

TWENTY FIFTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
COGS Assembly Room
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
February 6th, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Petitions into the Assembly: Emily Goodridge (Art Education)

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

Messages from Student Government:

Report of Officers:

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

Committee Report:

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

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:

- Bill 8 Sponsored by Speaker Elwood: *Partnership with PeaceJam*
- Bill 9: *Allocation to the College of Social Work Doctoral Student Organization*

New Business:

- Resolution 3 Sponsored by the Academics & Student Life Committee: *Support for President Thrasher's Statements about Undocumented Students*

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: February 20th, 2017

TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
January 23rd, 2017
6:30 p.m.



CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Allen, Asturizaga, Baker, Elwood, Engelbrecht, Indrakanti, Mendez, Oseguera, Scriven, Shu, Solomon, Uttermark

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Allen

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Grubbs, Head, Lehn, Peruche, Williams

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Aung-Din, Garson, Grubbs, Peoples

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Aazim Arif (Medicine), Temidayo Abiole Oloye (Graduate Housing), Matthew Dickman (Arts & Sciences) AJ Rathakrishnan (Medicine), Dean Rosenthal (Arts & Sciences), Lilian Tzul Perez (Social Sciences)

MINUTES APPROVED: Uttermark. Second Solomon.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS:

- Miguel Hernandez (Associate Director, Center for Leadership and Social Change) Informed the congress that their office is working with faculty, students and staff here on campus about undocumented students and how K-12 access to education excludes higher education. In 2014 President Thrasher passed the Tuition Equity Bill which allows undocumented students who have resided in Florida for a certain amount of years, with no criminal record and also graduated from a state high school an opportunity to pay in state fees for higher education. The DACA (Differed Action for Childhood Arrivals) Status which is an executive order passed by President Obama, requires students to meet certain criterion for them to apply for this particular status. This status gives them access to a temporary license and work permit and defers any action from the government for students who arrived to the country as children. It is up to President Trump to uphold the executive order. Beyond the resolutions and giving the president tools that can be used, the Center for Leadership and Social Change is trying to identify safe spaces and allied spaces for students to be able to receive support. Questions and comments were welcomed.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: NONE

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

Report of the Speaker

- Speaker Elwood welcomed to new petitioners and requested for them to identify which committee they would like to be a member of.

Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance

- Deputy Speaker Uttermark reviewed the COGS Financial report, encouraged new members to complete the financial certification quiz and presented the budget committee's updates.

Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs

- Deputy Speaker Scriven requested for new representatives to complete the Representative Information Form, shared helpful Robert's Rules of Order quick tips and reviewed the attendance policy.

Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications

- Deputy Speaker Asturizaga requested for representatives to communicate with their college about being a representative of COGS and shared the quest of being more interactive on social media.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES:

Academics & Student Life

- Deputy Speaker Asturizaga explained that the committee is working on creating a resolution and would like feedback from the body.

Ways & Means

- Representative Solomon informed the body that their meeting will be pushed back to a later date due to budget proceedings and educated members of the Way & Means committee's duties.

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests: NONE

New Business: NONE

Roundtable: Allen, Arif, Asturizaga, Baker, Dickman, Elwood, Engelbrecht, Head, Mendez, Oloye, Oseguera, Perez, Rathakrishnan, Rosenthal, Scriven, Shu, Solomon, Uttermark

ADJOURNMENT: 7:31 p.m.

COGS FINANCIAL REPORT

February 3rd, 2017

COGS Administrative Account (244001)

(Includes)

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

Balance: \$18,445.26

COGS Unallocated (244003)

(Includes)

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

Balance: \$8,860.80

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: \$46,800

Balance: \$1,874.09

*November-February

Total: \$63,800

Balance: \$9,125.15

*March-June

Total: \$44,400

Balance: \$44,400

Attendance Grants=

*July-October

Total: \$5,800

Balance: \$2,125

*November-February

Total: \$7,600

Balance: \$1,411.22

*March-June

Total: \$4000

Balance: \$4,000

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BILL 8

Sponsored by Speaker Elwood

Partnership with PeaceJam

On February 6th, 2017, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS 2016-2017 Unallocated Account (244-003) to PeaceJam:

Food: \$3,000

Purpose: Funds will be used to partially fund the reception following the Nobel Laureate Shirin Ebadi's Public Talk at the Turnbull Conference Center on March 24th at 6:00 pm.

