

TWENTY NINTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
Zoom
October 18, 2021
6:30pm
Minutes



Call to Order: 6:43pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Representative Ryan

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Adhikari, Creigh, Collins, Hagemeyer, Harshe, Illesanmi, Gfatter, Ryan, Smith, Sussman

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: N/A

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: N/A

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Delva, Hirsch, Sangokunle

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Sizemore

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: Amareneni

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes: Ryan; Second: Sussman

Special Introductions and Student Comments: Hanya Noussier (graduate student from College of Communication and Information): Inquiries about using screenshots as student signatures rather than DocuSign. Directed to email the COGS Speaker following the email.

Messages from Student Government: Senator Randall, Student Government:

Amendment 10 passed. We have \$500,000 more going toward COGS in the next funding period. Our call to action is to fill open spots on COGS and also seek needs in the graduate school that require funding (e.g., grants, advocacy, improvements, etc.).

Senator Linsky, Student Government:

Often graduate programs are isolated from one another, and COGS allows leaders from each program to come together and lead the graduate school to making active change.

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: Office of Governmental Affairs is starting up again. Involvement in governmental affairs allow for student efforts to speak about certain legislation. Please contact Chris if you are interested in becoming involved.

Elections: N/A

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker**

- Our budget had originally increased over \$100,000. Our entire budget is based on A&S fees. All this money becomes SGA's budget. FSU hasn't had an increase in this for a long time, especially now that minimum wage is increasing. With this happening, there is a large support to increase A&S fees. We are proposing to support the entirety of FSU Childcare. This will not take effect until July of next year. We also propose to use the additional 500,000 dollars to fund the Supreme Court and FSU Childcare. Overtime, we will start to retain more of our money as undergraduate student government may require less of our support.
- There is also a Social planned at Proof Brewery on November 12th from 5-8pm.
- I also propose to use \$1,750 from the Speaker Fund on this Social
- Question from Rep. Ryan: given the law school and med school are often more dominant, can we give other colleges a chance ahead of time to sign up first?
- Answer: We can post this on NoleCental so it is accessible to everyone at the same time. But we can hold off on this until we've talked to individual colleges first.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**

- Amendment 10 clarifications: I plan on remaining Deputy Speaker of Finance for the next couple of years. I want to emphasize my involvement and my awareness of what is spent and where that money is going, as it pertains to the budget hearings and future allocation to SGA. I want to establish a relationship with SGA for the future.
- We should be funding our graduate students to competitively attend conferences and represent our university, so I will be proposing a competitive grant travel fund increase.
- With the new funding period, I've been staying up to date with allocating money appropriately.
- I will be adding additional funds for attendance and presentation grants for the next funding period.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**

- Not in attendance

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**

- I've spent a lot of the last couple weeks communication with organizations, colleges, and students regarding elections updates. I appreciate everyone being attentive to these emails!
- I am working with Deputy Speaker of Finance to create graphics for the upcoming Budget Hearings as a guide for RSOs.

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:** Deputy Speaker Creigh

- Met earlier today and discussed CHAOS at FSU for an honorarium, food

and beverage for an upcoming event and lecture series. This was passed 4-0-0 by Hagemeyer, Creigh, Delva, and Harshe on the committee.

- **Internal Affairs:** Deputy Speaker Collins
 - Still working on upcoming newsletter
 - Hoping to announce the finalized elected representatives following elections
 - These could potentially be published as unofficial results
- **Student Advocacy:** Deputy Speaker Creigh
 - We have not met. From what Rep. Hirsch has said, we are likely going to meet on the last Wednesday of the month. I can email them following this evening's meeting to confirm.
- **Student Affairs:** Presented by Rep. Hannah Smith
 - Organized upcoming events at most recent meeting
 - November 12th, Time -TBD, Social Mixer @ Proof Brewing Company, need to make fliers and marketing stuff but awaiting sweeping funding update, vendor already in the approved list, total invoice of \$1700 (1200-food, 500-service, gratuity, etc)
 - Headshots event for professional summer internships starting soon, or just for LinkedIn/social media, websites, feature stories, etc.
 - Story Circles/Graduates Anonymous - talking chats to just vent or learn from each other but in the format of alcoholics anonymous. [UNESCO has a whole format here we can just borrow.](#)
 - Graduate Student Appreciation Week! In Spring, during April 4-10, 2022. Apparently, a previous FSU student started this whole movement around grad appreciation weeks, we could even reach out to them. <http://nagps.org/about-us/gpsa-week>
 - Market Wednesdays but for Grad student orgs: Student orgs and Involvement office can be looped in, we would have to do another day than Wednesday to not confuse the two events or have another physical section where it's meant for grad tabling.
 - Grad student speed Friending! Plans to organize a format where we have two rows of chairs and a set time with guidance questions, once the time is up, one of the rows moves one spot and talks to another student, and so on.
 - Swag: sashes/stoles/chords for all graduate students who may want to use them at graduation, and preferably giving out COGS reps who have served any amount of time at COGS some moment about COGS.
 - Bollywood Movie night: Early spring semester doing a movie night with some snacks at the ASLC. Lots of South Asian grad student orgs that I can pool up so it is a COGS event as much as a fun undergrad movie event. CGE is in onboard this idea already!
- Upcoming events/planning presented by Rep. Harshe
 - Day at the Capitol- only for grads, I am already brainstorming this for international students because of my advocacy role in COGS, but we could plan to scale up for all grad students and meet with the Ed committee at the Capitol.

- Caucus/affinity groups: having race, ethnicity, gender, queer, out-of-state/in-state, domestic/international, college-specific, first/second... year-specific, masters/PhD/PostDoc. Having these affinity groups may help so folks can talk about their identities because the other people in the group just "get it"... helps build a strong community.

Funding Requests: N/A

Unfinished Business: C-SAC Consent Resolution

Presented by Dep. Speaker Creigh: The Counseling and School Psychology Students Helping to Advocate Organize and Serve (CHAOS) Student Organization is petitioning to fund their first lecture series on Health Service Psychology. They are requesting \$500 to fund an honorarium speaker, and \$115 for food and beverage for the event.

- No questions noted
- Pros: Seeing none
- Cons: Seeing none
- Second round of pros: Motion to call to question: Harshe; Second: Sussman
- Vote: 10-0-0

New Business: N/A

Round Table:

Adjournment/Finale Roll Call: 8:00pm

Next Meeting: Monday, November 8th, at 6:30 PM in HCB 103 & via Zoom