



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting

March 6, 2023

6:30pm

Minutes

Call to Order: 6:47pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Rep. Mostbauer

Representatives Present: Amaraneni, Basualdo, Beavon, Casseus, Delva, Elmi, Ilesanmi, Mostbauer, Vaughn

Representatives Absent, Excused: Burns, Galeano, Gui, Risler, Rogowski, Salimi

Representatives Absent, Unexcused: Lenchitz

Reading and approval of the Minutes: Vaughn, 2nd - Delva

Petitions into the Assembly: N/A

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: Met with Dr. Hecht and talked about COGS moving forward. Main goal to work to fill empty seats. Working on a resolution with the Medical School in the future along with some other changes to the code.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance: N/A
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs: COGS guide has been updated for 2022-23. The book has information on Robert's Rules of Order and other important information about COGS and SGA. Please take one.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications: Making nametags for new members- Elmi, Beavon, Casseus, Mostbauer need nametags. Please encourage RSOs you work with to send in requests for funding with their end of the year events and encourage others to apply for travel grants.

Committee Report:

- C-SAC:
- Internal Affairs: Rep. Delva - Finalized a draft to change the Code on group travel. Is not currently worded so that RSOs can travel as a group. It is focused on groups serving as a panel. Currently working on a newsletter to be put out by the end of the semester. Want to have continuity and give COGS more strength. Discussion on raising money concerning conference grants.
- Student Advocacy: Rep. Ilesanmi - no meeting since last time
- Student Affairs: Rep. Casseus - will be getting headshots and nametags for members. Planning a spring social for graduate students. Will be held at the Bowling alley and Proof on **April 21st from 7-11pm**. Discussed meeting with RSOs about the international student population on campus.

Funding Requests:

Bill #7: Applied Sports Psychology

Rep. Delva: Bill is for \$5064 to use for a conference from 8am-9pm on March 24th.

Wide range of activities and 2 keynote speakers. Will have poster and lecture

presentations by current students and alumni. Very academically focused. Asking for money for office supplies, food, and keynote speaker honorarium. Open to all students.

Questions:

Ilesanmi - how many people on the honorarium? 4. There is a mistake on the calculation for contractual services. It should be \$3,300.

Delva - That is correct. We will need to adjust the contractual services section.

Ilesanmi - How much is food per person? \$15.

Pros:

Vaughn - I've seen posters all over the College of Education, so that's great.

Ilesanmi - Looks like a good event

Basualdo - I think it's great that you are hosting a conference here and we want to support it.

Beavon - Great for networking and finding a job.

Cons:

Amaraneni - Motion to amend contractual services to \$3,300 from \$2,550. 2nd - Mostbauer.

Voting: 9-0-0

2nd round pros:

Mostbauer - Motion to extinguish time, 2nd - Ilesanmi

Cons:

Amaraneni - The keynote speakers are expensive, more than the food.

Basualdo - This is pretty cheap per speaker. They can be \$2000.

Ilesanmi - Is there department funding? No. Are you a RSO? Yes.

Delva - can you expand on the speakers? One is an alumni and the other are professionals in the field who work with Olympic committees. They are very important people in the field.

Ilesanmi - are they in Tallahassee? No. And they are flying in? Yes. That's a bargain.

Amaraneni - motion to call to question. 2nd - Ilesanmi

Closing Statement - Thank you. I think this is a great event and it gives students the chance to talk about their research and interact with alumni in their field.

Vote: 9-0-0

Bill #8: FSU Cares

Rep. Mostbauer - Organization is asking for food on event on March 15th. On campus event where they will have a speaker. Will be an informational meeting about future Spring Break opportunities.

Questions:

Basualdo - This should probably have gone through the MSC.

Delva - Did you email with the leaders? Yes. Did they mention talking with the MSC?

Mostbauer - The email said that they had been approved by MSC, but it might have been for other things. It's not clear. They might only be asking us for food.

Delva - This is not up to code and funding needs to go through MSC.

Pros:

Delva - Good event, but they went through the wrong channel.

