

TWENTY EIGHTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
Regular Session
via Zoom
June 15, 2020
6:30 p.m.
MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:44 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Speaker Morgan

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Blake-Hedges, Creigh, Hagemeyer, Hirsch, Morgan

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Brinkman, Cheuwa, Mathesie, Nelson

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:

Petitions into the Assembly: Oluwatoyin Sangokunle (College of Human Sciences); APPROVED (4-0-0).

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to Approve Minutes: Blake-Hedges; Hirsch seconds; No Objections; APPROVED.

Special Introductions and Student Comments: None

Messages from Student Government: None

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: None

Elections: None

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker**
 - Recording for COGS with PIE and other organizations; talking with international students; COGS – library involvement and student affairs – veto by DeSantis that defunded libraries at the state level, if so, then students will lose access to journals online which would not be effective until 2021, we may have lost access to online books, reaching out to

libraries; meeting with Childcare in the future for the safety of students and others in general for their well-being; COGS has been active despite not being able to fund travel and other funding bills; talked with Rep. Fischer – he has new orders from Jacksonville to another location, which led to a request for leave of absence so he can attend COGS and not be kicked out.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
 - COGS is now in the new fiscal year (2020-2021); financial report – all accounts have all the money from the budgeting process, so everything is full, though COGS has not been funding, therefore, we will not see funding requests, and we will see; salaries and other small things will be funded; everyone in COGS needs to re-take the financial certification even if they have passed it in the past; everyone present has passed the financial certification; updates will come for any funding requests.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**
 - N/A

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
 - N/A

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:**
 - Have not met.
- **Internal Affairs:**
 - Have not met.
- **Student Advocacy:**
 - Hirsch: Her and Creigh discussed Resolution #8 for international students; they also could not get in touch with Devin or Caroline, so many things are tabled (including Childcare and other discussions), therefore, the tabled issues will resume in fall 2020.

- **Student Affairs:**
 - Hagemeyer: Only one in attendance; seeing if RSOs or other organizations to discuss parking, starting with graduate students or potentially undergraduates as well.

Funding Requests: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- *Resolution #8: International Students* sponsored by Representative Hirsch
 - Original resolution about the ICE order from June 6, 2020 about international students

- Order was rescinded by ICE and the White House, therefore, the resolution changed to show COGS's support of international students.
- Discusses the international students either staying or returning to the United States. We hope to send this resolution to senators and representatives to show our view on the issue of how F-1 and M-1 visas are being handled.
- Creigh: Mentioning the travel restrictions from other countries to return to the United States as a part of issues international students face.
- Hirsch: Seeing if representatives and senators can include F-1 and M-1 visa students can be included into the exemptions to return
- Q&A: Blake-Hedges: Should COGS include The Globe into the recipients of the resolution? Hirsch: This resolution would be good to send out, but not knowing who specifically it should be sent to. Morgan: Dr. Cynthia Green might be someone.
- First Round of Pro: Blake-Hedges: Though the order was rescinded, COGS should continue to show support of international students, we do not know what will happen next, so we should share out views to representatives and senators. Morgan: I have international students in my cohort, virtual therapy is happening but they need to be in the state of Florida to practice the sessions – this includes a wide range of professions that make it mandatory for them to be in Florida, which might add years to their studies if they do not get their hours of work in.
- First Round of Con: NONE.
- Second Round of Pro: Motion to Call to Question by Blake-Hedges, 2nd Hagemeyer. No objections. **VOTE: 5-0-0. Resolution 8 PASSES.**

Round Table:

Adjournment: 7:43 PM

Next Meeting:

Monday, August 31st, 2020 at 6:30 PM via Zoom