

TWENTY EIGHTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
Regular Session
HCB 103
March 2, 2020
6:30 p.m.
MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:45 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Hagemeyer

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Blake-Hedges, Creigh, Fisher, Hagemeyer, Mathesie, Mendez, Morgan, Cheuwa, Fomberg

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Brinkman, Nelson

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to Approve Minutes, Mathesie; Fomberg 2nd; No Objections; APPROVED.

Special Introductions and Student Comments: None

Messages from Student Government: None

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: None

Elections:

- Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs
 - Representative Mathesie nominated by Speaker Morgan. Mathesie accepts. Mathesie moves for a 2 ½ minute recess. Blake-Hedges seconds; No objections. Q&A: **Fomberg** – do you feel you have the time to dedicated to the position? **Mathesie:** I do. **Blake-Hedges** – do you feel you have ideas you will bring to the position? **Mathesie:** I do. **B-H:** Do you have any ideas to code changes you want to make? **Mathesie:** Yes. **PRO:** Fisher: He seems to be interested in the subject and has the confidence level & drive for it. Blake-Hedges: Has experience and has helped a lot on cogs already. Blake-Hedges: very enthusiastic with COGS; previous student government experience. Hagemeyer motions to vote by secret

ballot, Blake-Hedges seconds. Ballot Vote: 8-0-0; Mathesie elected and sworn in as Deputy Speaker.

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker**
- Campus safety tour- Dep Speaker Mendez will be going; finally got township receipt! Will be addressing a new resolution for the Student Bar Association case.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
 - Discusses the funding requests and new resolution, CSAC has no new requests, reviewed accounts and possible upcoming funding requests,
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**
 - Nothing to report.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
 - Nothing to report.

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:**
 - Has not met.
- **Internal Affairs:**
 - Has not met.
- **Student Advocacy:**
 - Has not met.
- **Student Affairs:**
 - Has not met.

**10 min recess for committees to establish meeting times and talk. Recess began at 7:04pm and back to order at 7:14 pm.*

Funding Requests:

- Bill #17: COGS Code Revision 206.6
 - Proposed the removal of terms excessive and irresponsible from code because they were deemed too vague by supreme court case ruling. Q&A: Will the speaker retain the power to veto requests with this change? Hagemeyer: should this be tabled for now, because the removal of these terms would not be useful in making the code constitutional? Mathesie: was funding ever denied previously under this code? Hagemeyer: if this is struck, what would be the next step? First round of PRO: Cheuwa: Not everyone is from law school so the language should be easily understandable to all. We need to be as precise as possible. Fomberg: removal likely won't cause any immediate issues. First round of CON: Mathesie: it seems like a band aid; in that it is a temporary and insufficient fix to the ambiguity. The removal makes it more ambiguous. Mathesie: moves to amend the bill to change "may" to "Shall" and add "or excessive" so that the statute would read "the Speaker and Deputy Speaker for Finance shall reject requests for expenditures that they deem fiscally irresponsible". Morgan seconds. No objections. Amendment to bill passes. Morgan motions to call the question. Fomberg seconds. Vote: 9-0-0; PASSED.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- Resolution #4: Student Bar Association Softball Team Travel- Q&A: Fisher: what is LSC's mindset on this? Blake-Hedges: I spoke with the chair of LSC, Lauren, and her and the board are on the same page about the repayment. Mathesie: what is the administration's viewpoint on the issue? Blake-Hedges: administration knows that COGS and LSC were meeting were going to discuss who will pay what. Fomberg moves to extend Q&A by 2 mins. Fisher seconds. Mathesie: does the administration offer financial support? Blake-Hedges: no this is decision between COGS and its funding board LSC. Hagemeyer: Does the speaker have the right to deny funding after accepting it? Morgan: the speaker has the right by code to deny things based on it being financially irresponsible or financially excessive. Mathesie motions to extend question by 1 min and a half. Blake-Hedges seconds. Fomberg: will LSC be funding themselves as well? Blake-Hedges: LSC will be paying the \$1,800. Hagemeyer: if LSC does not have the budget, will they have to refund the money? Blake-Hedges: from what the amount reported by accounting they should be able to refund them if SBA can provide receipts. PRO: Fisher: seems the resolution will allow us to move forward. Hagemeyer: it doesn't seem we have a lot of other options, they've been waiting a while for their money. Hagemeyer: our hands are tied, they deserve their money. CONS: None. Mathesie motions to amend resolution 4 to "Be it resolved..." replacing \$685 to \$1,875 from LSC' expense account will be... Creigh seconds; no objections. Amendment passes. Blake-Hedges motions to call the question. Mathesie seconds; No objections. **Vote: 9-0-0** Amended Resolution 4 **PASSED**.

Round Table: Everyone is good, Creigh: met with GAU on the 20th and they discussed bargaining for wages. Blake-Hedges: FSU childcare Dr. Seuss celebration this Friday 6:35 pm if anyone would like to come read books to the kids with me.

Adjournment: 8:03pm

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 23, 2020 6:30 PM in HCB 103