

TWENTY NINTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
Special Session
Zoom
06/07/2021
6:30 p.m.
MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:38 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Rep. Morgan

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Ahlbum, Creigh, Graves, Hagemeyer, Harshe, Hirsch, Morgan, Sizemore, Wiley

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Collins, Delva

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Gfatter, Sangokunle, Smith

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Morgan, 2nd by Wiley

Special Introductions and Student Comments: N/A

Messages from Student Government: N/A

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:

Elections:

Petition into Assembly:

Shibu Adhikari

- Second year PhD student. Wants to actively work in the community. He was actively involved within his own community in department. Since there is minor representation within his small department, he wants to give a voice of his colleagues, extend his connections, and improve academic process. Very interested in taking responsibilities regarding COGS. Currently working as a treasurer for his department and would be happy to be involved with COGS.
- Questions:
 - o Rep. Hirsch: Have you looked at the committees in COGS? Which would you like to serve on?

- Answer: Student Affairs.
- Rep. Graves: COGS has meetings on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Do you have any conflicts?
- Answer: Since I am done with coursework, I am a full-time research assistant. There won't be any concerns or conflicts.
- Pros:
 - Rep. Hirsch: They seem eager to learn and get started. He would make a great fit into the Congress.
 - Rep. Harshe: They represent Nepal and therefore a minority community. He would provide a good representation.
 - Rep. Graves: It is great to have someone else in experience regarding school-related committees, along with being an international student. His perspective will help the Congress.
- Call to Question: Rep. Hirsch call to question. 2nd by Rep. Ahlbum.
- Vote: 8-0-0
- Dept. Speaker Sizemore swore in Adhikari.

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker**
 - Found storage for AEDs, they will arrive at Westcott and shuttle them to university storage. Now waiting on meetings for language on accounts; seeing who in Student Affairs will lead that. Will not distribute AEDs until the language is set for setting them up, maintaining them, and other details for all the buildings. Finding building locations and then installation.
 - COGS did not get sweepings this year. \$2-3K was vetoed. Much of the money is not coming in. Going to set up a meeting to see why the money has not come through yet; it was supposed to take place today, but it was canceled last Friday. It will be difficult to find a time for everyone to meet for a specific time.
 - Ordered new umbrellas; special thanks to Rep. Harshe for finding the money for coffee hours for international students.
 - Asking all reps if there are any organizations that need funding.
 - Jessie O'Reilly talked with Speaker Hagemeyer about locations of COGS assembly and videotaping for representatives that cannot attend in person. Finding locations.
 - FSU Childcare funds were vetoed from the recent meeting, but they will cover those costs themselves.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
 - Getting into the swing of things, i.e., the role of Deputy Speaker for Finance. Creating quick references guides for various occasions.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**
 - Did first office hours today but working on reading COGS code.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:**

- Nothing to report; has not met.
- **Internal Affairs:**
 - Looking at various ways to help out representatives, prospective representatives, and so on. Team pictures, orientation, new membership and representation for presenting bills, speaking comfortably in front of the assembly, going over the Robert's Rules of Order (training day), and discussions of point of contact.
- **Student Advocacy:**
 - Met on Wednesday May 26, 2021. Got a lot done regarding distributing responsibilities. Dept. Speaker Creigh stepped down from co-chair of Advocacy; Rep. Graves is now the co-chair. Looked at resources for FSU Childcare; providing resources for graduate students by looking at local and federal funds for the assistance of graduate students, as well as other options other than FSU Childcare, along with explaining what the alternatives can do. Looking to see how new graduate students can get this information. Reaching out to GAU to see if childcare concerns/assistance can be introduced to become a part of the bargaining. Communication between COGS and regular graduate students; regarding concerns. Seeing to find links or Qualtrics forms for graduate students to communicate concerns to specific COGS committees, whether that be a form, someone specific, or other means. That is, making easier for students to contact COGS. Future meeting planned.
- **Student Affairs:**
 - Still haven't met since last meeting. Sizemore was thinking about stepping down and wondering about electing a new chair for Student Affairs. A meeting will determine the new chair, along with an election during that meeting.

Funding Requests: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Round Table:

Adjournment/Finale Roll Call: 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2021