

TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
HCB 103, 109 Collegiate Loop
November 19th, 2018
6:34 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order: 6:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Morgan

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Blake-Hedges, Brinkman, Engelbrecht, Morgan, O'Neill, Scriven, Stewart, Uttermark, Stewart

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Burns, Solano, Sorribes

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: Lange

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

Swearing in of Members not at Inauguration: Demirsoy, Lozano, Oloye

Petitions into the Assembly: Christina Chiodi (Medicine), Melissa Shahbandeh (Arts & Sciences)

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Morgan Approved. Second.

Special Introductions and Student Comments: NONE

Messages from Student Government: NONE

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: NONE

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 1 Allocation to Graduate Literature Organization**

The organization explains that they are requesting funds for a conference scheduled for Spring 2019. The organization then overviews their mission, abstract selection process, and expenses for the conference. The conference will include a talk from a keynote speaker followed by roundtable. They further explain that their conference is usually done in house but would like to open it to a larger crowd. They plan to network with neighboring colleges to increase participation. Panel discussions will include a professor from Rice University, Media Theorist from Germany as well as local author. The organization has some funding from other sources. The conference is hoped to be more interdisciplinary. Representatives inquire why the allocation request differs from amounts on handouts, how many graduate students are expected to attend this event, and if the organization researched other prices for the reception and food expenses. Representatives also

ask how many attendees are expected to attend from out of town, is this the first year hosting a conference of this magnitude, how much has the department financially assisted with the conference, explanation of the reception layout, and if there are any conference fees associated with the conference. **FIRST PRO:** Engelbrecht notes that this is a rotating conference and would like to fund it at an amended amount. Demirsoy would like to fund the organization and admires that they've raised funds and received assistance from the department but also emphasizes the high expense amount. Blake-Hedges is in favor of funding at an amended amount. Morgan acknowledges the opportunity for students to present research and would like to hear about poster sessions to enrich more FSU students. Motion to amend request to: Food: \$1,000, Contractual Service: \$2,500, General Expense: \$1,500. Second. Motion passes. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill passes 1: 11-0-0; Food: \$1,000, Contractual Service: \$2,500, General Expense: \$1,500**

- Bill 3 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark: *Transferring Funds from Presentation Grant Account*
Deputy Speaker Uttermark explains that the funds being moved are unused funds from the July through October funding period that can be moved to the November through February funding period to fund additional students attending and presenting at conferences. This bill will sweep funds into current grant period. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill passes; 11-0-1.**

Round Table: Blake-Hedges, Brinkman, Chiodi, Engelbrecht, Morgan, Oloye, O'Neill, Scriven, Stewart, Uttermark, Shahbandeh, Stewart

Adjournment: 7:43pm

Next Meeting: December 3, 2018