



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

**THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Assembly Meeting

June 26, 2023

6:30pm

Agenda

**Call to Order:** 6:32pm

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Rep. Rogowski

**Present:** Balogun, Beavon, Galeano, Rogowski, Solmaz, Vaughn, Wesner

**Absent-Excused:** Delva, Ebuara

**Reading and approval of the Minutes:** Galeano, 2nd - Beavon

**Special Election for New Speaker**

Rogowski: Rep. Basualdo has submitted his resignation, so we will need to hold a special election. We do have someone who is interested in the position of Deputy Speaker of Finance, but is on a leave of absence for the summer - Joshua Burns. We will now open the floor for nominations for the new Speaker.

Vaughn - I would like to nominate Susan Rogowski. Galano - 2nd.

Rogowski - I accept.

Vaughn takes over Rogowski for acting Speaker

3 minutes for speech on why Rep. Rogowski should be elected: Have been in COGS for over a year and in the role of Deputy Speaker of Finance for almost a year. Wants to have more opportunities to do big picture things while also working to have more leadership experience within COGS.

Technical, non-debatable questions:

Wesner - How much longer at FSU? I plan to graduate in May.

Vaughn - How do you see yourself leading COGS during the next year? Plan to continue communication with SGA when it comes to Sweepings and other processes. Making sure to have a seat at the table.

Galeano - Motion to extend questions. 2nd - Beavon

Balogun - What stage are you currently in your studies? I'm going into my last year.

Balogun - Will your dissertation be a barrier? No. I'm good at managing my time.

Executive roles are paid positions. I've already been working to manage my time with the Deputy Speaker for Finance Role. Will stay with COGS until graduation.

Wesner - Motion to extinguish time; Galano - 2nd.

Pros:

Wesner - she is familiar with the position and how to handle those responsibilities.

Vaughn - She gives a lot to COGS, cares a lot, and will do a great job.

Balogun - She is passionate and has taken up leading COGS even in her current role.

Wesner - motion to extinguish time; Beavon - 2nd.

Galeano - motion to call to question; Beavon -2nd.

Vote: 7-0-0

Role of the Deputy Speaker for Finance:

Advisor Andy Johnson - clarified the order of succession for this. Either an acting deputy speaker can be appointed through the line of succession. If no one is put into the role, the SGA Speaker will appoint someone for the role. Speaker Rogowski is willing to act

as both Speaker and Deputy Speaker for Finance until the July meeting where we would either elect a new member or defer until the fall.

Rogowski - for the smoothest transition, it would be better if someone wants to take over the roll 100%. This is why I am willing to stay in both rolls until we elect someone. Everyone in the line of succession wants to waive this. If you are interested in the role, please speak to me between now and the next meeting. The election won't be until the next meeting. There is not much going on in the summer, so doing two roles is manageable until the fall.

Rogowski - Would anyone be willing to waive the line of succession and have the SGA President appoint someone into the role?

Galeano - Motion to waive the line of succession and have the SGA President appoint someone into the role. 2nd - Beavon

Galeano - motion to call to question; Solmaz - 2nd.

Vote: 6-0-0

### **Petitions into the Assembly:**

Shezin Hussain - Communication and Information Seat 1

Hussain - I am a 3rd year Ph.D. student in the School of Information. I want to apply for COGS because while applying for traveling funding, I learned more about COGS. When I sent in information, I didn't get as much information which motivated me to get involved. My peers also wanted to know more about COGS and most graduate students in my department want to know more about the timeline for grants. I have also seen committees and am interested.

Q&A -

Vaughn - Which committee would you like to be a part of? Advocacy and working on the relationship with GAU. Also want to help out with diversity measures.

Rogowski - Will you be available for COGS meetings in the Fall? Yes.

Pros -

Rogowski - I like that she looked up the committees. She seems passionate for advocacy and finding more members.

Balogun - I also see the passion in her.

Vaughn - Hate to see it, but the grant errors did bring us two people who were interested in learning more about COGS.

Vote: 6-0-0

Swearing in of Shezin Hussain

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:** N/A

**Messages from Student Government:** N/A

**Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:** N/A

### **Report of Officers:**

- Report of the Speaker: I am excited in this new role. Bear with me during this transition. Excited to be doing more big picture stuff. Excited to continue to be on the executive board and work on what the Fall semester will look like.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance: In conversations about grants. Dr. Williams has been working on the survey monkey system and we hope that students will now be able to see their updated status once approved. We will be testing this out. Once an application has been submitted, you should be able to

see your status and don't need to wait for an email. We want to do an audit of the grants to see if we can increase the amount.

- - Call for Volunteers for Grant Audit: If you are interested, please email Rep. Rogowski. Will be looking at information from before COVID. Rep. Solmaz is interested in helping out. Rep. Hussain is also interested in helping out.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs: N/A
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications: Excited to have a new member. Please continue to share the word about COGS.

**Committee Report:**

- C-SAC:
- Internal Affairs: N/A
- Student Advocacy: N/A
- Student Affairs: N/A

**Funding Requests:** N/A

**Unfinished Business:** N/A

**New Business:**

- Call for volunteers for International Student Orientation

August 11th: Galeano (maybe), Hussain, and Balogun

August 18th: Galeano, Rogowski, and Solmaz (maybe)

- Ideas to promote COGS - more active social media; CC the current representatives when emailing out to the different department heads about COGS open seats.

Rogowski: has anyone tried Market Wednesday? Solmaz - I have and there was a great turnout.

Point of information from Andy Johnson - Need to sign up through Nole Central for Market Wednesday. Also there are information fairs with tabling opportunities. There is an event tomorrow, but it might be too late. The one in the Fall, the registration opens this Saturday. Intent moving forward is to try to get a standing table for all of student government to use at each involvement fair. Might be good to have a COGS face there. Dr. Williams - Another way to reach out is to work with the Graduate School. Can also encourage RSOs to go to those events as well.

**Round Table:**

**Adjournment:** 8:16pm

**Next Meeting: July 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom**