



THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting
February 20, 2023
6:30pm
Minutes

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Basualdo

Representatives Present: Basualdo, Burns, Casseus, Delva, Galeano, Gui, Ilesanmi, Mostbauer, Risler, Rogowski, Salimi, Vaughn, Vouzas

Representatives Absent, Excused: Amaraneni, Beavon, Elmi, Lenchitz, Neale

Reading and approval of the Minutes: Vouzas, 2nd Salimi

Petitions into the Assembly: N/A

Special Introductions and Student Comments: N/A

Messages from Student Government: N/A

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: N/A

Report of the Budget Committee:

Bill #6: 2023-2024 Annual Budget Proposal

Rogowski - You should have the budget bill in front of you. We were allocated the same as last year. Actually, slightly less due to overhead costs. Budget committee met for a total of 24 hours over a 2 week period and I am happy with our budget bill. We have added new organizations including 2 new international organizations. Glad we could do that even with the lack of increase in the budget. Happy with the bill and since there was a lack of emails by organizations when sent the budget, they are likely happy about it as well. We would like to increase the travel grants, but considering the money given, we could not do that, but we also did not decrease the amount. There will be a planned audit on these grants to see what can be done in the future. Any comments from the committee?

Burns - Were there any organizations who emailed not happy about the budget?

Rogowski - I did not get any replies to the email sent to the organizations.

Consideration of the Annual Budget:

Opening statement:

Rogowski - Bill #6 is the annual budget and the committee worked very hard on this. I hope you will respect the work put into this and vote yes. I yield the rest of my time.

Technical non-debatable questions:

Salimi - motion to exhaust the rest of the time. 2nd - Galeano.

Pros:

Ilesanmi - Thank you to the budget committee. I think it's all about trust and if we choose you and trust you, I think that this trust should play out. I have served on 2 budget committees. The first in 2021 was very smooth and last year was hard to say the least. I think what happened last year was issues with trust because the committee works hard to put it together. I think everything looks good. Serving on the budget committee is the hardest job.

Salimi - Most organizations got most of what they wanted and it was equitable.

Basualdo - It's not easy putting everything together and even though it wasn't easy, they did a great job. We had 8 new RSOs apply. Thank you for your hard work and dedication for the school.

Cons:

Salimi - Motion to exhaust the rest of the time. 2nd - Burns

2nd round of Pros:

Delva - I appreciate how organized and understanding the committee was. We were focused on making sure that everyone gets what they needed.

Mostbauer - The communication has been easy to read and to check that everything adds up. Good job to the committee.

Ilesanmi, Basualdo, Vaughn - Susan did an amazing job with the budget committee.

Cons:

Vouzas - Motion to call to question, 2nd - Risler

Closing Statements:

Rogowski - I'm proud of the bill and I think we were able to add some very cool things despite no increase. There should be some great events on campus next year with the money. I yield the rest of my time.

Roll call vote:

Basualdo - Yes

Burns - Yes

Casseus - Yes

Delva - Yes

Galeano - Yes

Gui- Yes

Ilesanmi - Yes

Mostbauer - Yes

Risler - Yes

Rogowski - Yes

Salimi - Yes

Vaughn - Yes

Vouzas - Yes

Vote count: 13-0-0

Round Table:

Adjournment: 7:48pm

Next Meeting: **March 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Senate Chambers (3rd floor New Student Union)**