

TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MEETING MINUTES
COGS Assembly Room
HCB 103, 109 Collegiate Loop
April 15, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order: 6:38pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Blake-Hedges, Book, Chiodi, Demirisoy, Eovito, Morgan, O'Neill, Shahbandeh, Solano, Uttermark

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: Asturizaga

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Brinkman, Nelson, Oloye

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Windham

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: None

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Uttermark motioned, Solano second

Petitions into the Assembly: Bianca Book

Special Introductions and Student Comments: NONE

Messages from Student Government: NONE

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: NONE

Elections: NONE

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker**
 - The speaker attended the LSC Supreme Court trial. There is a new Law School Council installed. The Speaker has been working with the graduate school to use a new platform to promote engagement opportunities to graduate students. The Technology and Service Fee committee completed allocations.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
 - Be sure that organizations are completing financial steps in a timely manner. Travel grants are done for the year and funding for the new fiscal year will open again on June 1, 2019.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**

- None
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
 - Working on getting new students to join the Assembly

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:** Has not met.
- **Internal Affairs:** Had a meeting which resulted in the three bills being presented tonight. The COGS newsletter has been changed to be released every 4 months and will coincide with grant release dates.
- **Student Advocacy:** The group met after the last Assembly meeting to talk about how to gather opinions from the student body and how to deal with student concerns.
- **Student Affairs:** Has not met.

Funding Requests: NONE

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business:

- ***Resolution 3: Permission for Travel Reimbursement Approval – Cardiology Interest Group***

Harrison Diaz – President of Cardiologist Interest Group – requesting permission to reimburse funds for a student from their organization that was allocated funds, but the organization did not submit the purchase request on time. MSC approved funds for \$879 and the student submitted all her necessary materials for reimbursement. **FIRST PRO:** Solano – funds were allocated to the student, we are here to help students. Blake-Hedges – normally don't accept people who aren't following the process, but seeing as last conference we gave funds to someone in the same situation, we should support. Student to be reimbursed is an exemplary student and should be reimbursed. **FIRST CON:** Solano – organization did not submit purchase request or receipts on time. Uttermark – Move to call to questions; Chiodi seconds. Closing: organization representative takes responsibility for the mishap and is now more familiar with the process. **Resolution Passes 7 – 2 – 1.**

- ***Bill 12: COGS Code Updates: Medical School Council Definition Update***

Blake-Hedges and Chiodi introduce the bill to update MSC code to be clearer in the processes of board selection, position duties, and timeline. **FIRST PRO:** Blake-Hedges – the new information accurately depicts what happens so the code should be updated to be in line. O'Neill – the goal as speaker is to update the code to reflect what is happening in our processes. **FIRST CON:** Solano – third- and fourth-year students previously had a chair, but these edits don't have it, which would hurt the larger group. Uttermark – third- and fourth-year medical students are typically gone during this time and are only interacting with MSC in a funding capacity. Solano – What is the benefit for removing these seats? Blake-Hedges – currently the seats are on the executive board and meet once per week, so scheduling would be a difficulty. If some were to join and not participate that would cause a problem with quorum. O'Neill – Can those seats be moved to the general board to let them have representation? Solano – Move to amend 302.3 to "The MSC general board shall be composed of the president from each of the MSC RSO and one representative for all regional campuses." Morgan, seconds; No

Objections. Asturizaga, motions to table the bill; No second. Uttermark calls to question; Morgan seconds; Asturizaga objects, second not withdrawn. **Amendment Passes 9 – 1 – 0.** Uttermark moves to call to question; Morgan seconds, Asturizaga objects; second not withdrawn, **Bill Passes 9 – 1 – 0.**

- **Bill 13: Law School Council Definition Update**

Blake-Hedges introduces the bill to update the Law School Council code to be in line with what is currently practiced. **First Pro:** Solano – it is good to update code so that it represents more of what they are practicing at the moment. **First Con:** Solano calls to question; Uttermark seconds; no objections. **Bill Passes 9 – 0 – 1.**

- **Bill 14: Attendance Policy Reform**

Blake-Hedges introduces the bill to update the attendance policy. **First Pro:** Morgan – I think we can streamline the process to create new vacancies and get new members. **First Con:** Uttermark – move to call to question; Solano seconds. **Bill Passes 10 – 0 – 0.**

Round Table:

Adjournment: 8:13pm

Next Meeting: May 20, 2019 (Last meeting for the fiscal year)