

# TWENTY SIXTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION  
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
6:36 p.m.  
Agenda



**Call to Order:** 6:36 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Oloye

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Asturizaga, Batchelder, Engelbrecht, Forsman, Gerardi, Lange, Lehn, Lozano, Oloye, Polischuk, Sanogo, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark, Zhang

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** Polischuk, Khazem

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Blake-Hedges, Burns, Gao

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** Pierce

**REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** with amendments. Engelbrecht 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Petitions into the Assembly:** Bryan Salvato (Special Undecided Advocate Seat 1, Maher Khazem Speical/Undecided Seat Advocate Seat 2

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:** Leah Sibbitt (Career Center) Kori Pruett (Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness)

**Messages from Student Government:** NONE

**Unfinished Business:** NONE

## **Funding Requests:**

- **Bill 5: Allocation to Art Therapy Association**  
The organization is requesting funding for their Annual Spring workshop on February 24 from 9-4. The Workshop will host Art Therapists to attract individuals from the mental health field. Aiming for an Inter professional workshop. Key note will speak on Working with clients with disabilities. Requesting funds for honorarium, food, and general expenses. Representatives inquire if the workshop is open to all students, is the department willing to provide financial assistance, how they plan to advertise the vent, and if the organization is willing to have COGS as a cohort. Representatives also inquire the breakdown of the honorarium, breakdown of the food budget and how does the organization fundraise. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Uttermark believes that it will be a great event and is in favor of funding. Deputy Speaker Lehn appreciates how prepared the organization is in their request. Sorribes agrees with Lehn and enjoys the fact that they are trying to bring something to the community. Lozano appreciates the effort of the organization. Motion to amend contractual service: \$1300 and strike travel from the bill. Second. Motion passes. Motion to amend Food from \$1135 to \$525. Second. Motion Passes. Bill reads

Contractual Service \$1300, General Expense: 244 and Food: \$525. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill Passes: 14-0-0 Contractual Service \$1,300, General Expense: 244 and Food: \$525.**

Bill 6: *Allocation to Materials Research Society FSU Chapter*

The organization is requesting funding for refreshments at their monthly meetings and assistance with purchasing t-shirts to advertise their program. They plan to have four meetings in the Spring with refreshments from Publix and currently have fifteen active members. Representatives inquire more details about the monthly meetings, a breakdown of food costs and if there is an agenda for the meetings. Representatives also inquire about how the t-shirts will be distributed FIRST PRO: Deputy Speaker Asturizaga admires the interdisciplinary nature of the organization and is in favor of funding. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill 6 Passes 12-0-1; Food: 179.18, Clothing/Awards \$222.74.**

**Unfinished Business:** NONE

**New Business:**

*Speaker Scriven turns the chair over to Deputy Speaker Uttermark to introduce a bill.*

Introduction of Bill 7 Sponsored by Speaker Scriven: *Substantive Edits of the COGS Code, Reorganizing the Standing Committees of COGS*

Speaker Scriven explains that the purpose of the bill is to create organized committees that focuses on internal and external affairs. Representatives are encouraged to review in their leisure and provide suggestions for edits. **Motion to Refer to Ways & Means. Second. Motion Passes.**

*Deputy Speaker Uttermark turns the Chair over to Speaker Scriven.*

Resolution 2 Sponsored by Academics & Student Life Committee: *Opposition to Taxation of Graduate Student Tuition Waivers and Remissions*

Resolution 2 was first introduced to the congress on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Sorribes explains the importance of speaking on behalf of the graduate student community in opposition to more taxes. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Lehn believes that this bill is incredibly relevant and its COGS' duty to respond on behalf of the graduate student community. Motion to amend; submitted in writing. Second. Motion Passes. Motion to call to question. **Bill Passes 12-0-0.**

**Round Table:** Asturizaga, Batchelder, Engelbrecht, Forsman, Gerardi, Lange, Lehn, Lozano, Oloye, Sanogo, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark, Zhang

**Adjournment:** 9:25 pm

**Next Meeting:** January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018