



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting
January 23, 2023
6:30pm
Agenda

Call to Order: 6:37pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Rep. Ilesanmi

Representatives Present: Basulado, Beavon, Burns, Casseus, Delva, Galeano, Ilesanmi, Mostbauer, Rogowski, Vaughn, Vouzas

Representatives Absent, Excused: Lenchitz, Neale

Reading and approval of the Minutes: Vouzas, 2nd - Rogowski

Petitions into the Assembly:

Zeinab Elmi, Engineering Seat 1

- FSU PhD in Engineering, learned about us through our funding grants, wants to help to give voice to the Engineering students.

Q&A: Vaughn - Are you free on Mondays? Yes.

Rogowski - Do you know what committee you are interested in? Not yet, interested in helping with funding for Engineering students

Galeano - Are you in any other organizations?

Ilesanmi - Motion to extinguish the rest of the time. 2nd - Galeano

Katherine Gui, Medical School Seat 1

- First year med student. Has shadowed previous representatives. Help with medical students networking through conferences. Is financially certified and know the financial manual. Is interested in internal affairs.

Q&A: none

Joseph C. Risler, Medical School Seat 2

- In first year of Med School. Haven't been in student government since HS. Excited to work on COGS. Has been a Teaching Assistant in Undergrad. While on COGS, would like to be on Internal Affairs or Student Affairs.

Q&A: Rogowski - Free on Monday nights? Yes.

Delva - which committee would you like to be on more? Internal Affairs

Kevin A. Salimi, Medical School Seat 3

- Student government is new, but is very enthusiastic and has read the code and financial manual. Wants to help fellow students in the med school.

Q&A: Vaughn - what committee would you be interested in? Advocacy and Internal affairs.

Candidate Pros:

Galeano - Zeinab is good to finally fill in the engineering seat.

Ilesanmi - Good to expand the membership of COGS and get new members who are enthusiastic.

Vouzas - Point of Information - Asked about how many are in each committee. I think that each committee should have a diverse amount of people in it from each.

Rogowski - Excited to have new members.

Mostbauer - Good to have new people.

Zeinab vote - 11-0-0

Gui - 11-0-0

Risler - 11-0-0

Salimi- 11-0-0

Swearing in.

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

Medical School President, Karl Kramer - greeting/introduction

Master of Public Health Student Association President - greeting/introduction

Messages from Student Government: N/A

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: N/A

Report of Officers:

- Report of the Speaker: Looking for a volunteer to be a liaison for SGA. We'd like to set up a team to rotate attendance. Email if interested. New member orientation to go over what we do. Working with SGA for a Mental Health Day for students. New members, please pick up t-shirts after the meeting.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance: Budget committee needs to be confirmed later this meeting. Will have hearings later this week and early next week via Zoom and open to the public. 20 min per RSO. Welcome representatives to attend. Deliberations at the end of next week. Budget is the same as last year. The budget will be presented and made public. Will plan to vote on the budget February 20th. Please be respectful of the time that has been put in to decide the budget.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs: N/A
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications: We will have our group communications through GroupMe. Watch out for how-to guide on how to write a bill when requested coming soon. Office hours on Thursday from 9-2. Reminder of COGS code & SGA financial manual. If you are not financially certified, you can't vote on the budget item tonight.

Committee Report:

- Assignment of Committees for the 31st Congress and election of new chairs
Rogowski: Motion to Recess for 10 minutes for Committee meetings to elect new chairs. 2nd - Mostbauer
- Internal Affairs: The new chair is Rep. Delva.
- Student Advocacy: The new chair is Galeano; Vice chair is Saleni
- Student Affairs: Chair is Risler; Vice chair is Casseus

- C-SAC: This committee needs to be put together ASAP. Please email if you want to be a part of this committee.

Funding Requests:

Bill 1: African Graduate Students Association (Rep. Galeano)

Bill presented.

Q&A: Vouzas: Will this be open to everyone and how will it be advertised? Yes and it will be on NOLE Central.

Rogowski: Is this an event they have had in the past? Yes

Vouzas: How long has this organization been around and have you asked for money from COGS before? It's a new organization and they have never asked for funding before.

Ilesanmi: Point of information - has been around since COVID, but not official since last year. Has been funded by student contributions in the past.

Risler: Where are you getting the food? Publix and Walmart.

Pros:

Vouzas - great that we are funding new organizations. Hope to have more collaboration in the future.

Rogowski - Like the idea of having a general body meeting to organize all other events. Hope they have a great turn out.

Delva - Excited for them being a new organization. Great to recognize minority students on campus.

Gui - I like this event and it will help to reach those out in the community.

Rogowski - motion to extinguish the rest of the time. Risler - 2nd

Cons:

Vouzas - Motion to extinguish time; Rogowski - 2nd.

Closing statements: Brand new RSO organizing events for the semester. We should all be in favor of it. Yield rest of my time.

Vote: 13-0-0

Unfinished Business:

Election of Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs

- Nomination: Rep. Delva by Vouzas; 2nd Galeano

5th year grad student. Held this position last year and has experience holding it. We need a strong executive board for budget cycle. Has passion for the position. Has fostered collaboration with the graduate school.

Q&A: Rogowski: Will you need to get permission from your department to work this position? It's not a problem.

Ilesanmi: How long do you plan to serve? Until someone is able to step up for the position. Planning to stay as long as necessary.

Pros: Vaughn - great to work with this past Fall, knows the code, and has experience.

Ilesanmi - Makes the exec board stronger, especially someone who knows the code.

Vouzas - We need people who not only know the code, but also someone who is willing to enforce the code and can say no to people. Need someone like Nella in this role for the budget cycle after last year's debacle. We need to put our best foot forward.

Galeano - Nella is willing to do the job.

Rogowski - motion to extinguish time; 2nd - Burns

Vote: 14-0-0

Swearing in.

Confirmation of the Budget Committee:

Names: Galeano, Vouzas, Salimi, Burns, Rogowski, Delva

Vote: 14-0-0

New Business: N/A

Round Table:

Adjournment: 8:09pm

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