



THIRTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting

Monday, November 29, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order: 6:38pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Alaba Ilesanmi

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Collins, Creigh, Delva, Hagemeyer, Harshe, Neale, Smith, Vouzas

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: Amaraneni

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Ryan

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Horner

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion: Collins; Second: Harshe

Reading and Approval of Internal Rules of Procedure: Motion: Hagemeyer, Second: Creigh

Elections: Conducted by Colbi Thykadavil, Student Body Vice President

Representatives: *Elected members who did not attend the 2021 SGA Inauguration*

- *Present:*
 - *Micah Hirsch*
 - *Shibu Adhikari*
- *Absent*
 - *Christian Gfatter*
- Present member-elects sworn in by Colbi Thykadavil

Executive Board:

- *Speaker*
 - Creigh: Nominates Gaurav Harshe; Second: Delva
 - Harshe delivered a speech
 - Recently served as the Student Advocacy Chair
 - I'd like to take COGS to the next level with the newer funds that can benefit newer members and our student body
 - Questions for Harshe:
 - Creigh: Do you have 10 hours to dedicate to this role?
 - Harshe: My supervisor is willing to support me in this role, so I will have much more flexibility in my schedule to dedicate to COGS

- Adhikari: It has been noted as a challenge to transition into the role as speaker. What will you do for COGS in your role?
 - Harshe: We are a cutting-edge university that is well-esteemed in the university world. I want to see what COGS can do for our rising status. I will not have too much of a transition problem, so I study university administration and higher education. I can lend myself from that expertise and bring that to COGS.
 - Pros:
 - Collins: As a new member, he has always taken initiative to become involved.
 - Hagemeyer: From the start, he was trying to figure out how to become involved with COGS more. He is constantly meeting new people, and his specialization in this area pertains to what this role entails, so he would do well in this role.
 - Adhikari: I am on his committee, and Gaurav is always on time and very fascinated with COGS and its mission.
 - Cons: Seeing none
 - Motion to remove the rest of pro: Hagemeyer; Second: Creigh
 - Vote: 8-0-2
 - Thykadavil swore in Representative Harshe as Speaker.
- *Deputy Speaker of Finance*
 - Collins: nominates Robert Creigh; Second: Delva
 - Creigh delivered a speech
 - Been a representative of COGS since Fall 2019
 - I've been a representative every semester
 - I've participated in the Budget committees, and wish to continue to hold the role of Deputy Speaker of Finance
 - I want to continue my job to implement things such as the Annual Budget Committee
 - I've been working on creating quick tip worksheets for the RSOs, and would like to continue this role.
 - Questions:
 - Collins: Do you have time to continue to dedicate toward this role?
 - Creigh: Yes, I am no longer taking classes and will continue office hours 5 days per week.
 - Pros:
 - Hirsch: I've worked with Rory through COGS and the Student Advocacy Committee and I think he would do a great job continuing in this role.
 - Hagemeyer: Rory's experience outdates everyone's in this room. Finance within COGS is a difficult role to master. He's made this process easier for the RSOs to utilize the funding we have to offer. We should keep him in this role.
 - Motion to call to question by secret ballot: Hagemeyer; Second: Collins
 - Vote: 7-0-1
 - Speaker Harshe swore in Representative Creigh as Deputy Speaker of Finance.
- *Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs*
 - Collins: nominates Representative Delva; Second: Creigh
 - Delva delivered a speech
 - In this role, I'd like to implement a training program for new representatives
 - Questions:
 - What are you planning to do in this role and next year?

- Delva: I am planning to implement a training for representatives, that includes the rules and structure of COGS meeting. I would hope it would help others feel more comfortable and confident in their role in COGS.
 - Pros: Collins: She always shows up for meetings and I think she would put great care and attention toward these trainings.
 - Move to call to question by secret ballot: Hagemeyer; Second: Creigh. No objections.
 - Vote: 8-0-0
 - Speaker Harshe swore in Representative Delva as Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs
- *Deputy Speaker of Communications*
 - Creigh: nominates Representative Collins; Second: Hirsch
 - Collins delivers a speech:
 - I've really enjoyed my role and hope I get to continue communicating with colleges and serving COGS!
 - Questions:
 - Hirsch: Do you still have time to commit to this role?
 - Collins: Yes, I am no longer taking classes.
 - Adhikari: What do you hope to improve in your role if elected again?
 - Collins: I hope to communicate with colleges more personally beyond email.
 - Pros: Hirsch: Collins is reliable and gets things done when she says she is going to do things. Collins has expanded the social media in a wonderful way and thinks she will continue this in the future.
 - Hagemeyer: As speaker, he says that Collins made his job easier.
 - Vote: 8-0-0
 - Deputy Speaker Delva swore in Representative Collins as Deputy Speaker of Communications

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

- *Emma Feeks, Gift of Life Representative*
 - Student not yet in attendance. Speaker Harshe has received word she is in class.
 - Student spoke at 9:28pm about Bone Marrow matching. If you want more information, please come talk to me.
- *Maria Gabriela Cucalon Cabarcos, Business Analytics Program, College of Business*
 - Student not in attendance, but Speaker Harshe will reach out to student to speak at a later date.

