

TWENTY NINTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Budget Meeting
Zoom
March 15, 2021
6:30
MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:33

Pledge of Allegiance: Collins

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Hagemeyer, Mendez, Blake-Hedges, Delva, Creigh, Collins, Brinkman, Morgan, Sussman, Ilesanmi, Smith, Sizemore

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Cheuwa, Hirsch

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Sangokunle

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve, Blake-Hedges; second, Creigh. No Objections.

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

- Senator Linsky
 - o Hoped to raise the budgets for both MSC and LSC. This is because we are going to have a huge increase in unallocated budget in the year to come, and the university will be opening so there will be an increased in events.

Messages from Student Government: None.

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:

- The office of governmental affairs was standing against a bill that would affect funding for students based on degree, but the bill has since been pulled off the floor to be amended.

Petitions into the Assembly:

- Speaker inserted petitions into the Assembly during the budget meeting.
 - o Jamie Graves – College of Social Sciences – hopes to really get involved in student government and come solve issues on a higher level that she has already seen within her department. Has some experience with SGA

- Is interested in the internal affairs committee or student advocacy committee. Feels she could do the most with student advocacy.
 - Tatiana Ahlbum – College of Social Sciences – has attended student senate meetings, became interested in the student government at FSU and hopes to strengthen the bond between COGs and the senate body. Would also love to represent her own college on COGs.
 - Interested in joining student affairs or internal affairs committee.
 - Kate Wiley – College of Social Sciences – does not have any experience with SGA but is excited to have the chance to experience student government in post grad.
 - Interested in joining student affairs committee.
- **Questions**
 - Are any of you interested in taking a student leadership position within cogs? -Morgan
 - Graves – that would definitely be an option for me in the future.
 - Ahlbum – I would be very open to taking a leadership position.
 - Wiley – I am not opposed to taking a leadership position, but I am not well versed in SGA protocol at the moment.

Pros

- They all seem excited to join and they have time to commit to COGs. – Mendez
- They seem excited about joining COGs and everything that we're doing right now. – Collins
- **Motion to approve by acclimation vote, Blake-Hedges; Second, Delva. No Objections.**
- **All three petitioners are approved and sworn in.**

Report of the Budget Committee: Representative Blake-Hedges presents the regulations for voting on the budget. A two thirds vote in favor is required in order to approve the budget. Blake-Hedges provides overview of the finalized budget. There was a 5% increase in the overall budget. The majority of people funded did receive an increase in funding in comparison to the previous year, if their funding requests fit the statutes. We did receive fewer funding requests from RSO's this year, but this may have been related to COVID. we did leave more money in the unallocated budget to compensate, as we foresee more RSO's coming forward with requests later in the year once the university opens. She then reviewed each line item.

Consideration of the Annual Budget:

- **Bill #1: The Annual Budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year**
- Questions
 - None
- Pros
 - Morgan – really appreciates the work of the budget committee. It is great that almost all of the organizations were able to be funded and that it was great work.

- Mendez – in regard to LSC and MSC, the funding was overall fair and took into account the reasoning for funding all other RSOs.
- Creigh – there were many more people on the budget committee this year than last year so that was great, and the budget seemed very generous.
- Cons
 - None
- 2nd round of pros
 - None
- Motion to Call the Question by Mendez; Morgan second. No Objections.
 - Vote by Roll Call
 - **Budget passes 11-0-0 in favor.**

Round Table:

Adjournment/Finale Roll Call: 7:33 PM

Next Meeting: April 5th 6:30 pm via Zoom