

TWENTY FOURTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
COGS Assembly Room
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
October 17th, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Petitions into the Assembly:

Special Introductions and Student Comments: Gabe Marengo (Oglesby Union, Nole Central), Inman Sakinah (Chair, Power of We)

Messages from Student Government:

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:

Report of Officers:

- The Report of the Speaker
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications

Committee Report:

- C-SAC:
- Internal Affairs:
- Academics & Student Life:
- Ways & Means:

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:

- Bill 41: *Allocation to the Lebanese Social Organization*

New Business:

- Bill 42 Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee: *Substantive Edits of the COGS Code, Amending Chapter 113: Requirements to Maintain Office*
- Bill 43 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark: *Transfer of Travel Grant Funds*

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: November 7th, 2016

COGS FINANCIAL REPORT

October 14th, 2016

COGS Administrative Account (244001)

(Includes)

- COGS Officers/OPS Accounting Assistant
- Food
- Maintenance
- Speaker's Request
- NAGPS Membership
- Overhead
- Office Phone Services

Balance: \$25,5476.89

COGS Unallocated (244003)

(Includes)

- Organization Funding Support (Requests more than \$1000)

Balance: \$12,640.06

COGS Organizational (244006)

(Includes)

- Organization Funding Support (requests less than \$1000 for fiscal year)

Balance: \$4,000

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT GRANTS ACCOUNTS

Presentation Grants=

*July-October
Total: \$66,800

Balance: \$22,540.09

Attendance Grants=

*July-October
Total: \$9,400

Balance: \$5,700

*November-February
Total: \$43,800

Balance: \$27,900

*November-February
Total: \$4000

Balance: \$2,900

*March-June
Total: \$44,400

Balance: \$44,400

*March-June
Total: \$4000

Balance: \$4,000

TWENTY-FOURTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
September 26th, 2016
6:35 p.m.



CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Allen, Asturizaga, Aung-Din, Baker, Clark, Elwood, DeStefano, Garcia, Garson, Guilbeau, Head, Indrakanti, Lehn, Mendez, Miller, Oseguera, Peoples, Peruche, Rosenthal, Sanogo, Scriven, Sharifi-Raini, Solomon, Uttermark Ward, Williams

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lehn

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: Solomon

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Shu

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Grubbs, Mазzie

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Austin Engelbrecht (Law)

MINUTES APPROVED: With Amendments. Second Guilbeau.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS: Abby Scheel, University Libraries

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: NONE

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 39: *Allocation to Applied Sport Psychology***
The organization is requesting funds to invite Dr. Elizabeth Jenkins, a certified motivational interviewing trainer who will discuss how to strengthen a client's motivation and commitment in order for them to seek meaningful behavioral changes. The organization would like to invite the Counseling Program, Clinical Psychology, Social Work and Sport Management departments. It will be an 8-hour training course. Dr. Jenkins will tailor the training to the audience and will be reimbursed for the workbooks, traveling costs and hotel fees. The organization also reveals that they have fund raised. Representatives inquire what is the expected attendance, how many attendees are not from the Psychology Department, will the training course only be offered to

those who receive an invitation and where will the training take place. Representatives also inquire if the 8-hour training will be held during the weekend or a weekday, how do they plan to advertise, how many members are in the RSO and if the training course will count towards any certification requirements. **FIRST PRO:** Guilbeau believes that the request is reasonable and well put together and applauds the organization for reaching out to other departments for inclusion purposes. Deputy Speaker Ward informs the congress that the RSOs budget is the same request from the Budget Hearings, was not funded and should be considered. Peruche is also in favor of funding the organization. Motion to call to question. Vote by Roll Call. Allen: Ay, Asturizaga: Ay, Aung-Din: Ay, Baker: Ay, Clark: Ay. DeStefano: Ay, Engelbrecht: Ay, Garcia: Ay, Guilbeau: Ay, Head: Ay, Indrakanti: Ay, Lehn: Ay, Mendez: Ay, Miller: Ay, Oseguera: Ay, Peoples: AY, Peruche: Ay, Rosenthal: AY, Sanogo: Ay, Scriven: Ay, Sharifi-Raini: Ay, Uttermark: Ay. Ward: Abstain, Williams: Ay. **Bill 39 Passes 25-0-1; Contractual Services: \$2,090 Food: \$300.**

