

## TWENTY EIGHTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting  
Regular Session  
HCB 103  
August 31, 2020  
6:30 p.m.  
MINUTES



**Call to Order: 6:33**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Morgan, Mendez, Fomberg, Blake-Hedges, Hirsch, Creigh, Brinkman, Hagemeyer, Cheuwa, Sangokunle

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Mathesie

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:**

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Motion to Approve Minutes, Brinkman; Fomberg 2<sup>nd</sup>; No Objections; APPROVED.

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:**

- New petition to enter COGS
  - o Sara Collins, a PhD student, is familiar with COGS and how it works. Interested in the student advocacy committee. Very interested in advocating for students with disabilities and providing services during this time.
  - o Questions and answers
    - Brinkman: You attended for your masters as well?
      - Yes
    - Creigh: will you have time to commit to cogs
      - Yes
    - Hagemeyer: which committee would you be interested in?
      - Student advocacy
    - Morgan: are you familiar with financial certification and the process of making impartial financial decisions?
      - Not particularly familiar yet, and does not
    - Mendez: do you have any experience in student government

- No, but has been very involved in programs in her academic career and has experience using cogs
  - Debate
    - Pro
      - Hagemeyer
        - Has been involved with student disability organizations in the past, and she seems very focused on advocacy
      - Blake- hedges
        - Great that she did her masters at FSU, so she is familiar with the university
      - Hirsch
        - Personally, knows Sarah Collins and believes she will do great
      - Morgan
        - She reached out and has been eager to join, so she seems very motivated
    - Con
      - No cons
  - Motions to approve, Blake-Hedges; second by Fomberg
    - 9-0-0, representative Collins admitted
- Swearing in of Representative Collins

**Messages from Student Government: none**

**Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: none**

**Elections:**

- Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs

**Report of Officers:**

- **The Report of the Speaker**
  - Some recent meetings with LSC and MSC occurred in the previous weeks to begin working together for the semester
    - Come to a consensus on regulations for spending for the year
    - Beginning creation of guidelines for funding online events
    - Representative fisher is continuing his active duty with the military and submitted his resignation.
    - Deputy speaker Mathesie has stepped down from his position as deputy speaker of judicial affairs
      - Election to come in the next meeting
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
  - There is currently still a funding freeze on COGS

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**
  - **None**
  
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
  - Newly returning to position, nothing to report.

**Committee Report:**

- **C-SAC:** none
- **Internal Affairs:** has not met
- **Student Advocacy:** has not met
- **Student Affairs:** has not met

**Funding Requests:**

- None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

- **Bill #18**
  - Sponsored by Representative Morgan
    - In the interest of granting a leave of absence to those called into active duty, this stipulation will be added to the manual to make the transition easier, and remove the requirement that internal affairs approve the leave
  - Pro:
    - Brinkman
      - A great idea, will be very helpful for those in the military
    - Hirsch
      - Is good to add this language to the code, in order to support all students at FSU
  - Con:
    - None
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Pro
    - Fomberg
      - This is keeping with every other body that supports military citizens ‘
- Motion to call the question, Blake-Hedges; 2<sup>nd</sup> by representative Creigh
- 10-0-1, bill has passed

**Round Table:**

- Everyone is doing well and excited to be back

**Adjournment: 7:36 pm**

**Next Meeting: September 21<sup>st</sup>**