

TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
January 23rd, 2017
6:30 p.m.



CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Allen, Asturizaga, Baker, Elwood, Engelbrecht, Indrakanti, Mendez, Oseguera, Scriven, Shu, Solomon, Uttermark,

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Allen

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Grubbs, Head, Lehn, Peruche, Williams

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Aung-Din, DeStefano, Garson, Grubbs, Peoples

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Aazim Arif (Medicine), Temidayo Abiola Oloye (Graduate Housing), Matthew Dickman (Arts & Sciences) AJ Rathakrishnan (Medicine), Dean Rosenthal (Arts & Sciences), Lilian Tzul Perez (Social Sciences)

MINUTES APPROVED: Uttermark. Second Solomon.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS:

- Miguel Hernandez (Associate Director, Center for Leadership and Social Change) Informed the congress that their office is working with faculty, students and staff here on campus about undocumented students and how K-12 access to education excludes higher education. In 2014 President Thrasher passed the Tuition Equity Bill which allows undocumented students who have resided in Florida for a certain amount of years, with no criminal record and also graduated from a state high school an opportunity to pay in state fees for higher education. The DACA (Differed Action for Childhood Arrivals) Status which is an executive order passed by President Obama, requires students to meet certain criterion for them to apply for this particular status. This status gives them access to a temporary license and work permit and defers any action from the government for students who arrived to the country as children. It is up to President Trump to uphold the executive order. Beyond the resolutions and giving the president tools that can be used, the Center for Leadership and Social Change is trying to identify safe spaces and allied spaces for students to be able to receive support. Questions and comments were welcomed.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: NONE

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

Report of the Speaker

- Speaker Elwood welcomed to new petitioners and requested for them to identify which committee they would like to be a member of.

Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance

- Deputy Speaker Uttermark reviewed the COGS Financial report, encouraged new members to complete the financial certification quiz and presented the budget committee's updates.

Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs

- Deputy Speaker Scriven requested for new representatives to complete the Representative Information Form, shared helpful Robert's Rules of Order quick tips and reviewed the attendance policy.

Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications

- Deputy Speaker Asturizaga requested for representatives to communicate with their college about being a representative of COGS and shared the quest of being more interactive on social media.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES:

Academics & Student Life

- Deputy Speaker Asturizaga explained that the committee is working on creating a resolution and would like feedback from the body.

Ways & Means

- Representative Solomon informed the body that their meeting will be pushed back to a later date due to budget proceedings and educated members of the Way & Means committee's duties.

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests: NONE

New Business: NONE

Roundtable: Allen, Arif, Asturizaga, Baker, Dickman, Elwood, Engelbrecht, Head, Mendez, Oloye, Oseguera, Perez, Rathakrishnan, Rosenthal, Scriven, Shu, Solomon, Uttermark

ADJOURNMENT: 7:31 p.m.