- Bill 40: Allocation to the Student Association for Religious Studies**
 The organization is seeking assistance for their 16th Annual Graduate Student Symposium. The theme this year is religion and conflict. The requested amount is \$3500 in total. The expected attendance is 150. The organization explains that in the past, they've had presenters from different parts of the nation as well as a presenter from Africa. The organization has not decided on who will be the keynote speakers at the conference. The organization also explains that the conference is a good professionalization opportunity and that it is open to the public. Representatives inquire what was the request amount from last year, if the organization has fundraised, if the participants pay an attendance fee and if the department will guarantee any additional funds for the conference. Representative also inquire the justification for hotel fees, how many speakers will the honorarium request cover, how many graduate students from outside the department are expected to attend the conference, and if the organization considered charging student presenters from other schools. **FIRST PRO:** Allen explains how the conference is interdisciplinary and how faculty from the music department assist in the conference. Deputy Speaker Ward believes that the honorarium expense is reasonable for 3 speakers. Guilbeau is in support of the allocation and admires the organization for a detailed request and having support from their department. Motion to amend the bill to read \$2890 in Contractual Services, \$200 General Expense and \$300 in Food. Objection. Representatives inquire the purpose of amending the contractual services line item and if the reduction came from the hotel expenses. **FIRST PRO:** Peruche is in favor of the amendment since it is what the organization requested. Guilbeau supports the request, but is not in favor of the amended contractual service amount. Motion to call to question. Vote by roll call. Allen: Ay, Asturizaga: Ay, Aung-Din: Nay, Baker, Nay, Clark: Ay, DeStefano: Nay, Engelbrecht: Ay, Garcia: Ay, Garson: Ay, Guilbeau: Nay, Head: Ay, Indrakanti: Ay, Lehn: May, Mendez: Ay, Miller: Ay, Oseguera: Nay, Peoples: Ay, Peruche: Ay, Rosenthal: Nay, Sanogo: Nay, Scriven: Nay, Sharifi-Raini: Ay, Uttermark: Nay, Ward: Nay, Williams, Ay. Amendment passes; 13-2-0. Motion to amend Contractual Services from \$2890 to \$3000. Objection. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Ward is in favor of the amendment. **FIRST CON:** Sharifi-Raini is in favor of the \$2890 amount since it is what the organization requested. Aung Din agrees with Sharifi-Raini and believes that the amount calls for good book keeping. Motion to call to question. Vote by roll call. Allen: Ay, Asturizaga: Nay, Aung-Din: Nay, Baker: Ay, Clark: Nay, DeStefano: Nay, Engelbrecht: Nay, Garcia: Nay, Garson: Nay, Guilbeau: Ay, Head: Nay, Indrakanti: Ay, Lehn: Ay, Mendez: Ay, Miller: Nay, Oseguera: Ay, Peoples: Ay, Peruche; Nay, Rosenthal: Ay, Sanogo: Ay, Scriven: AY, Sharifi-Raini: Nay, Uttermark: Nay, Ward: Ay, Williams: Ay. Motion passes; 13-12-0. Return to the bill. **SECOND PRO:** Deputy Speaker Ward agrees with good book keeping but believes that the request of \$3000 holds good merit for the 3 speakers at the conference. Motion to call to question. Vote by roll call. Allen: Ay, Asturizaga: Ay, Aung-Din: Ay, Baker: Ay, Clark: Ay, DeStefano: Ay, Engelbrecht: Ay, Garcia: Ay, Garson: Ay, Guilbeau: Ay, Head: Ay, Indrakanti: Ay, Lehn: Ay, Mendez: Ay, Miller: Ay, Oseguera: Ay, Peoples: Ay, Peruche: Ay, Rosenthal: Ay, Sanogo: Ay, Scriven: Ay, Sharifi-Raini: Ay, Uttermark: Ay, Ward: Ay, Williams: Ay. **Bill 40 passes; 25-0-0. \$3000 Contractual Services, \$200 General Expense, Food: \$300.**

New Business: NONE

Roundtable: Allen, Asturizaga, Aung-Din, Baker, Clark, Elwood, Engelbrecht, DeStefano, Garcia, Garson, Guilbeau, Head, Indrakanti, Lehn, Mendez, Miller, Oseguera, Peoples, Peruche, Rosenthal, Sanogo, Scriven, Sharifi-Raini, Solomon, Uttermark Ward, Williams

ADJOURNMENT: 8:18 p.m.

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BILL 41

ON PETITION

Allocation to the Lebanese Social Organization

On October 17th, 2016, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS Unallocated Account (244-003) to the Lebanese Social Organization:

General Expense: \$240.00

Food: \$250.00

Purpose: To assist in funding the screening of the documentary, "A World Not Ours" in the Askew Student Life Cinema, Spring 2017. Additional funds will be used for advertising supplies and appetizers for attendees at the screening.

Ben Elwood
Speaker

Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance



October 17th, 2016

Danielle Morgan Acosta
Director of Student Affairs

Dr. Mary Coburn
Vice President for Student Affairs

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Response Summary:

Organization Info

Requesting Organization: Lebanese Social Organization

Date Requested: 10/13/2016

Budget Number: 244077

Academic Term: 2016-2017

President: Hadi Fares

President's Email: hfares@chem.fsu.edu

President's Phone Number: 8503631212

Treasurer: Samir Abou Shaheen

Treasurer's Email: saa16d@my.fsu.edu

Treasurer's Phone Number: 8505675786

Funding Source:

COGS

Budget Categories and Amount Requested

Contractual Services 200

Expense General 40

Expense Travel 0

Food 250

Clothing/Awards 0

OCO 0

Organization's full name

Lebanese Social Organization

Have your organization's president and treasurer taken the financial workshop?

