

## TWENTY EIGHTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



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



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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Creigh

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

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** Brinkman, Fisher, Nelson

**REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** Cheuwa

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Motion to Approve Minutes: Mathesie; Hirsch second; No Objections; APPROVED.

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:** Teresa Simone, prospective representative, 3<sup>rd</sup> year PhD in theater, GAU member and university chair  
GAU Bargaining: opened bargaining and little movement, working on getting fee relief due to COVID.

**Messages from Student Government:** None

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

**Elections:** None

**Report of Officers:**

- **The Report of the Speaker**
  - Has been working on resolutions with the committees, lots of meetings and work with other people to work on these resolutions, Hirsch and Hagemeyer helped and Blake-Hedges helped looked over the work and Creigh for assistance with resolution 6

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
  - New fiscal year coming up, accounts will be updated for this previous fiscal year soon, still not funding any events or travel at this time.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**
  - Nothing to report, haven't held office hours yet, but will soon when other duties are finished.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
  - N/A

**Committee Report:**

- **C-SAC:**
  - Have not met.
- **Internal Affairs:**
  - Have not met.
- **Student Advocacy:**
  - Have not met, Devin is the chair but is not a member currently.
  - Hirsch said she would be current chair over the summer.
- **Student Affairs:**
  - Met day after last COGS meeting in May, decided on questions to include in student parking survey and planning on sending the survey out to students.

**Funding Requests:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Resolution #6: presented by Hagemeyer
  - Policy on funding virtual events, setting up guidelines for virtual event funding, COVID has made things easier to do online and people may continue to do similar things even after COVID, want to be proactive and set up a system for the future
  - Questions and answers
    - Creigh – how we are going to form a committee?
      - Speaker Morgan – appoint people to a committee, was going to ask Blake to chair it and Creigh and Hagemeyer to take part on it because they participated in the budgeting process
        - Could also pick a current committee to assign it to them – student affairs or internal affairs
    - Mathesie – Could budget committee adopt it?
      - Michael – could potentially do it, would have to reassemble committee as it is no longer standing
- Pro

- Hagemeyer – too early to put guidelines out there, so making a committee to do it would make it more solid, there is a growing trend of virtual events, think it's good for RSOs to currently use funds for online events
- Hirsch – good resolution to pass. need more specific guidelines in place but it is a start.
- Cons
  - Blake-Hedges – should decide whether to make a new committee or put it on an existing committee before we pass it
    - Michael – preferential to put it on an existing committee, maybe internal affairs
    - Blake – could wait until the fall to assign it to a committee
    - Hagemeyer – in favor of assigning it to a committee
- Motion to amend resolution 6 - Hagemeyer
  - Strike “a committee shall be formed” and replace it with “a committee shall be assigned”
  - Second, Mathesie
  - Amendment passes 5-0-0
    - Motion to call the question, Mathesie
    - Second Creigh
    - **Vote 5-0-0 resolution 6 as amended passes**
- Resolution #7: presented by Hirsch
  - To show our continued support for all races and ethnicities, especially those that might fall into marginalized groups; this resolution not only supports our students but shows we take a stand against systemic racism; a good time to make a statement and not stay silent
    - Michael – we should be careful to the word soliciting, we are not funding things right now so soliciting funding requests is not a good idea
  - Questions and answers
    - none
- Pro
  - Blake-Hedges: a great message to show our support for our constituents and show that we welcome diversity and do not tolerate hate.
- Cons
  - Mathesie: in support of this bill but the wording may put us in an awkward position; want to make a motion to remove everything after protest and assembly; don't want to confuse anyone on what we can fund, can't fund something with a political agenda but should have an academic purpose; right now all funding is frozen and can't fund anything until minimum of July 1
    - Hirsch: suggests that we take out “by soliciting funding requests for events that focus on”
- Motion to amend resolution 7 - Mathesie

- Strike “As always COGS supports FSU’s students’s rights for peaceful protest and assembly by soliciting funding proposals for events” and replace with “As always COGS supports FSU students’ rights for peaceful protest and assembly in general, but specifically in this time, ones”
- Second, Hagemeyer
- Amendment passes 5-0-1
  - Motion to call the question, Blake-Hedges
  - Second Hagemeyer
  - **Vote 5-0-1 resolution 7 as amended passes**

**Round Table:** Blake-Hedges, Hirsch, Mathesie, Creigh, Hagemeyer, Cheuwa, Morgan, Jacalyn

**Adjournment: 7:46 PM**

**Next Meeting:  
July 20th, 2020**