

TWENTY SIXTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
November 20th, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Batchelder

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Asturizaga, Batchelder, Blake-Hedges, Engelbrecht, Forsman, Gao, Gerardi, Lehn, Lozano, Oloye, Sanogo, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark, Zhang

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: Gao

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Dickman, Pierce, Polischuk

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Lange

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: NONE

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

- Representative Sorribes nominates Representative Asturizaga. 2nd. Asturizaga accepts.

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

- Vivianne Asturizaga

Special Introductions and Student Comments: Jose Carval explains the purpose of Green Dot as a bystander intervention initiative and encourages representatives to attend training sessions to learn more about the program and what they can do to help.

Messages from Student Government: NONE

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 4:** *Allocation to Applied Sport Psychology*
The organization explains that they provide applied sport services to faculty, staff and students at Tallahassee Community College and local high schools. These services allow the organization to

train as practitioners and improve services in the community. This year they are requesting funds for an honorarium for their guest speaker as well as for food for the event. Dr. Keith Kauffman, licensed psychologist will train students in the mindfulness skill set. Representatives inquire the expected attendance, a breakdown of speaker fees, the date and time of the event, and how much funding was raised. Representatives also inquire the budgeting difference from last year to this year, what criteria is used to select the speaker, how will the department support the event, how well known is the event and how the organization plans to advertise. **FIRST PRO:** Batchelder is in support of the interesting topics that will be discussed at their event. Deputy Speaker Lehn believes that they are operating in good faith and spirit to reduce requested amount. Motion to amend. Contractual Services to \$2184 Food \$300. 2nd Motion passes. Bill reads Contractual Services \$2,184 Food \$300. **First CON:** Lozano is in favor of funding the speaker fees, but is not in favor of funding the food expense. Motion to amend the bill to read \$0 in Food. 2nd. Objection. Lozano is in favor of financially supporting the organization but believes that the department could assist with the food budget. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Asturizaga is in favor of the amendment and believes it is a good compromise. **FIRST CON:** Engelbrecht notes that the organization cut their food expense to create a minimal budget and believes it is fair enough. Batchelder notes that the conference is a full day and people may become exhausted. Motion to call to question. 2nd. Motion fails 5-7-1. Return to the bill. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Asturizaga believes that they could do a better job of budgeting the costs of food. Motion to amend Food to \$285. 2nd. Objection. Motion to call to question on the Food line amendment. Amendment fails 2-10-1. Return to the amended bill. Motion to amend Food to \$150. 2nd. Amendment Passes. Motion to call to question. 2nd. The organization is appreciative of the process. Bill passes 12-1-0; **Contractual Services: \$2,184, Food: 150.**

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business:

Deputy Speaker Asturizaga motions to waive the rules to introduce Resolution 2 to the congress. Motion approved.

Deputy Speaker Asturizaga and the Academics & Student Life Committee explained the origin of Resolution 2: *Opposition to taxation of Graduate Student Tuition Waivers and Remissions* and encouraged representatives to review the information in their spare time and provide feedback prior to the next meeting.

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

Adjournment: 8:11 pm

Next Meeting: November 20th, 2017