Yes

Is your organization a recognized student organization (RSO) for this fiscal year?

Yes

Does your organization do fundraising?

No

What is the total amount of funds your club has raised for this event/item?

0

How many active members are in your organization?

56

Does your organization charge dues?

No

If your organization charges dues, how much does it charge?

-

How much A&S money did your organization spend last year?

0

Purpose for which the funds will be used

The funds will be used for a screening of a documentary called "A World Not Ours" about life in a Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon. The movie shows the daily life of refugees, their struggle to survive and find jobs and their hopes in going back home/leaving the camp for a better life. The license fee to show the movie at the Askew Student Life Cinema is \$200.

We would like to follow the movie with a discussion panel with experts and activists who work with refugees in the Tallahassee area. We hope that, by showing the movie and having a discussion about refugees afterwards, we can shed some light on the struggles of refugees in the middle east and more broadly in the world, specially that the topic is discussed almost every day in the news and would be of interest to different parts of the student body.

The \$40 as general expense will be used for advertising (getting paper for flyers) and buying a high-quality version of the movie.

The \$250 food expense is to provide free popcorn (or appetizers) for attendees.

What is the date and time of the event in which the requested funds will be used?

We have been in contact with the program coordinator at SLC. We are aiming at showing the movie between February and March in Spring 2017 as an evening event (starting at 7 pm at SLC).

By signing in the space provided below, I hereby certify that all the information contained in this...

Hadi Fares

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BILL 42

Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee

*Substantive Edits of the COGS Code, Amending Chapter 113:
Requirements to Maintain Office*

On October 17th, 2016, the body voted to amend the COGS Code in accordance with the attached document.

Purpose: This bill shall provide a clear and consistent language throughout the COGS Code.

Underlines indicate additions. **~~Strikethroughs~~** indicate deletions.

Ben Elwood
Speaker

Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance



October 17th, 2016

Danielle Morgan Acosta
Director of Student Affairs

Dr. Mary Coburn
Vice President for Student Affairs

Chapter 113 Requirements to Maintain Office

History: Amended by 18th Congress Bill 48; 21st Congress, Bill 30.

113.1 A seat shall be declared vacant and the Representative removed from membership in the Assembly when one of the following conditions is met within the same Congress, unless a leave of absence is granted:

1. A Representative has accumulated three (3) unexcused absences from COGS Assembly or committee meetings
2. B) A Representative has accumulated six (6) total absences from COGS Assembly or committee meetings
3. C) A Representative is recommended by the Executive Committee to the Assembly for removal due to absenteeism, which the Assembly approves by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

113.2 An “unexcused absence” is an absence for which no advance written notice was provided to the COGS Program Associate at least one (1) hour before the start of any COGS Assembly meeting; or an absence for which no advance written notice was provided to the committee’s Chair at least one (1) hour before the start of a committee meeting. Any Representative who arrives late or leaves during an Assembly meeting, without prior notification to the ~~Executive Committee~~ Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs, will have one (1) day to submit their excuse to the ~~Speaker~~ Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs before the absence is automatically considered unexcused. If tendered on time, the appeal will go to review by the Executive Committee as per § 113.3 of this code.

- A) Written notice shall be constituted by physical correspondence or email.
- B) All unexcused absences shall be announced during Assembly roll call.
- C) An early meeting departure will apply .5 to a Representative’s absence count. Rules for excused and unexcused absences apply. This may be waived by the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs.
- D) Arriving after roll call has ended will apply .5 to a Representative’s absence count. Rules for excused and unexcused absences apply. This may be waived by the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs.

113.3 All absences can be declared “excused” by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Exceptions to §§ 113.1 and 113.2 of this code can be granted by

unanimous recommendation by the Executive Committee, and ratified by majority of the entire membership of the Assembly.

113.4 COGS Representatives, council members, and funding board representatives must become financially certified by his or her second Assembly meeting every fiscal year

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BILL 43

Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark
Transfer of Travel Grant Funds

On October 17, 2016, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS 2016-2017 July-October Presentation Grants to the COGS 2016-2017 November – February Presentation Grants Account:

November – February Presentation Grants Account \$20,000

Purpose: To provide additional funding for graduate and professional students to attend conferences in through the months of November through February.

Proviso: All COGS Funds not spent for this request shall be returned to the COGS Unallocated Account.

Ben Elwood
Speaker

Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance



October 17th, 2016

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