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



February 6th, 2017

Danielle Morgan Acosta
Director of Student Affairs

Dr. Mary Coburn
Vice President for Student Affairs

Response Summary:

Organization Info

Requesting Organization: PeaceJam
Date Requested: 02/01/2017
Academic Term: spring 2017
President: Rody Thompson (Director)
President's Email: rthompson@fsu.edu
President's Phone Number: 850-645-8782
Treasurer: GA: Amore Rodriguez
Treasurer's Email: ar11c@my.fsu.edu
Treasurer's Phone Number: 786-470-0524

Funding Source:

COGS

Budget Categories and Amount Requested

Contractual Services 0
Expense General 0
Expense Travel 0
Food 3000
Clothing/Awards 0
OCO 0

Organization's full name

PeaceJam

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

No

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

No

Does your organization do fundraising?

Yes

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

Event: \$25,000; Item: \$0

How did you raise the funds?

Our PeaceJam Public Talk and Conference is a major event with several components, including bringing a Nobel Peace Laureate to campus. The total cost for the entire 3-day series of events is more than \$55,000. It includes a campus-wide public lecture as well as a 2-day Youth Conference for more than 600 high school and college students. We have a diverse funding stream, including grants, fees, and support from community and campus agencies and programs. We look to COGS for support for the Reception following the Nobel Laureate's Public Talk. COGS has sponsored this reception for the past two years.

How many active members are in your organization?

200+

Does your organization charge dues?

No

Purpose for which the funds will be used

The funds will be used to partially fund the Reception following our Nobel Laureate's Public Talk at

Turnbull Conference Center.

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

Our Nobel Peace Laureate's talk begins on Friday evening, March 24, at 6:00 p.m. The Reception will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

This will be PeaceJam's Ninth Annual Public Talk and Conference, hosted by a Nobel Peace Prize winner. This year's Nobel Laureate will be Shirin Ebadi from Iran. She is a lawyer, a former judge and human rights activist, and founder of the Defenders of Human Rights Center in Iran. Ebadi was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003 for her efforts to help women, children, and refugees. Her visit to the FSU campus could not be any more timely considering what is happening in our country and throughout the world. If she did not have a green card, this global peacemaker and peace activist would be banned from entering the U.S!

Shirin Ebadi's Public Talk and Reception will be open to the entire FSU campus at no charge. We expect several hundred people to attend. We are proud to offer this extraordinary opportunity to our students and faculty.

We hope COGS will continue to partner with us. COGS has funded this Reception for the past two years. Last year you gave us \$2,500, which covered the cost of the event, which was catered by Aramark. This year's estimate from Aramark is approximately \$3,500.

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

Rody Thompson

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BILL 9 ON PETITION

*Allocation to the College of Social Work Doctoral Student Organization
(CSW-DSO)*

On February 6th, 2017, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS 2016-2017 Unallocated Account (244-003) to the College of Social Work Doctoral Student Organization:

General Expense:	\$75
Food:	\$175

Purpose: Funds will be used for various projects including a service event (Cards of Hope) as well as for food for monthly meetings, a workshop and social event.

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



February 6th, 2017

Danielle Morgan Acosta
Director of Student Affairs

Dr. Mary Coburn
Vice President for Student Affairs

Response Summary:

Organization Info

Requesting Organization: The College of Social Work Doctoral Student Organization (CSW-DSO)
Date Requested: 2/2/2017
Academic Term: Spring 2017
President: Margaret Holland
President's Email: mmh15k@my.fsu.edu
President's Phone Number: 601-214-9193
Treasurer: Amanda Hardwick
Treasurer's Email: anh13d@my.fsu.edu
Treasurer's Phone Number: 248-860-2533

Funding Source:

COGS

Budget Categories and Amount Requested

Contractual Services 0
Expense General 75
Expense Travel 0
Food 175
Clothing/Awards 0
OCO 0

Organization's full name

The College of Social Work Doctoral Student Organization (CSW-DSO)

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

How many active members are in your organization?

28

Does your organization charge dues?

No

Purpose for which the funds will be used

We are requesting money for a service event being held in March. Cards of Hope is an organization based in California. The purpose of this project is to create encouraging letters and birthday cards to send to foster kids and their caseworkers. Many foster children do not receive cards for their birthdays, holidays, or "just because" cards. Therefore, this organization sends cards to local group homes and facilities that house youth who have been separated from their loved ones. Part of our organization's constitution includes doing at least one service event per year. This event will be open to all FSU students. It is a great opportunity to give back to the community and for students to come together. The money will go towards art supplies (cards, construction paper, makers, colored pencils, crayons, glue, pens, etc.) and stamps. The money will also be used to provide snacks and beverages.

