

TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
HCB 103, 109 Collegiate Loop
February 4th, 2019
6:41 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order: 6:41pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Eovito

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Asturizaga, Blake-Hedges, Brinkman, Demirsoy, Eovito, Lange, Morgan, Oloye, O'Neill, Shahbandeh, Solano, Windham

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: Eovito

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Chiodi, Engelbrecht, Sorribes, Uttermark

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Chase, Lozano

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

Petitions into the Assembly: NONE

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Approved. Solano Second.

Special Introductions and Student Comments: NONE

Messages from Student Government: NONE

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: NONE

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 6 Allocation to Terra Incognita**

The organization is requesting funds for their Fourth Annual Modern Languages and Linguistics Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference. They are expanding the conference to include several departments. The conference will host two keynote speakers; Dr. Antje Muntedam from FSU and Dr. Iker Gonzalez Allende from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The conference will accept abstracts from colleges across the country. The organization further informs the congress that the department will help with some expenses and they have considered applying for funding from a fellowship. They are requesting funds for honorariums, food, and general expenses. Representatives inquire if the honoraria expense are for one or both of the keynote speakers, the expected attendance, and the accommodations for 1 or both of the speakers. Representatives further inquire about the breakdown of general expenses, the role of the department managing the event, has COGS assisted with funding in the past and the demographic of the attendees. Representatives continue by asking how many abstract submissions have been received, if not

funded the full amount what expenses can be cut and how long has the event has been marketed. **FIRST PRO:** Blake-Hedges notes that this is a great conference and likes the fact that it is interdisciplinary and more students have the opportunity to interact. Deputy Speaker Morgan is most in favor of investing in professional development that allows students to build their CV. **FIRST CON:** Asturizaga is in favor of the event but hesitant about funding the full amount for general expenses. Windham notes a concern about the disparity with funding only one keynote speaker. Motion to reduce \$500 from Contractual Service. 2nd. Motion Passes. Motion to amend food to \$629.86. 2nd. Motion passes. Motion to amend General expense to \$125. 2nd. Objection. Solano inquires if representatives are okay with reducing the amount for the cost of paper. **FIRST CON:** Blake-Hedges notes the importance to have these materials for a conference. Asturizaga is not in favor of the reduction because the organization may want to print additional items and may need a specific type of paper. Motion to call to question on the amendment. 2nd. Motion passes 8-1-1. Return to the bill with amended amounts. Motion to call to question on the bill. Objection. **FIRST CON:** One representative notes that the cost of honorariums is significantly higher than previous awarded amounts. **SECOND PRO:** Blake-Hedges notes that cost of typical honorariums. Motion to amend Contractual services to \$1500. 2nd. Amendment passes. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill 6 passes 10-0-0: Contractual Services: \$1,500, General Expense: \$125, Food: \$629.86.**

New Business:

- Introduction of the Annual Budget 2019-2020
Speaker O'Neill introduces the budget to representatives, encourages them to review the budget thoroughly and informed the congress that voting on the budget will take place on February 18th.

Round Table: Asturizaga, Blake-Hedges, Brinkman, Demirsoy, Lange, Morgan, Oloye, O'Neill, Shahbandeh, Solano, Windham

Adjournment: 8:06 pm

Next Meeting: February 18th, 2019 (Budget Meeting)