

TWENTY EIGHTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
HCB 103
December 2, 2019
6:30 p.m.
MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:39 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Representative Creigh

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Blake-Hedges, Creigh, Hagemeyer, Mathesie, Morgan, O'Neill

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Brinkman, Fisher, LaBayne, Nelson

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Demirsoy

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: None

Petitions into the Assembly: None

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to Approve, Mathesie; 2nd Blake-Hedges; No Objections; APPROVED

Special Introductions and Student Comments: None

Messages from Student Government: Senator Brendan Gerdts – the ad hoc committee on seat apportionment has been closed and the report from the committee has been given to Speaker O'Neill. The bill is about the reapportionment of graduate student seats in the SGA Senate.

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: None

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker:**
Has been attending tech and service fee meetings and helping with that. Plans to review the report Senator Gerdts sent in regard to the graduate student seats being reapportioned.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance:**

Working on the budget proceedings for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Will be appointing and confirming four people during this meeting to serve on the committee. The budget committee will meet to hear requests from the RSOs seeking funding and the meetings will be on Jan 7-8. The budget allocation meeting (deliberations) will happen after that but the date has not been set. We will then present the budget recommendation to COGS for approval.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**
None.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
None.

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:** Has not met.
- **Internal Affairs:** Has not met.
- **Student Advocacy:** Has not met.
- **Student Affairs:** Has not met.

Funding Requests:

- *Bill 6: Anthropology Graduate Student Association Promotional Items Allocation Request*
 - Sponsored by Representative O'Neill – promotional items for the anthropology RSO to use at upcoming conferences. **Q&A** Creigh: what time frame will these items be used? O'Neill: they would primarily be used for the conference and they can be used later after the conference too. Morgan: are the items coming from a preapproved vendor? O'Neill: Yes, they are. **PRO:** Hagemeyer: these items seem appropriate for increasing awareness. O'Neill: they have used the funds appropriately before and been good stewards. **CON:** O'Neill: the cozies could be interpreted as an alcohol related item. **PRO:** Mathesie motions to call the question; Creigh seconds. **Vote:** 4-0-1; **PASSED: Expense: \$1,816.**
- *Bill 7: Anthropology Graduate Student Association Travel Allocation Request*
 - Sponsored by Representative O'Neill – The allocation would provide travel funding for the Anthropology RSO to attend a conference and table at the conference representing their organization and department. **Q&A:** Mathesie: is there extra money put on total that appears to be a clerical error from page 2? The correct total appears to be \$1872.46. Point of Information – Blake-Hedges: I am not sure we can pay the 158 per room because the financial manual has a cap on the nightly rate. Does this include tax? O'Neill: I believe so. **PRO:** O'Neill: this is a good use of COGS funds they have done due diligence on preparing this packet and showing good allocation of resources through picking good options and fitting within the financial manual. **CON:** None. **PRO:** O'Neill motion to amend the total on the first page from 2686.92 to 1872.46; Creigh seconds; no objection. **APPROVED.** O'Neill motions to call

the question; Mathesie seconds; no objections. **Vote: 5 – 0 – 0: PASSED:**
Registration, Lodging, & Transportation: \$1,872.46.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- *Appoint & Confirm Budget Committee*
 - Representatives Hagemeyer, Mathesie, Creigh, and Morgan were appointed to serve of the budget committee. All representatives accepted the appointment. Blake-Hedges motioned to confirm the budget committee through a raise of hands; Hagemeyer seconds. Vote: 4 -0 -0; Budget Committee **CONFIRMED.**

- *Review of Voting and Debate of Measures*
 - O'Neill – please review the flow chart handed out of how things are voted/debated on within the COGS meetings. This is a page we should edit in the handbook and the process of hearing the motion and the back end of the voting. Please contact me if you have any questions or a way to improve this handout.

Round Table: Blake-Hedges, Creigh, Hagemeyer, Mathesie, Morgan, O'Neill

Adjournment: 7:18 PM

Next Meeting:

Special Session: Monday, January 13, 6:30 PM, HCB 103