

TWENTY FOURTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
COGS Assembly Room
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
June 20th, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Petitions into the Assembly: Shiva Charan Indrakanti (International Student Advocate), Jeanette Lehn (Special/Undecided), Raymond Mazzie (Business)

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

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:

- Bill 16 Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee: *Outlining Speaker Duties for the Office of Governmental Affairs*

Funding Requests:

New Business:

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: July 18th, 2016

TWENTY-FOURTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
May 16th, 2016
6:30 p.m.



CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Baker, Elwood, Garcia, Guilbeau, Oseguera, Peruche, Scriven, Sharifi-Raini, Solomon, Uttermark, Ward

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Solomon

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Clark, Gupta, Sanogo, Sulentic,

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

Speaker Elwood appoints Jason Guilbeau as Interim Deputy Speaker for Communications. Guilbeau accepts.

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Zhiaqiong Sun (Arts & Sciences), Brenton Williams (Business)

MINUTES APPROVED: Ward. Second Sharifi-Raini.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS:

- Jeanette Lehn, Action Chair for the Graduate Assistants Union explains her position within GAU and her interest in creating relationships across campus to advocate for the needs and concerns of graduate students.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Speaker Elwood appoints Representative Peruche as Interim Executive Editor of COGS.

Speaker Elwood appoints Deputy Speaker Ward as Temporary Chair as he sponsors bills 26 and 27.

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:

- Bill 26 Sponsored by Speaker Elwood: *Purchase of COGS Office Supplies*

Speaker Elwood explains the intent of the bill which is to supply COGS' offices with supplies such as ink toner cartridges, paper, and binders for representative packets. Motion to call to question.

Bill 26 passes: \$510.18 in General Expenses.

- Bill 27 Sponsored by Speaker Elwood: *Purchase of COGS Promotional Items*
Elwood explains that the items included in this bill are promotional flag books, pens and mugs for the 2016 Graduate Student Orientation. Additionally the bill is requesting funds for the purchase of Polos for representatives. He further explains that the items will come from ClothesLine and with the purchase of these items, there will be a cost discount. Representatives inquire the definition of a set up charge fee listed in the invoice. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill Passes: \$4108.46 in General Expense.**

Deputy Speaker Ward steps down as temporary Chair and returns the seat to the Speaker.

- Bill 28 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark: *Transfer of COGS Funds*
The intent of Bill 28 is to remove all funds from the C-SAC account as well as the remaining funds from the Unallocated account to the presentation and attendance grant account. \$500 will be left in the Unallocated account as a contingency emergency fund and \$1000 will be transferred to the attendance grant account and \$8500 will be moved to the presentation grant account. Deputy Speaker Uttermark further explains that he has at least 50-60 grant applications that cannot be approved for funding until additional funds are added to the account. When additional funding is available, the grant application will be added back to the COGS website to approve more travel funding. Representatives inquire if the 15 business day deadline will still applied to the new applicants. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill 28 passes.**

New Business:

- Resolution 5 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark: *COGS OPS Officer's Wages*
Deputy Speaker Uttermark explains that due to the contract established by Graduate Assistants United (GAU), post baccalaureate students are not to work more than 0.75 FTE. This resolution will limit the work of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker for Finance to 10 hours per week each and the hourly wages will increase to \$10 and \$11 respectively. The additional funds allocated to the OPS wages budget line for 2016-2017 will be moved to the Unallocated account. With this amendment, COGS will be in compliance with GAU and FSU Human Resources Department. Representatives inquire how the decrease in hours worked is justified by GAU, are the contracted hours outlined in the COGS Code, and if there were any arguments in opposition to the employment stipulations. Representatives also inquire if the changes made today will be for the upcoming fiscal year or start immediately, what account the residual funds will go to, will the officers be able to effectively do their work at 10 hours per week, and the justification for the rate increase with the contracted hours decrease. Lastly, representatives inquire if this change is more qualified as a stipend position and if there is a conversation that could be had with Human Resources to make any changes. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Ward believes that being in favor of the resolution is the best solution since the Speaker and Deputy Speaker have to be in compliance for payment. Representative Solomon is in favor of the resolution by force and would like to see if there can be any changes made to satisfy both parties in the future. Motion to call to question. **Resolution 5 passed.**

ROUNDTABLE: Baker, Elwood, Garcia, Guilbeau, Oseguera, Peruche, Scriven, Sharifi-Raini, Solomon, Sun, Uttermark, Ward, Williams

ADJOURNMENT: 7:49 p.m.

COGS FINANCIAL REPORT

June 17th, 2016

COGS Administrative Account (244001)

(Includes)

- COGS Officers/OPS Accounting Assistant
- Food
- Contractual Services
- Speaker's Request
- Clothing & Awards

Balance: \$31,589.00

COGS Unallocated (244003)

(Includes)

- Organization Funding Support (Requests more than \$1000)
- Sweepings Bill 2015 Allocation \$3108
- Bill 19- Transfer of Travel Grant Funds (\$13,275.36)

Balance: \$500.00

COGS Organizational (244005)

(Includes)

- Organization Funding Support

Balance: \$0.00

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT GRANTS ACCOUNTS

Presentation Grants=

❖ July-October

Total: \$62,731

Balance: \$0

❖ November-February

Total: \$47,869

Balance: \$0

❖ March-June

Total: \$58,800

Balance: \$272.35

Attendance Grants=

* July-October

Total: \$12,400

Balance: \$0

*November-February

Total: \$6,600

Balance: \$0

*March-June

Total: \$7,000

Balance: \$101.32

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The 24th Congress of Graduate Students

BILL 16

Sponsored by Ways and Means Committee

Outlining Speaker Duties for the Office of Governmental Affairs

On June 20th, 2016, the body voted to amend the COGS Code in accordance with the attached document.

Purpose: This bill shall call to attention the responsibility of the Speaker and COGS to remain active in the Office of Governmental Affairs.

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

Ben Elwood
Speaker

Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance



June 20th, 2016

Danielle Morgan Acosta
Director of Student Affairs

Dr. Mary Coburn
Vice President for Student Affairs

104.2 The Speaker shall:

- A) Preside over all COGS functions.
- B) Represent COGS and the Graduate Student Body to the University and the public.
- C) Create and oversee the implementation of COGS functions.
- D) Appoint Representatives to all standing and ad-hoc committees, and may appoint a temporary chair until such position is filled by the committee.
- E) Take care that the COGS Code, Budget, and the Florida State University Student Body Statutes are faithfully executed.
- F) Serve as a member on the Board of Directors in the Office of Governmental Affairs, as per Senate Statutes, or designate a member of the Congress to serve in their place.
- ~~FG)~~ Chair the Executive Committee.
- GH) Perform all other duties and responsibilities as may be required by law and the Florida State University Student Body Statutes and Constitution.