



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

TWENTY NINTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

COGS Special Session Meeting

Monday, May 10th, 2021

6:30 PM

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER: 6:36pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Representative Delva

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

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Collins, Sangokunle

Reading and Approval of the Minutes: motion to approve minutes, Sizemore; second Graves.

Petitions into the Assembly: Christian Gfatter (Arts & Sciences)

- Currently a graduate student in the Geology department. Previously attended USF. Would like to represent the College of Arts & Sciences, specifically his college, as they have little representation.
- **Questions:**
 - Harshe- What kind of problems do you see within your college you'd like to address?
 - Gfatter- Many students reach out for funding opportunities but do not know where to start. I would like to make students more aware of those funding opportunities as they have helped me.
 - Creigh- Which committee are you interested in?
 - Gfatter: Student Advocacy
 - Creigh- Are you financially certified?
 - Gfatter: Not yet, plan to do it this week.
 - Morgan- Is COGS something you'd like to continue with?
 - Gfatter: Would hope to transition to continue filling seats.
- **Pros**

- Sizemore- He seems to take COGS seriously and like he will put a lot of time into it.
- Morgan- He seems very conscientious about the decisions he makes and seems to be flexible with committee choices.
- Harshe- He shows good initiative
- Motion to approve the petitioner, Graves; Second, Creigh
 - Vote: 10:0:0

Special Introductions and Student Comments: None

Messages from Student Government: None

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: Representative Ahlbum now serving as OGA Liaison.

Elections:

- **Deputy Speaker for Finance**
 - **Nominations:**
 - Morgan nominates Representative Creigh; Gfatter seconds; Creigh accepts.
 - Creigh- I am happy to be running for Dept. Speaker of Finance. I joined congress back in 2019 and have been engaged both inside and outside of meetings. I have been involved in budgeting committees and have both inside and outside knowledge of funding requests. I hope to continue the dedication to detail Rep. Blake-Hedges had till my graduation in 2023. I would like to create more resources to understand the funding process including quick tip guides, RSO funding tips, guides for Reps, and a TLDR version of the financial manual.
 - **Questions:**
 - Morgan- do you feel you have enough time to commit to 10 office hours a week?
 - Creigh- Yes. Most of my coursework is done, just finishing up dissertation credits and teaching.
 - Delva- Did you have a chance to speak with past Dept. Speaker Blake-Hedges to discuss the responsibilities of the position?
 - Yes. She has been very helpful and even offered to create documents to assist with the transition.
 - **Pros:**
 - Hirsch- In working with Rep. Creigh he has been super great as a vice chair. He would be a great fit for this position.
 - Wiley- He has shown his dedication to COGS and will do a great job.

- Motion to call the question, Hirsch; second, Graves.
 - Vote: 9:0:0
- **Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs**
 - **Nominations**
 - Morgan nominates Rep. Sizemore; second Wiley; Sizemore accepts
 - Sizemore- Previously, Dept. Speaker Brinkman was my mentor during my first year of law school. In talking about the responsibilities, I feel this would be a great fit for me. I am not involved in any other organizations at the executive level and feel I would have more than enough time to dedicate to COGS.
 - **Questions:** None
 - **Pros:**
 - Morgan- One difficult thing is managing relationships between the MSC and LSC. It's great to have members of those schools in a position to help manage those conversations.
 - Motion to call the questions, Ahlbum; second, Hirsch.
 - Vote: 9:0:0

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker:** Survey coming about potentially hosting hybrid events in the fall.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance:** Nothing to report
- **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: Nothing to report
- Internal Affairs: Nothing to report
- Student Advocacy: Rep. Hirsch would like to schedule a meeting soon, please email them if you sit on this committee.
- Student Affairs: Nothing to report

Funding Requests: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- *Bill #6: Presentation Grants (November-February) Transfer to TomProject Coro Medical Funding*

- Hagemeyer- Previously discussed initiative to fund AEDs on campus with the TomProject. The bills all pertain to the same project but will be using different accounts.
- **Questions:**
 - Morgan- What is the basic level support training provided?
 - Hagemeyer- 20k has already been allocated from the Tom Project to Campus Recreation for CPR and AED training.
 - Morgan- How long after they're out, what is the timeline to train? Are we training Ras?
 - Hagemeyer- The University does not require RAs complete this training. The goal is to target the first few weeks when floor meetings are happening to offer classes and promote them for all students.
 - Hirsch- In an ideal world we would have one in every building, what is the process for choosing buildings?
 - Hagemeyer- This is a completely student led initiative, we decide all these plans. Ideally these AEDs will be in high traffic areas and areas where physical activity is common.
 - Creigh- if we are to pass this when would the process start?
 - Hagemeyer- Everything seems to be ready to move immediately, hoping ordering of AEDs can happen next week. Past Student Body President Levin found storage for them by the stadium and the goal would be to have them all installed by the time students come back next fall.
 - **Pros:**
 - Hirsch- this is a really great use of extra funds. This will have a lasting effect on our campus.
 - Sizemore- This is exactly what we want COGS to stand for. Really great initiative with a lot of work put into it. Great move for COGS.
 - Graves- The endowment fund is a great idea, no point in doing this is we can't keep up with the AEDs in the future.
 - Morgan- This is an unprecedented opportunity. This is going to directly help with the consequences of the pandemic. Our ability to do this now wouldn't exist in the future as these issues arise.
 - Motion to extend previous debate to bills #6-10, Morgan; Second, Graves. No Objections.
 - Motion to call the question, Morgan; Second Delva
 - **Vote: 8:0:2**
- *Bill #7: Presentation Grants (November-February) Transfer to TomProject Foundation Endowment*
 - **Vote: 7-0-2**
 - Graves disconnected due to technical difficulties
- *Bill #8: Presentation Grants (March-June) Transfer to TomProject Foundation Endowment*
 - **Vote: 7-0-2**
- *Bill #9: Attendance Grants (November-February) Transfer to TomProject Foundation Endowment*
 - **8-0-2**

- *Bill #10: Attendance Grants (March-June) Transfer to TomProject Foundation Endowment*
 - **8-0-2**

Round Table/Final Roll Call:

Adjournment: 8:40

Next Meeting: Monday, May 17th at 6:30 PM via Zoom