Delva - call to extinguish time; 2nd - Amaraneni

Cons:

Delva - they should have gone to MSC instead of us. We can't pass this because it's against code. Unfortunate, but against regulations.

Amaraneni - call to question; 2nd - Casseus.

Closing - Could only do what he could based on what he was sent.

Vote: 0-5-4 ; Bill does not pass

Bill #9: School of Teacher Education Graduate Student Association (STEGSA)

Rep. Casseus - Would like to have a gathering at the Rez. Don't have a date yet, it will be either April 29 or 30. Will be advertising through mailing list/fliers.

Questions:

Amaraneni - where are the details for the food? Where are they getting the food? Where are the details? They didn't give that information and they couldn't send anyone here tonight.

Motion to extinguish time - Ilesanmi; 2nd - Delva

Pros:

Basualdo - great event, but they need to be more specific.

Ilesanmi - motion to extinguish time; Amaraneni - 2nd

Cons:

Motion to call to question - Amaraneni; 2nd - Ilesanmi

Closing comments: It's a shame that they didn't give enough details, but I can work with them to fix this to present again later.

Vote: 0-1-8; fails to pass

Bill #10: Reallocation of COGS C-SAC to COGS Food Account

Delva - We have CSAC, but this committee has not been active. We need more money in our food account, so this money is being transferred.

Questions: Motion to extinguish - Amaraneni; 2nd - Ilesanmi

Pros:

Basualdo - we are shuffling around money so it can be better used. Most requests are going through the assembly, so CSAC hasn't been needed.

Motion to extinguish - Ilesanmi; 2nd - Amaraneni

Cons:

Motion to call to question - Ilesanmi; 2nd - Amaraneni

Closing Statements: Thank you everyone. Yay food.

Vote: 9-0-0

Bill #11: Reallocation of COGS Conference Presentation Grants July 2022 – October 2022 to COGS Unallocated

Vaughn: reallocating money from leftover presentation grants to cogs unallocated to have money to support organizations around campus. I hope that you will support this reallocation of money.

Questions: None

Pros:

Amaraneni: I will say that we need this transfer to help unallocated have money in order to be able to fund big events for RSO's like sports psychology.

Motion to extinguish time: Ilesanmi; 2nd. Elmi

Cons:

Call to question - Amaraneni; 2nd - Ilesanmi

Vote: 9-0-0

Bill #12: Reallocation COGS Conference Presentation Grants July 2022 – October 2022 to COGS Conference Presentation Grants March 2023 – June 2023

Vaughn: We just allocated some of the leftover money, the remaining money will go to March-June presentation grants. Encourage your friends to apply for these presentation grants for spring and summer conferences. Just reallocating money in order to use it better.

Questions:

Amaraneni - extinguish time; 2nd - Ilesanmi

Pros:

Basualdo - transfer of funds so that we can use them. Easy to do.

Extinguish - Ilesanmi; 2nd Delva.

Cons:

Motion to call to question: Ilesanmi; 2nd - Delva

CS: Hope you see the point to reallocating the funds and let's vote.

Vote: 9-0-0

Bill #13: Learn Funds Transfer

Vaughn: I apologize for the typo. On the request. We can adjust this during cons. Learn general expense account needs to be moved to the contractual services account. They need the money from one account to go to another in order for them to use it.

Question - Why wasn't this money in their contractual account? There was an error and it should have been put in contractual services so they can use it.

Pros -

Amaraneni - good to let them be able to use their funding

Delva - in favor of an organization working to spend their money

Extinguish - Delva; Elmi 2nd

Cons -

Ilesanmi - motion to amend from \$15,000 to \$1,500. Delva - 2nd.

Vote: 9-0-0

Pros: Motion to extinguish time - Amaraneni; Elmi - 2nd

Cons:

Motion to call to question - Amaraneni; 2nd - Ilesanmi

Closing Statements: I hope everyone supports LEARN

Vote: 9-0-0

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Round Table:

Adjournment: 8:17pm

Next Meeting: **March 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Senate Chambers (3rd floor New Student Union)**