

TWENTY SIXTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
July 2nd, 2018
6:31 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order: 6:31 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Blake-Hedges

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Batchelder, Blake-Hedges, Hernandez, Hirsch, Lehn, Oloye, O'Neill, Scriven, Solano, Sorribes, Swanson, Uttermark, Zhang

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Burns, Stewart

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Approved with Amendments. Uttermark 2nd.

Petitions into the Assembly: NONE

Special Introductions and Student Comments: NONE

Messages from Student Government: NONE

Funding Requests:

- *Bill 13: Allocation to the Public Administration Graduate Association*
The organization is requesting funds for networking and social events for the academic year. PAGA will be host the Askew School Orientation and would like to purchase t-shirts for recruitment efforts. The organization was inactive for a while and would like to begin planning events for the fall. Representatives inquire how much are membership dues, will the COGS logo be included on the t-shirt design and a description of the t-shirt design. Representatives also inquire the marketing strategy to promote the organization, the reason for rebuilding the RSO, any other planned events for the fall and an explanation as to why the quote on the invoice is cheaper than the requested amount. **First PRO:** Deputy Speaker Lehn fully supports the event and believes their request was well organized. Solano supports the organizations initiatives to bring graduate students together. Batchelder admires the fact that they are using the Graduate School Orientation to their advantage and admires that they are an inclusive group. **FIRST CON:** Solano believes the cost of the shirts are excessive. Motion to amend the bill to read \$900. Second. Motion passes. Return to the bill. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill passes 11-0-1; Clothing/Awards \$900.**
- *Bill 14: Allocation to the Neuroscience Graduate Student Association*

NGSA is requesting funds for various events through the academic year. Due to scheduling conflicts, the organization was unable to attend the budget hearing meetings for 2018-2019. They would like to use these funds for lunches following their lecture series events hosting guest speakers. Major events consist of the Smith Lecture Series and the Rushton Lecture Series. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Representatives inquire if there are any other funding sources for the organization, typical type of supplies needed for the events, how are events advertised, historical and expected attendance. Representatives also inquire what types of food options will be served and how do they plan to market outside the organization. **FIRST PRO:** Solano supports the request and notes that the organization is clear about what the funds will be used for and they have successfully used funds in the past. Deputy Speaker Uttermark notes that the organization has requested this amount in the past and has successfully utilized the funds. O'Neil believes that funding the organization will present many opportunities for multiple departments across campus. Hirsch enjoys the idea that by funding the organization it will provide opportunities for multiple programs to be involved. Xeng is in favor of the organization and notes that they are scheduling a variety of talks using the least amount of funds. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill passes 11-0-1; Contractual Services: \$500Food: 1500.**

- **Bill 15 Sponsored by Representative Oloye Edits of the COGS Code. Edits to Chapter 207: General Provisions**
Representative Oloye states that the committee is trying to find ways to maximize the number of students who receive COGS travel grants. In the past, COGS has had a backlog of students who were not able to get funds from COGS due to the funds being depleted. The intent of the bill is to reduce the maximum funding amount from \$600 to \$500 so more students can have access to individual grant funds. Representatives ask if this will affect students who travel internationally. **FIRST PRO:** Solano believes this is a good change so more people can get access to the funds. O'Neil believes it will be more opportunities for graduate students. Hirsch notes that this change makes mathematically more sense. Swanson notes that this change will make for more clarity and more people will have access to the funds. Motion to call to question. Second. Bill passes unanimously.

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

Round Table: Batchelder, Blake-Hedges, Hernandez, Hirsch, Lehn, Oloye, O'Neill, Scriven, Solano, Sorribes, Swanson, Uttermark, Zhang

Adjournment: 7: 43pm

Next Meeting: