

TWENTY SIXTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
February 5, 2018
6:50 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order: 6:50 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Batchelder

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Asturizaga, Batchelder, Bhowmik, Blake-Hedges, Burns, Demirsoy, Engelbrecht, Gerardi, Oseguera, Reyna, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark, Zhang

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: Asturizaga, Oseguera

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Forsman, Hernandez, Khazem, Lange, Lehn, Lozano, Oloye, Polischuk, Sanogo

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Stewart

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Approved. Batchelder 2nd.

Petitions into the Assembly: Erin Collopy (Fine Arts Seat 2), Megan Hirsch (Communication & Information Seat1)

Special Introductions and Student Comments: NONE

Messages from Student Government: NONE

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 9: Allocation to Music Teachers National Association –FSU Chapter**
The organization explained their purpose which is to enhance student's studies by providing educational musical social and professional experiences to enhance leadership skills and professional involvement. The organization will be hosting a full day workshop on March 3. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Berensen, past president of the national organization. Dr. Berensen will speak about teaching contemporary music. Students will also have the opportunity to can teach a lesson and receive feedback from Dr. Berensen. The event is open to the public. The Tallahassee Teacher's Music Association will also be invited. The organization would like funding assistance for a \$200 honorarium and food. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Asturizaga is happy about the workshop and funding request for \$300 and is interested in the event. Batchelder believes it is a quality event with great 1 on 1 benefits and is a good investment. **FIRST CON:** Engelbrecht believes this is a good event, but is not in favor of charging admission as stated in the budget proposal. Motion to call to question. 2nd. The organization is thankful for the allocation and believes it is good for the FSU community by bringing renowned speakers and pedagogues. Bill passes; 16-0-0; **Contractual Services: \$200, Food: \$100.**

Unfinished Business:

- Bill 7 Sponsored by Representative Sorribes (ASL Chair); Representative Forsman (IA Chair); and Speaker Scriven: *Substantives Edits of the COGS Code, Reorganizing the Standing Committees of COGS*

Chair Sorribes explains the revisions to the committees and the intention of addressing the concerns of all representatives in regards to the committee roles. Representatives inquire a further breakdown of section 108.9 and how many representatives will be allowed on one committee. **FIRST PRO:** Burns believes the edits are really helpful for organization. Batchelder is in support of the new proposal with new voices and admires how the sponsors did a great job in attempting to balance the committees. **FIRST CON:** Engelbrecht believes that the edits have good functions, but does not understand the purpose of changing the committees from the original bill. Blake-Hedges likes the changes, but is hesitant about the number of duties for the Internal Affairs Committee. **SECOND PRO:** Reyna is in favor of the new proposal. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill passes 11-1-1.**

New Business: NONE

Round Table: Batchelder, Bhowmik, Blake-Hedges, Burns, Collopy, Demirsoy, Engelbrecht, Gerardi, Hirsch, Reyna, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark, Zhang

Adjournment: 7:53 pm

Next Meeting: February 19, 2018 (Budget Meeting)