



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting
March 20, 2023
6:30pm
Minutes

Call to Order: 6:35pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Basualdo

Present: Basualdo, Beavon, Burns, Casseus, Delva, Gui, Risler, Rogowski, Salimi, Vaughn

Absent, Excused: Zeinab

Absent, Unexcused: Amaraneni, Galeano, Lenchitz

Late: Ilesanmi, Mostbauer

Reading and approval of the Minutes: Rogowski, 2nd - Nella

Petitions into the Assembly:

Eric Wesner, Veterans Advocate Seat

PhD student and a Veteran. Wants to advocate for veterans on campus.

Questions:

Rogowski - How many years until graduation? Around 5 since I'm a first year.

Basualdo - What is your availability on Mondays? I'm free.

Basualdo - Do you have a committee you are interested in? Not really at this time.

Pros:

Burns - having a veteran student is beneficial because they are an overlooked population, especially graduate students.

Salimi - could be here a long time which is good

Motion to extinguish time: Rogowski; 2nd - Delva

Vote: 11-0-0

Swearing in of Rep. Wesner

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:

New point of contact for now is Dr. Williams

Dr. Williams report: Alumni is looking for students for a campus beautification project to repaint some of the logos around campus if we would like to participate as COGS.

Information Technology Governance Council - attended a meeting for this council and is acting as a student voice if there are any IT issues on campus. There are updates needed with cyber security.

- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance:

We need to spend money before the end of the semester within our unallocated.

We don't want our funds to go into sweepings. Please spread the word. We might be able to fund events in May as well. We will be advertising it to our RSOs.

Catching up on travel grants and there are many for this funding period, please apply for the grants.

- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs:

Working on a resolution that will be presented today and we are working to clean up the Code.

- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications:
COGS website updates are in progress. We will be having upcoming events headed by COGS, so look for that. Nametags are in progress. Please send me headshots for the website.

Committee Report:

- C-SAC: N/A
- Internal Affairs: Working on the Code.
- Student Advocacy: Have not met.
- Student Affairs:
Graduate Student Bowling Social - April 21st at 7-11pm with food from Proof.

Funding Requests:

Bill #14: Masters of Public Health Student Health Association

Event for hooding of semester graduates. This event is every semester and has been funded by COGS in the past including last semester. There will be a keynote speaker. Estimated attendance of 130 in the ballroom on May 5.

Questions:

Delva - How many of the 130 will be graduate students? There will be 30 students graduating and they expect other classmates to be there as well.

Rogowski - How many were in attendance last semester? Last semester was Fall which is smaller and there were around 50 in attendance.

Burns - What is the vendor for the food? Legacy catering and Publix as well as Mission BBQ.

Rogowski - Are they aware that if they are in the ballroom, majority must be Legacy catering? All food items are from Legacy.

Pros:

Vaughn - they've had this many times and we've funded it many times, so it's good to have

Rogowski - good because we need to use the money

Delva - Good way to celebrate graduation

Basualdo and Rogowski - It's a good way to honor the students who are Masters

Burns - I like events like this because it brings in community with graduate students

Burns - move to extinguish time; Delva - 2nd.

Cons:

Rogowski - motion to call to question; Delva - 2nd.

Closing statements:

Thank you for the support and we hope to have this event again and everyone is welcome to attend.

Vote: 12-0-0

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Resolution #2: MSC Travel Grant Allocations

Motioning to change the COGS code and MSC constitution to help the underrepresented clinical students who do not get to take part in on campus

organizations. Conference funding for this population would go through MSC instead of COGS. If you don't know, students in their Clinical years are not on campus, so they are not getting to use their A&S fees through on campus activities. Due to that, we are allowing access to conference travel funding through MSC's budget.

Questions:

Mostbauer - the resolution says 30th congress in the body instead of 31st.

Rogowski - Can you tell us about this population? They are located off campus and are still part of the Medical school. We are trying to use inclusive language with clinical students.

Mostbauer - does this have financial impact? No. This allows for MSC to work with travel and does not impact our funding or budget. We are currently working to change the code on group travel to make it more inclusive for everyone.

Point of information - Rogowski - They were in the past given money for travel, but the code did not allow it. We are now adjusting wording to meet their needs.

Pros:

Burns - Thank you for working on this resolution to solve an issue within the code. I appreciate the language to work on solving inequities. These students should benefit from the fees they paying.

Basualdo - I'm in favor in allowing the students to benefit from A&S fees since they aren't on campus.

Point of information - Delva & Rogowski - this is not a bill. This is more of a promise of action. It is a temporary solution so that we can then take action in the future on the code through a bill. This is our plan and roadmap for changing the code concerning travel.

Rogowski - lot of conversations about the code and this issue. This is a fair compromise.

Cons:

Vaughn - Motion to change the wording on the resolution from 30th to 31st. 2nd - Salimi.

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

Vote - 12-0-0

Pros:

Rogowski - motion to extinguish time; Casseus 2nd

Cons:

Rogowski - motion to call to question; Delva - 2nd

Closing statements - Good step in the right direction to help the clinical students because we have been talking about group travel for a year and we want to move forward on this topic.

Vote: 11-0-0

Round Table:

Adjournment: 7:46 pm

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