



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

THIRTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting
October 3, 2022
6:30pm
Agenda

Call to Order: 6:40pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Boatright

Representatives Present: Amaraneni, Basualdo, Boatright, Delva, Gerhold, Ilesanmi, Mekala, Myhre, Neale, Rogowski, Vaughn, Vouzas

Representatives Absent, Excused: Galeano

Reading and approval of the Minutes: Vouzas; 2nd - Rogowski

New Business: N/A

Petitions into the Assembly: N/A

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

- *Chris Hagemeyer, The Tom Project Inaugural Ceremony*
Repurposed travel fund in 2020 to donate to the Tom Project to help with heart screening. Event on October 14th in the Globe from 1-5pm. There will be free food and free heart screening. There will also be free CPR/AED Training. Please register to attend so that they have an idea of numbers.
- Rogowski - Write a resolution to give support to women's protest in Iran. If you are interested in helping, please let us know.
Vaughn - Iranian University students are being targeted now because of the protests and it is very serious. Biggest protest since the current regime came into power.
Delva - Iranian people are trying to take back power and supporting women's rights. It's a human rights issue.
- Vouzas - QEP report - Preparing for 2024 report with a focus on PhD students. The committee has not been forthcoming on how much money will be put into whatever project they pick, but it will likely only be a few million which isn't enough to cover student fees or stipends. Would like to sit down with students to come up with some potential projects. If you are interested, reach out.

Messages from Student Government: N/A

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: N/A

Report of Officers:

- The Report of the Speaker - Neale

Attended State of the Student Body Address. Main points were focus on repurposing unavailable parking on campus to be more available. Update student apps for student parking. Working on making class information and syllabi available before registration. Ribbon cutting ceremony and opening of the Student Union on September 23rd. Focus on more cooperation between TCC, FAMU, and FSU.

Supported SGA and Counseling Center at Fresh Check Day to help with mental health and suicide prevention.

Office of Governmental Affairs is switching leadership. Will be working with them in the future.

Dashain Celebration has been re-schedule for the 16th

We will be working with the Ecology and Evolution Research Discussion Group (EERDG) to support their events.

COGS will continue to support the Tom Project and we hope to see you come out to the event.

- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance - Rogowski

Working with Laurel to get access to full financial numbers including LSC and MSC.

Working on presentation grants, might take some time to get approved.

Two bills from last year for CARES and RISE were funded from our money from this year instead of from last year.

We are preparing proposal for sweepings. If you know of RSOs who have been funded, please reach out to them and see if we can share things within the proposal. We would like to get photos, attendance numbers, and evidence that we should be funded.

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

Waiting to meet with Attorney General to work on Code. Working on gathering questions.

- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications - Vaughn

Everyone should have filled out the declaration of candidacy; COGS candidates are not required to come the candidate seminars. However, COGS students must still submit campaign contributions forms and Final Expense Statements, even if no money was donated or spent - watch emails for more information as well as examples; Campaign Contribution Statement is due Oct. 12 at 5pm. Expense Report due Oct. 21 at 12pm. You can still hold your seat until the new people are sworn in.

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:**

Rogowski - Forming C-SAC soon. Would prefer to take volunteers and meeting before the assembly meetings on Mondays. Will need at least 3 people to volunteer.

- **Internal Affairs:**

Delva - New meeting scheduled since meeting last week was canceled due to Hurricane Ian. Will meet this Wednesday at 3pm.

- **Student Advocacy:**

Boatright - Met in September and talked about the food pantry which an allocation has been requested.

• **Student Affairs:**

Basualdo - Meeting Tuesday at 5pm via Zoom. Last week's meeting was canceled due to Hurricane Ian.

Funding Requests:

Bill 27: International Studies Graduate Association (Rep. Rogowski and Gerhold)

Gerhold - Requesting \$144 for an event they are hosting with the Globe. The Globe covers all food, but they need funding for a craft activity featuring Ukraine. There will also be decorations posted. Estimated 200 students to attend. Will be co-hosting as well with SALSA.

Non-debatable questions:

Amaraneni - The Globe pays for the Coffee hour. Why are they asking for money?

Rogowski - It is to pay for supplies for the craft activity. Amazon is an approved vendor.

Vouzas - Which vendor will you be using? There are 3 quotes.

ISGA Rep. - The Globe covers the food, but they ask organizations to provide an activity that is more hands on.

Basualdo - What coffee is served?

The Globe provides the coffee, but the food is sirniki

Speaker Neale - How will you be advertising the event?

The Globe's design team make a flier and it will be shared out through email with the COGS logo.

1st round Pros:

Boatright - Sounds like a good event to promote diversity and they aren't asking for much.

Vouzas - Sounds like a nice event and the Coffee Hour has great turnout.

Boatright - motion to extinguish the rest of the time; 2nd - Vouzas

Closing Statements:

It's a reasonable request.

Voting: 11-0-0

Unfinished Business:

Round Table:

Adjournment: 7:46pm

Next Meeting: October 17th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Senate Chambers (3rd floor New Student Union)