

## TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting  
HCB 103  
October 7th, 2019  
6:30 p.m.  
MINUTES



**Call to Order:** 6:34

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Nelson

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Blake-Hedges, Book, Chiodi, Fisher, Morgan, Nelson, O'Neill, Solano, Walton

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** None

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** None

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Brinkman, Shahbandeh

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** Cheuwa, LaBayne

**REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:** None

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** None

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Solano moved to approve, Chiodi second; Minutes are approved.

**Petitions into the Assembly:** Becan Hennighan (Education)

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:**

**Messages from Student Government:** None

**Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:** None

**Elections:**

- **Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs**  
There were no nominations.

**Report of Officers:**

- **The Report of the Speaker:**  
Speaker O'Neill: have been meeting with MSC and LSC throughout the week. Meeting with student senate to discuss updates to graduate seats in senate. There are about 15 seats currently and they have not been filled since 2002.

Senate looking into redistributing those seats but wanted graduate student input first.

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

Deputy Speaker Blake-Hedges: the financial report can be found on page three of the bill packet. Still need two people for C-SAC and would love volunteers for tabling opportunities for COGS at Grad School Boot Camp on October 16<sup>th</sup>, Honors, Scholars, and Fellows open house on October 17<sup>th</sup>, and Graduate Student Ambassadors: Chat and Chew on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

None.

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

None.

### **Committee Report:**

- **C-SAC:** No requests.
- **Internal Affairs:** Blake-Hedges: Met October 6<sup>th</sup> and discussed elections. There is a new chair for Internal Affairs who is Representative Morgan and vice chair Representative Mendez. Discussed code changes to MSC/LSC allocation functions. Working on COGS newsletter targeting all graduate student registered organizations. Next meeting will be in November.
- **Student Advocacy:** Solano: Met two weeks ago. Discussed women's hygiene products being available for free across campus. Talked about advocating for LSC for parking during the Civic Center Events.
- **Student Affairs:** Has not met.

### **Funding Requests:**

- **Bill 21: Neuroscience Graduate Student Association-** Bill was presented by Representative Fisher. **Q & A:** Solano: Is there a rule for how much money per person we can spend for food? Speaker O'Neill: Yes, \$8 a person. Solano: How many people did you have attend last year? Neuroscience Representative: Larger than the size of this room filled. Representative Solano: Did you need/use all of the \$2,000 from that year? Neuroscience representative: No. Blake-Hedges: Is this food for the speakers only? Neuroscience representative: No, the \$2,200 is not only for the 4 speakers but for the four meals. Solano: Is this for two different meals? Neuroscience representative: Yes, lunch and dinner. Solano: \$1,600 would be max for \$8 a person at 100-150 people. Blake-Hedges: what are these general expenses? Neuroscience representative: Banners, direction signs, supplies for event. Solano: \$960 colloquium series only sees 30 participants for \$8 per person for meals? Neuroscience representative: We like to shoot for the stars with our budget, but every event sees about 50-100 people. **PRO-** Solano: Their budget seems like they are well prepared. Point of clarification: Can you explain what the Rushton Lecture Series looks like? All day

event with 2 meals a day over 2 days and there are 4 different speakers for the two-day Rushton Lecture event.

**CON-** Blake-Hedges: some of these guesses on the stuff makes me uncomfortable about voting to support this for \$1,100. Solano: Motion to recess to discuss how to amend the bill. Speaker O'Neill: call to order. Solano: motion to amend Bill 21 to expenses to \$400 and food to \$2,760 to meet the \$8 per person rule. Walton: Seconds. Solano: motion to approve amended Bill 22. Walton seconds. Bill 21 passes with a vote of 8-0-1. **Food & Expenses: \$3,160.**

- Bill 22: Student Association for Religious Studies- Bill was presented by Representative Walton. **Q & A-**Solano: 1 keynote speaker? Student Association for Religious Studies: \$1,000 for 1 keynote and \$500 each for the other 2 keynote speakers. Solano: total number for speaker not including roundtable? Student Association for Religious Studies: \$1,785.38. Mendez: What is this email about honorariums? Student Association for Religious Studies: just a quote for research. Blake-Hedges: Would you like to round that to \$1,800. Student Association for Religious Studies: Yes, sure. Fisher: What was the total last time? Student Association for Religious Studies: \$3,000.  
**PRO-**Solano: events like this are good for the school's numbers and recruitment. Fisher: like the prestige with the honorarium speaker good for our school. **CON-**none. Blake-Hedges: Motion to Amend Bill 22 to \$2,800 for contractual services and a total of \$3,900. Solano seconds. Speaker O'Neill: bill amendment passes. Solano: motion to approve amended Bill 22. Chiodi seconds. Bill 22 passes in a vote of 9-0-0. **Food & Contractual Services: \$3,900.**

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Round Table:** Blake-Hedges, Book, Chiodi, Fisher, Morgan, Nelson, O'Neill, Solano, Walton. Elections: Declaration of Candidacy form was due October 2<sup>nd</sup> and may have to re-petition in if you did not submit form to run. Absences will reset with new congress after elections.

**Adjournment:** 7:58 PM

**Next Meeting:**

Monday, October 21, 6:30 PM, HCB 103

**Fall Meetings**

Monday, November 4, 6:30 PM, HCB 103

Monday, November 18, 6:30 PM, HCB 103

Monday, December 2, 6:30 PM, HCB 103