We are also requesting funding to provide food/beverages/snacks at our monthly DSO meetings and

brown bags, two workshops, and a social event. These events allow us to meet the objectives of our organization. The purpose of our monthly DSO meetings is to discuss any issues students are having in the program, to discuss any changes we would like to see happen in the program, to provide students with academic advisement, and to discuss future events (e.g., brown bags and workshops).

Brown bags give the students an opportunity to get to know professors outside and inside the department. The students get the opportunity to learn more about research being conducted at FSU, to obtain potential collaborations, to seek out potential committee members, etc. Providing snacks and beverages will encourage people to attend the brown bags. These brown bags are open to all FSU students.

The workshops give students an opportunity to get collaborators to help them finish a paper/project that has been forgotten or that they have been having difficulties finishing.

The end of the year party helps fulfill our organization's last objective (the CSW-DSO serves as a means for student socialization and recreation).

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

DSO Meetings- 3/3/2017 at 10:45am and 4/7/2017 at 10:45am

Brown Bags- 3/3/2017 at 12pm and 4/7/2017 at 12pm

Workshops- 2/24/2017 at 10am and 4/28/2017 at 10am

Cards of Hope (Service Event)- 3/24/2017 at 10am

End of the Year Social- April (Exact date- TBD)

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

Amanda Hardwick

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Resolution 3

Sponsored by Academics & Student Life Committee

Support for President Thrasher's Statements About Undocumented Students

WHEREAS: The Florida State University Diversity and Inclusion Statement notes "By valuing, celebrating and leveraging the differences and similarities of our students, faculty and staff, we inspire an environment of innovation and passion - one that enables us to create a teaching, research and service environment that better reflects the needs of our students, faculty, staff, customers, constituents, communities and other key stakeholders."

WHEREAS: The **Congress of Graduate Students** openly and actively **supports efforts** to advance diversity and inclusion on campus, equal opportunity, non-discrimination, non-retaliation, and **proudly stands** by all people independently of their race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, veterans' status, or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other protected group status, and life experiences who comprise a vital and welcomed part of the Florida State University community.

WHEREAS: The Congress of Graduate Students openly supports President John Thrasher's commitment to protect undocumented students on FSU's campus, manifested on December 7, 2016, during the President's State of the University Address, and

WHEREAS: Other Universities in Florida have adopted similar policies, such as University of Florida, Florida International University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida Gulf Coast University, University of Central Florida and University of South Florida. Other top Universities in the country have done the same, such as New York University, Portland State University, Reed College, Wesleyan University, Pitzer College, Pitzer

College, University of Pennsylvania, Connecticut College, Drake University, Swarthmore College.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: As members of the university community, we support this measures because we believe they are necessary to protect immigrant students from the possible threats lie ahead. We believe immigrant students are as valuable as any other student in the university. Moreover, they enrich the diversity on campus, which has positive impact on research and culture.

The **Congress of Graduate Students** would like that FSU reaffirms its commitment to diversity and inclusion by:

1. Guaranteeing that any tuition assistance for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or undocumented student has already been awarded will not be withheld or revoked on the basis of their legal status.
2. Guaranteeing, and designates a safe space with confidentiality to any person in need of assistance

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Copies of this resolution be sent to:
Edward E. "Ed" Burr, Chair of the Florida State University Board of Trustees
John E. Thrasher, President of Florida State University
Mary B. Coburn, Vice President for Student Affairs
Nancy Marcus, Dean of the Graduate School
Sally E. McRorie, Provost
Renisha Gibbs, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources/ Finance and Administration Chief of Staff
Stanley Wilcox, Vice President and Director of Athletics
Inam Sakinah, Chair Student Diversity Council, Power of We
Terry Coonan, Director of the Center for the Advancement of Human Rights
Nathan Molina, President, Student Government Association
Cynthia Green, Director Center for Global Engagement
Laura Osteen, Director Center for Leadership and Social Change
Shannon Staten, Executive director of University Housing
David Perry, Chief of Police, FSUPD

Ben Elwood
Speaker



Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance

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