

TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
HCB 103
August 26, 2019
6:30 p.m.
MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:31

Pledge of Allegiance: Fisher

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Blake-Hedges, Book, Chiodi, Demirsoy, Fisher, Morgan, Nelson, O'Neill, Shahbandeh

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Oloye

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Solano

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: Brinkman

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Blake-Hedges moved to approve, Demirsoy second; Minutes are approved.

Petitions into the Assembly: None

Special Introductions and Student Comments: None

Messages from Student Government: None

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: None

Elections:

- **Deputy Speaker for Finance**

Blake Hedges introduced herself and qualifications for the position which included already acting in the role and experience on budget committee. No questions were asked. **1st Pro:** Chiodi: she has been very active in the Congress of Graduate Students, holding multiple positions. The position seems like a natural progression for Blake-Hedges. Demirsoy: she is fit for the role. Book: she seems very organized and understanding. Blake-Hedges wins: 9-0-1. Blake-Hedges sworn in by Speaker O'Neill as Deputy Speaker for Finance.

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker:**

We are completing the ITS Voice of the Community to improve our technology services on campus. There was not much graduate student buy-in but they did get a graduate student group interview and I have been helping. We also had a lot of success with the orientation events. We will have the MSC general body meeting on Thursday and with LSC soon to get everyone oriented with the new procedures for the coming year. Blake-Hedges and I will also be going to FSU childcare to lead the marshmallow challenge and we are excited to participate in this and do some outreach. The camera and audio equipment we funded with the graduate school is now in use for PIE workshops and other events as well.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance:**

The most updated version of the financial information is in the current bill packet. Blake-Hedges reviewed the current budget report with the necessary and sufficient detail for the needs of the congress and with the candor appropriate for her office.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**

None.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**

COGS had a great turn out for the Grad Student Orientation Social. Deputy Morgan sent emails to about 20 prospective candidates that requested more information and should have some petitions by next meeting.

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:** Has not met.
- **Internal Affairs:** Had a meeting a while ago and discussed COGS code changes and recruiting new members.
- **Student Advocacy:** Has not m
- **Student Affairs:** Has not met.

Funding Requests: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Financial Certification
Speaker O'Neill- please get financially certified before the next Tuesday.
- New COGS Documents and Processes
Speaker O'Neill- reviewed the new COGS Allocation guidelines and reported it should be up on the COGS website to find documentation online. The big thing we plan to change will be having representatives to sponsor all new bills. This means that a representative will be the point of contact for the fund requesting organization to review the submission and to present the bill to COGS, including

answering any technical, non-debatable questions. Chiodi: we will now be representing the group to answer questions on their behalf? Speaker O'Neill: yes, they will still be here, but you will be speaking for them. Deputy Speaker Blake-Hedges: I will be an example to show how to follow this new procedure because I have done this before for MSC. Speaker: we will also have a document to help you engage with the RSOs. Shahbandeh: will we receive an email to notify us? Speaker: you will hopefully be representing people from your department so you should hopefully know about it ahead of time or we will go down the list and notify you ahead of time. Blake-Hedges: you will at least know by the time of submission for new business.

- **MSC and LSC updates**

Speaker O'Neill- we have moved MSC and LSC away from individual travel grant funding and will refine the process to bring their funding processes more in line with COGS procedures.

Blake-Hedges- we can add MSC and LSC to our budget report so COGS can see their spending as well.

Round Table: Everyone in attendance updated the group on their summer activities to the enjoyment and applause of all present. Recruitment Efforts- Going to PIE trainings, Market Wednesday, having more social events with one being at the Rez, posting announcements on Thursdays' weekly email newsletter, promoting within colleges and friends, flyers, chalking, going to events COGS funds, using the leaders' listserv. Training- mock example of how to sponsor a bill, using Kahoot! to facilitate trainings.

Adjournment: 7:19 PM

Next Meeting:

Summer Meetings

Monday, September 16, 6:30 PM, HCB 103

Fall Meetings

Monday, October 7, 6:30 PM, HCB 103

Monday, October 21, 6:30 PM, HCB 103

Monday, November 4, 6:30 PM, HCB 103

Monday, November 18, 6:30 PM, HCB 103

Monday, December 2, 6:30 PM, HCB 103