



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

THIRTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting
November 28, 2022
6:30pm
Minutes

First portion of the meeting conducted by Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President, until the election of a new Speaker.

Call to Order: 6:36pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Neale

Representatives Present: Beavon, Boatright, Burns, Casseus, Galeano, Gerhold, Ilesanmi, Myhre, Neale, Rogowski, Vaughn, Vouzas

Representatives Absent, Excused: Delva

Representatives, Absent, Unexcused: Amaraneni

Reading and approval of the Minutes: Boatright; 2nd - Neale

Swearing in of Representatives: Elected members who did not attend the 2022 SGA Inauguration

Petitions into the Assembly:

- Luis Basualdo, Social Sciences & Public Policy, Seat 1
- Jordan Lenchitz, College of Music, Seat 1
- Oleksander Mostbauer, Arts and Sciences, Seat 3

Q&A:

Neale - Can you commit to meetings on Mondays from 6:30pm until they end? Yes

Rogowski - What committees are you interested in? All were interested in Student Affairs

Neale - Are you aware that you need to be financially certified? Yes

Pros:

Galeano - Luis and Jordan have been a part of COGS and we know they both are enthusiastic. Oleksander also seems to care about graduate student issues. It would be exciting to work with them.

Ilesanmi - We need new members and they all seem interested.

Vaughn - They all look like they will be a good part of the Congress and we know two of them already.

Motion to call to question for Basualdo - Vaughn; 2nd - Rogowski

Motion to call to question for Lenchitz - Rogowski; 2nd - Neale

Motion to call to question for Mostbauer - Boatright; 2nd - Rogowski

All pass 12-0-0

Motion to adopt the 31st Congress Rules of Procedure: Neale; 2nd - Vouzas.

Elections for Executive Board:

- Speaker: Nomination for Luis Basulado - Neale; 2nd Rogowski

3rd semester in COGS and dedicated to making COGS even better. This position isn't for him, it's to make it better for all of us. Rachel will help to guide him. Will be here for the next 2 semesters and leave it better than he started. Likes to joke around, but will take it seriously.

Q&A - You will be here in the Spring and Fall? It will be Spring and Summer.

Will you be open for communication? Yes.

What activities do you have outside of COGS? Full time job at the Department of Health and is Treasurer of another student organization. Work is very understanding of the need to be flexible.

COGS has had a lot of turmoil in the last several semesters, will you follow the rules according to code? Yes, I will follow Rachel's footsteps in following code. Hope to make congress bigger and more connected.

What strategies do you have for expanding COGS? Priority is to fill the congress and reach out to parts of the campus that have not been covered. Friends don't know what COGS is, so want to reach out to everyone including the new graduate students.

Pros:

Vaughn - He has the experience and the willingness to serve.

Lenchitz - Has enthusiasm.

Neale - Open to discussion and training.

Vote: 15-0-0

- Deputy Speaker for Financial Affairs

Nomination for Susan Rogowski - Vaughn; 2nd is Galeano

Currently serving in this role and is enjoying this role. Looking to continue this to create stability in the executive board with the budget hearings in January.

Q&A:

Aren't you a math major? Yes.

How long do you see yourself in COGS? Expected graduation in May 2024 and planning to stay on COGS as long as possible. Can foresee needing to step down in the summer as dissertation happens.

Motion to extinguish time: Vouzas; 2nd - Neale

Pros:

Vouzas: Has been doing this for a few months already and has experience. This role is hard and has a steep learning curve at the start. Rep. Rogowski is suited for this role.

Ilesanmi: She is organized.

Lenchitz: I appreciate her vision for the future.

Neale: A wonderful teammate who is always willing to help out and go above and beyond. Willing to take on serious and challenging issues. Has a creative approach to her problem solving.

Motion to call to question: Boatright, 2nd - Ilesanmi.

Vote: 14-0-0

- Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs

Pushed to Unfinished business for next meeting

- Deputy Speaker of Communications

Nomination for Laura Vaughn - Neale, Rogowski -2nd

Currently serving and have been enjoying it. Hopefully you've been seeing that our social media has been more active and that you've been receiving emails in a timely manner.

Q&A:

Neale: How long do you plan to stay on in COGS?

Vaughn: I have a long time before I graduate, I'm only in my second year, so I plan to stay on for a while

Motion to call to Question: Illesanmi, 2nd - Galeano

Pros: Laura has been great at communicating with me as a new member especially preparing for Inauguration, Illesanmi: She's been doing a great job especially with social media. Neale: She's been a great supporter within the executive board, has been checking the code and making sure she is doing all of her duties diligently.

Motion to call to Question: Rogowski 2nd - Boatright

Vote: 14-0-0

Special Introductions and Student Comments: N/A

Messages from Student Government:

Sam Diaz, Student Senate President

Looking forward to working with the new Speaker and elected officers. SGA is here to collaborate and work together. Contact information is on the SGA website.

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: N/A

Report of Officers:

- Report of the Speaker: Has some big boots to fill. You are all amazing people to work with. There will be a learning period, but will make sure that things run smoothly and please have patience during the learning process.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance: Everything is going well and looking forward to next semester. Will be forming a budget committee ASAP. If you are interested, please send an email. It will be a busy two weeks around the end of January/early February, but will have an impact on campus. Looking for around 5 volunteers. Will be sending out emails. Also still needs a C-SAC committee - for the small funding requests that are less than \$1000.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs: N/A
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications: Watch out for emails coming out after finals about committee preferences and communication preferences.

Committee Report:

- C-SAC: N/A
- Internal Affairs: Will be putting out a newsletter on behalf of COGS. Want to send out information to RSO's about funding requests. Focus on advertising open seats to help put out information and how to apply. COGS code will be looked at heavily in the next few months for updates. Internal affairs will be putting

something together for training for new representatives. Make sure to review the code and FSU student body statues until then.

- Student Advocacy: Nothing new since early November and will be meeting in early December.
- Student Affairs: No meeting since last time.

Funding Requests: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business:

Vaughn - FSU Childcare got a multimillion-dollar grant where they will provide free tuition for 75 slots for FSU students needing childcare. This does address some of the concerns brought up by the Student Advocacy committee earlier in the year.

Round Table:

Adjournment: 7:50pm

Next Meeting: **January 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Senate Chambers (3rd floor New Student Union)**