

TWENTY NINTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
September 27, 2021
6:30 p.m.
MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:34 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Rep. Sussman

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Adhikari, Amaraneni, Collins, Creigh, Delva, Hagemeyer, Harshe, Hirsch, Ilesanmi, Ryan, Sangokunle, Sizemore, Smith, Sussman

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Gfatter, Wiley

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes: Dep. Speaker Creigh; Second: Ilesanmi

Special Introductions and Student Comments: N/A

Messages from Student Government: N/A

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: N/A

Elections: Elections are coming up, so please declare your candidacy before Wednesday September 29th.

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker**
 - I was at a conference this weekend for the LiveLaughBella foundation. I got to meet families influenced by my research. I realize from my experience that I cannot continue in my role as Speaker.
 - I will not be running for Speaker again, so if you have any interest in running for that position, please reach out to me.

- I would like this transition of power to run smoothly, so please contact me as soon as possible.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
 - Getting documents together to get ready for the annual budget meeting for RSOs
 - These documents include the RSO calendar
 - Getting ready for the new funding period, so if you or anyone is thinking about conference travel beginning on October 1st.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**
 - We've had no new petitioners, but I've spoken to a number of first year law students during a symposium
 - I uploaded the PowerPoint into the Drive
 - I'm also working on a PowerPoint for first-time members
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
 - Reaching out to different colleges and academic department chairs to let them know the latest updates on open seats and the election season.
 - You should receive emails with reminders to submit your documents for the upcoming elections.

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:**
 - Nothing new to report, we have not met yet
- **Internal Affairs:**
 - Nothing new to report, everyone should be working on their respective roles for the upcoming newsletter. A full draft of the next newsletter should be completed by October 8th.
- **Student Advocacy:**
 - We have not met, but you should be receiving a notice soon.
- **Student Affairs:**
 - We have not met yet
 - We are working on organizing a graduate student mixer. We are waiting on updates from Sweepings regarding funding for the mixer. I've also been reaching out to organizations about graduate student issues.

Funding Requests:

Bill 15: Cheminoles Transfer of Funds

Presented by Representative Adhikari

- Chemistry organization for graduate students are trying to participate in this science festival in Tallahassee. It is in collaboration with the MAGLAB and TCC. It seems like a good event to promote science. If you have any questions, please let me know.
- Questions:
 - Amaraneni: 15 people will be representing Cheminoles, right?
 - Answer (from Cheminoles representative Sonia Kiran): More than 15. They will be responsible for working on science experiments.
 - Amaraneni: Is it open to other students?

- Answer: It is open for everyone, including community members.
- Amaraneni: But only 15 people are afforded here, right?
- Answer: Yes. For the internal members.
- Pros:
 - Amaraneni: It is a small amount of money to represent 15 members, and the community outreach is a plus.
 - Ryan: This sounds like a great opportunity for children, and to be more involved with the community and the MAGLAB.
- Cons:
 - Only a few people are presenting- I'd like to be more people representing the organization.
- Pros round 2:
 - Seeing none
- Motion to call to question: Hirsch
- Second: Sussman
- Vote: 13-0-0

Bill 16: Music Theory Society Contractual Service Funds

Presented by Rep. Ilesanmi

- The Music Theory Society is requesting \$1,500 to contract a keynote speaker
- The Music Theory Society aims to foster an interest across an array of disciplines in music.
- The keynote speaker invited for this event is Dean of College of Music at the University of Toronto.
- More than 100 people attended the keynote speaker event last year.
- This event is open to everyone, graduate and undergraduate students alike.

Questions

- Amaraneni: The \$1,500 is for the Keynote speaker?
- Ilesanmi: Yes, it is an honorarium.
- Speaker Hagemeyer: This will contribute to their hotel, flight, food, etc. during their stay in Tallahassee.
- Ilesanmi: I would like to add that COGS has supported this event for 19 years now. I would vouch that this is a good conference for students in a range of music-focused programs. The speaker also focuses on gender and sexuality in this field.
- Adikhari:
- Jordan Lenchitz (Representative of the Music Theory Society): Yes, we have not asked COGS for additional funds in addition to this.
- Harshe: Can you elaborate if there will be the hybrid option for the keynote speaker?
- Lenchitz: The exact format is going to have a hybrid option. We have a room organized that people can attend in person and on Zoom.

Pros:

- Creigh: I've been to a few of their events, and there were well over 100 participants there. I like the presenters that they bring. The presentation is very organized.
- Adikhari: I really like the prestige of the program outside of the program. It seems like a great event.
- Amaraneni: The students will be having a lot of exposure to outside community members and nationally represented leaders.

Cons:

- Seeing none.

Pros round 2:

- Motion to call to question: Harshe
- Second: Delva
- Vote: 12-0-1

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Round Table: Discussed upcoming elections. Candidacy forms due September 29th at 4:00pm.

Adjournment/Finale Roll Call: 7:36 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.