

TWENTY SIXTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
November 6th, 2017
6:35 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order: Joshua Hancock, Student Body Chief of Staff will preside over the meeting until the Speaker is elected.

Pledge of Allegiance: Forsman

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Batchelder, Blake-Hedges, Engelbrecht, Forsman, Lange, Lehn, Lozano, Oloye, Polischuk, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark, Zhang

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: Lange

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Asturizaga, Burns, Gao, Pierce, Sanogo

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Engelbrecht Approved. Second.

Swearing in of Members not at Inauguration

Petitions into the Assembly: Debbie Gerardi, Matthew Dickman, Matthew Uttermark

Elections:

Nominations from the Congress for the 26th Congress of Graduate Students Speaker:

- Representative Uttermark nominates Representative Scriven for COGS Speaker. Second. Scriven accepts.

Election Results from the Congress for the newly elected Speaker for the 26th Congress:

- Representative Joshua Scriven

Student Body Chief of Staff, Joshua Hancock swore Representative Scriven in as Speaker for the 26th Congress and turns meeting over to Speaker Scriven to preside.

Nominations from the Congress for the 26th Congress of Graduate Students Deputy Speaker for Finance:

- Representative Forsman 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 26th Congress:

- Matthew Uttermark

Nominations from the Congress for the 26th Congress of Graduate Students Deputy Speaker for Communications:

- Representative Forsman nominates Representative Lehn as Deputy Speaker of Communications. Second. Lehn accepts.

Election Results from the Congress for the newly elected Deputy Speaker for Communications for the 26th Congress:

- Jeanette Lehn

Nominations from the Congress for the 26th Congress of Graduate Students Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs:

- NONE

Election for the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs tabled until next meeting, pending nominations.2nd.

Special Introductions and Student Comments: NONE

Messages from Student Government: NONE

Deputy Speaker Uttermark moves to reorder the agenda to hear New Business first. Second.

New Business:

- Resolution 1 Sponsored by Speaker Scriven: *Establishing the Internal Rules of Procedure*
Speaker Scriven explains the need to approve the rules of procedure to continue other orders of business. Scriven requests representatives to review the resolution for clarity. Motion to call to question. Second. Vote by hand raise. **Resolution passes unanimously.**

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:

- Bill 1: *Allocation to Minorities and Philosophy*
The organization explains that they are a chapter of an international network that focuses on addressing and examining issues related to minority education and philosophy as a discipline. This year the organization is hosting monthly discussion based meetings that focuses on representation in the field. They are requesting funds for purchasing refreshments for their meetings. The organization aims to increase member turn out and gain new members from the undergraduate community. Representatives inquire how many meetings require refreshments, and how do they advertise their meetings. **FIRST PRO:** Batchelder is in favor of the bill and would like to help the organization increase membership and achieve their goals. Motion to call to question. 2nd. **Bill passes 13-0-0; Food \$400.**
- Bill 2: *Allocation to Music Theory Society*
The organization informs members that they will be hosting their 35th Annual Music Theory Society Forum; the longest consecutively running student run conference in the nation. A key note speaker will be invited to a spend time in groups and one on one conversations. This event draws attendance from undergraduate and graduate students from FSU and across the nation. The organization is requesting funds for an honorarium for a keynote speaker. The organization

also explains that they have raised the rest of the funds for the conference through successful bake sales. Representatives inquire how often has the organization received from COGS. **FIRST PRO:** Lozano is in favor of funding the organization. Engelbrecht admires the duration of the conferences. Blake-Hedges admires the fact that they have raised their own funds. Motion to call to question. 2nd. **Bill Passes 13-0-0; Contractual Services \$1500.**

- **Bill 3: *Allocation to Political Science Graduate Student Association***
The organization is hosting their Political Science Graduate Student Association Methods Conference. They are inviting two distinguished scholars from the political methodology field to teach methods practices. The Political Science Department assists with food and lodging for the speaker and the organization is requesting assistance with food and the honorarium expenses. Representative inquire the attendance in previous years, a breakdown of expenses, how is the organization contributing to the event, and how will the event be marketed. **FIRST PRO:** Lozano is in favor of funding the organization. Polischuk is interested in attending the event. **FIRST CON:** Lozano is not in favor of funding the majority of the expenses. Motion to call to question. 2nd. **Bill 3 passes 12-0-1; Contractual Services \$3,000, Food \$1,000.**

Round Table: Batchelder, Blake-Hedges, Dickman, Engelbrecht, Forsman, Gerardi, Lehn, Lozano, Oloye, Polischuk, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark, Zhang

Adjournment: 7:57 pm

Next Meeting: November 20th, 2017

