

## TWENTY EIGHTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting  
Budget Meeting  
HCB 103  
February 17, 2020  
6:30 p.m.  
MINUTES



**Call to Order:** 6:37 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Representative Nelson

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Blake-Hedges, Brinkman, Hagemeyer, Mathesie, Mendez, Morgan, Nelson

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** None

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** None

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Creigh, Fisher

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** Fomberg

**REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:** None

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** None

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

**Petitions into the Assembly:** Jean-Francois Cheuwa (APPROVED; 6-0-0; No objections)

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:** None

**Messages from Student Government:** None

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

Elections:

- **Speaker for the 28th Congress-** Mathesie nominates Morgan; Mendez seconds. Morgan accepts. PROS: Morgan has served on exec board for over a year now; recruitment gaining more members and maintaining honor and amicable relations. **Nelson motions to vote by secret ballot; Brinkman seconds. VOTE: 6-0-0; No Objections. Sworn in by Deputy-Speaker Blake-Hedges.**

- **Deputy Speaker of Communications-** B-H nominates Mendez; Mathesie seconds; Mendez accepts; Q&A Nelson: What are some of your ideas to increase membership? A: Market Wednesday, website updates. Q: Speaker Morgan, are you prepared for the time commitment? A: Yes. Q: When do you graduate? A: May 2021. Q: Will you be here this summer? A: Yes! **Nelson motions to vote by secret ballot; Blake-Hedges seconds. Vote: 6-0-0; No objections.**

Report of Officers:

- The Report of the Speaker: **Township receipt- SBA Case; funding**
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance: **Fiscal Year funding updates; page 3.**
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs: None.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications: None.

Committee Report:

- C-SAC: **Met at 5:30pm- 1 request; see Resolution 3.**
- Internal Affairs: **Has not met.**
- Student Advocacy: **Has not met. Blake-Hedges will email them to set up a meeting.**
- Student Affairs: **Has not met.**

Funding Requests:

- *Bill #13: COGS Grants: Transfer of Nov-Feb Grant Funding to COGS Unallocated*
  - **Q&A:** None. **PRO:** Mendez in favor. **CON:** None. **2<sup>nd</sup> PRO:** Mendez motions to call the question. Mathesie seconds; no objections. **VOTE: 7-0-0; PASSED.** COGS Unallocated: \$3,000.
- *Bill #14: Graduate Women in Science: Transfer from Expense to Food*
  - Estimated: 300 people; no funds collected.
  - **Q&A:** Q: Nelson: What happens to this money if it is not used? A: Speaker: It gets swept; or used for something within the category. **PRO:** Blake-Hedges- Going to a good cause; great event to sponsor. Hagemeyer: Great that it's going to good a cause: that they sought funding in other places. **CON:** None. **2<sup>nd</sup> PRO:** Mendez: going to a great cause. Mathesie motions to call the question; Brinkman seconds. No objection. **VOTE: 7-0-0; PASSED. Food: \$300.**
- *Bill #15: Indian Student Association of Tallahassee: Allocation Funding Request*
  - **Q&A:** Q: B-H: If we could not fully fund you, would you still be able to hold you event? INSAT: Flyers can ask center for global engagement. Mathesie: What is the breakdown of grad & undergrad for the groups? Insat: 120 of grad students for an event before at previous events for insat. Nelson: What is the quantity for these estimates? Insat: 250 people. Brinkman: How would we break/split to cut the funding? Speaker: I understand. Mendez: If we could not fund what is the lowest you could be

funded? Insat: \$1600-\$1700. Nelson: What have ya'll done to fundraise? Insat: We do not collect dues and have not done fundraising? Brinkman motion to extend time. Nelson seconds; no objections. Nelson: Is this food going to be buffet style? Insat: Yes, and we are going to have food that lasts a while. **PRO:** Morgan Insat has historically done events with COGS: Held their end of the bargain. Cheuwa: If we have money we should fund them for it. Hagemeyer: I believe we have approved them for this event next year Blake-Hedges: They spend their money wisely and well. **CON:** Mathesie: I think we should look at 120 seems like less (\$1000) no more than 50% are grad students. Nelson: We should cut \$200 for the extra stuff. Brinkman: I agree with Mathesie: about the amount LSC chair with experience there. **2<sup>nd</sup> PRO:** Blake-Hedges: I think we should fund in some function. Mathesie: \$750 max \$1000. Mendez: should fund to greatest capacity. Blake-Hedges: motion to amend bill \$0 expense, food \$1500. Mendez seconds. Mathesie objects. Blake-Hedges withdrawals. Blake-Hedges: motions to amend bill to read \$0 expense and \$1,000 food. Mendez seconds; Mathesie objects. **PRO:** Mendez: I think it's appropriate; Blake-Hedges: I think it's an appropriate amount for the event right now. **CON:** Brinkman: They knew this event was coming they should have come sooner. Nelson: Did not make effort to raise money on their own. **2<sup>nd</sup> PRO:** Blake-Hedges motions to call the question; Mendes seconds. **VOTE 4-3-0; Bill Amended. Blake-Hedges motions to call the question on amended bill #15. Mendez seconds; no objections. VOTE: 5-2-0: PASSED. Food: \$1,000.**

- *Bill #16: FSU Art Therapy Association: Allocation Funding Request*

Q&A: Mathesie: What is the recommendation of Dep SPE finance. **PRO:** Is a great art therapy program. **CON:** Brinkman: They should have got it in sooner. Mathesie: anyone present from Art Therapy? speaks for itself. **2<sup>nd</sup> PRO:** Hagemeyer motions to call the question: Mathesie seconds; No objections. **VOTE: 0-7-0: FAILED.**

New Business:

- *Resolution #3: CSAC Resolution-* CSAC Vote: 3-0-0. **Q&A:** Mathesie: How many do they say normally attend? 50-100. **PROS:** None. **CONS:** Mathesie: to be equal across board; would recommend cuts for lunch. **2<sup>nd</sup> PRO:** Mathesie motions to amend bill to \$244 for food (\$10/person). Nelson seconds; Blake-Hedges objects. **PRO:** to be fiscally conservative, not fair to fund \$100. Nelson: Pro: \$10 is more than fair. **Cons:** Blake-Hedges: \$14 for special lunch is not unreasonable; good thing to promote. Mendez: \$14 is an appropriate amount. **2<sup>nd</sup> pro:** Blake-Hedges motions to call the question. Mathesie seconds. **VOTE: 4-3-0** Amendment passes. **2<sup>nd</sup> PRO:** Mendez motions to call the question. Mathesie seconds; no objections. **VOTE: 6-1-0 Resolution passes. C-SAC: \$244.**

**Round Table:** Committee meetings; website updating Ben Young; financial certification.

**Adjournment:** 8:27 PM

Next Meeting:

***Monday, March 2, 6:30 PM, HCB 103***