Hagemeyer: moves for a 5-minute recess; Creigh: Second
 Collins: moves to extend recess 10 minutes; Second: Creigh
 Hagemeyer: Motion to resume the session; Creigh: Second

Committees:

*Motion to scratch the committee line during this placement in the schedule: Creigh; Second: Hagemeyer; No objections.

- *Internal Affairs Chair*
- *Student Advocacy Chair*
- *Student Affairs Chair*

Petitions into the Assembly:

- *Shyam Amaraneni- Graduate Student Advocate*

- Speech: I am from the College of Arts and Sciences. Last time, I held the Seat of Arts and Sciences but now I am hoping to hold the Graduate Student Advocate Seat.
- *Francis Baffour-Awuah Junior - Graduate School and Special Student Advocacy*
 - I am a 3rd year PhD student, and I have served as a link between the graduate students and faculty for my department. I want to join COGS to add value too myself and be part of the decision-making process. I would want to advocate in the area of health and wellness within the College of Arts and Sciences.
- *Samuel Boatright- Seat 3 Medicine*
 - I would like to work with this diverse group of people in COGS.
- *Susan Rogowski - Seat 6 Arts and Sciences*
 - I am a PhD student from the Math department. I've served on several different leadership positions, such as the Hispanic Graduate Student Leadership Committee. When I was a Master's Student, we were in a much smaller department, where it is easier to communicate ideas. Within COGS, at a large university, I'll have a better space to provide input.
- *Amber Mustafa - Seat 1 Education*
 - Second year PhD student, and here on a Fulbright Scholarship. I would like to represent interest for graduate students. I am the President of another student organization and I believe I could integrate both roles. I hope to embrace interdisciplinary collaborations. I would also like to add that I would like to join the Student Advocacy Committee, and would like to step in as the chair if the opportunity presents itself.
- *Laura Vaughn- Seat 2 Education*
 - I am a first-year PhD student petitioning for one of the College of Education seats. There is a lack of representation in the College of Education. I want to encourage other students to take part in funding and activities hosted by COGS.
- *Jorge Galeano Cabral - Seat 1 Engineering*
 - I am a PhD student in the Mechanical Engineering Program. I am a member of the FSU Provost Election committee; I want to make sure the Provost has graduate students in their best interest. Since I started FSU, I served as the President of the Hispanic Student Association in 2019. I would like to serve as the next International Student Advocate.
- *Parker Wilson - Seat 1 Medicine*
 - Excited to continue his role in student government from undergrad.
- *Jacob Myrhe- Seat 2 Medicine*
 - I am a first-year Med student. Board of the Chapter of American Medical Association. Interested in seeing what COGS can do within the university.
- *Alaba Illesamni- Graduate Student Housing Advocate Seat 1*
 - I will waive my statement.
- *Matthew Linsky - Law Seat 2*
 - I think I can provide a lot of value. I was a student affairs and students with disabilities representative at Columbia University. I began to understand the position that COGS is in within the last year, and contributed to the bill that led to the increase of COGS' budget.

Questions for the group: Seeing none

Pros:

- Hagemeyer: We have a great group of people coming in and they seem to be excited about getting involved
- Delva: They seem excited and a great group of people. They seem excited to learn, too.
- Hirsch: It's great that there's so many people interested in COGS. I'm looking forward to working with them, at some point.

Cons: Seeing none

Votes:

- Graduate Student Advocate: 7-0-1
- Seat 6 Arts and Sciences: 8-0-0
- Seat 1 Education: 7-0-1
- Seat 3 Arts and Sciences: 7-0-1
- Seat 2 Education: 7-0-1
- International Student Advocacy Seat 1: 7-0-1
- Seat 1 Medicine: 7-0-1
- Seat 2 Medicine: 7-0-1
- Seat 3 Medicine: 7-0-1
- Graduate Student Housing Advocate Seat 1: 7-0-1
- Law Seat 2: 7-0-1

Messages from Student Government:

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:

Report of Officers:

- The Report of the Speaker
 - Nothing to report
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
 - Lots of funding requests coming in, which is excellent.
 - Electing a Budget Planning Committee
 - This will occur in January. What I do need is a list of names of who wants to be on the budget committee for next spring. So, we can then have the Speaker nominate you. Speaker Harshe took a poll of who is interested in the Budget Committee.
 - No objections. Each member accepted the nomination.
 - Motion to accept the current slate: 13-0-2
 - If you did just get sworn in, please make sure you are financially certified before the next meeting.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs
 - Nothing to report from me. However, keep an eye out from an email from me if you were just sworn in today for the first time.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications
 - Nothing to report from me right now.

Motion to move into recess for 10 minutes; Collins: Second

*Committees met separately to internally elect new Chairs.

Committee Report:

- C-SAC:
 - Nothing to report
- Internal Affairs:
 - Rep. Linsky: Nothing to report, but we will be meeting in early January.
- Student Advocacy:
 - Rep. Mustafa: We are going to set up monthly meetings and our goals for the next year. We are excited to work together.
- Student Affairs:

- Rep. Smith: We debriefed about the Graduate Student Social. We thought about different locations for future events (i.e., Cascades)
- Grad appreciation week in planning
- Dog therapy available for COGS
- We also discussed providing ribbons for members who have been with COGS, and providing name tags to COGS members
- Hoping to hold another meeting before the semester ends

Funding Requests:

New Business:

Unfinished Business:

Round Table:

Adjournment: 9:31pm

Next Meeting: **January 2022, Date TBD**