay, Uttermark: Ay, Lange: Ay, McDonough: Ay. Bill 23 **Passes 14-1-0; Food \$500.**

Motion to table Bill 24 in the absence of the organization for communication reasons, Second. Bill tabled.

- Bill 25 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark: *Transfer of Presentation Grant Funds to Support Travel*
Deputy Speaker Uttermark explains that the intention of the bill is to transfer funds from the November through February funding period to the July through October funding period to fund students who will be presenting at conferences in October. All funding in this period is exhausted. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Lehn notes that graduate students enjoy receiving funds. Motion to call to question. Second. Motion passes. **Bill passes 15-0-0; Transfer \$4,000 to the July through October Presentation Grant Funding Period.**
- Bill 26 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark: *Transfer of Attendance Grant Funds to Support Travel*
Deputy Speaker Uttermark explains that the intention of the bill is to transfer funds from the November through February Funding period to the July through October funding period to fund students who will be attending conferences in October. All funding in this period is exhausted. Motion to call to question. 2nd. **Bill 26 Passes 15-0-0; Transfer \$500 to the July-October Attendance Grant Funding Period.**

Unfinished Business

New Business:

- Bill 27 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark: *Creating an Advocacy Seat for LGBTQ+ Students*
Deputy Speaker Uttermark explains the importance of advocacy seats within COGS and how it can increase the quality of service for students at FSU. Uttermark further explains that there is no official graduate student liaison for the LGBTQ+ community. The LGBTQ+ Advocacy Seat will help to increase the quality of services within the graduate student community. Representatives inquire what is the process of adding an advocacy seat and how will it affect the apportionment. **FIRST PRO:** Forsman believes that this is a good first step in filling the void of representation for LGBTQ+ graduate students. Motion to call to question. 2nd. **Bill passes 15-0-0.**

Roundtable: Asturizaga, Dickman, Forsman, Gao, Gerardi, Lange, Lehn, McDonough, Oloye, Payne, Polischuk, Rathakrishnan, Sanogo, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark

Adjournment: 8:37 pm