TWENTY NINTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
Assembly Meeting
COGS Special Session
Monday, January 25th, 2021
6:30 PM
Agenda

Call to Order:
Pledge of Allegiance:
Roll Call:
Reading and Approval of Minutes:
Petitions into the Assembly:
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 of Judicial Affairs
  • The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications

Committee Report:
  • C-SAC:
  • Internal Affairs:
  • Student Advocacy:
  • Student Affairs:

Funding Requests:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Round Table/Final Roll Call:

Adjournment:
## COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2020-2021

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TWENTY NINTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Call to Order: 6:35 PM by Temporary Chair SGA VP Tazzy Janvier

Pledge of Allegiance: Representative Smith

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Blake-Hedges, Creigh, Brinkman, Collins, Hagemeyer, Hirsch, Smith, Mendez, Morgan, Sangokunle, Sizemore, Ilesanmi,

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Cheuwa

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, UNEXCUSED:

Reading and Approval of Minutes: none

Special Introductions and Student Comments: none

Messages from Student Government: none

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: none

Elections:

Nomination for Speaker
- Representative Hagemeyer is nominated by representative Morgan for Speaker.
- Hagemeyer spoke for why he would like to take over this position.
  - Speech
    - Believes he can do great things in the position
    - has reached a point in his academics where he has the time to dedicate to the position
    - has a good relationship with LSC and MSC.
very interested in expanding outreach, getting feedback from student body.

- Questions
  - No questions,
- Voting count, 11-0-0
- Speaker Hagemeyer was sworn into office as the Speaker.

Nomination for Deputy Speaker of Finance
- Representative Morgan nominates Blake-Hedges
  - Speech,
    - Had been deputy speaker for a year and half, has a lot of experience.

- Question
  - No questions

- Pros
  - She’s very experience and would be a great help in the position – Hagemeyer
  - She’s fantastic at what she does – Brinkman
  - This is possibly the most important role, and having someone with experience in cogs and the position, contributes to the stability of the organization – Morgan
- Motion to vote by secret ballot, Morgan. Second, Collins
- Voting count, 10-0-0
- Representative Blake-Hedges is sworn in as Deputy Speaker of Finance.

Nomination for Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs
- Nominate representative Brinkman by Blake-Hedges
- Brinkman accepts
- Speech
  - Has only been in the position for a few weeks but has been in cogs for years
  - Is really looking forward to taking up the position.

- Questions
  - No questions

- Pros
  - Representative Brinkman has always been knowledgeable on cogs rules and regulations, and has always worked as a non-partisan advocate for cogs - Morgan.
  - Has always been an active participant in COGs, thinks she will continue to do a great job – Blake-Hedges
  - Motion to vote by secret ballot, Mendez. Second, Morgan
  - Voting count, 10-0-0
Representative Brinkman is sworn in as Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs.

Nomination for Deputy Speaker of Communications
- Nominate Mendez, by Representative Morgan
- Mendez accepts
- Speech
- Has been here a year and a half, and has tried to improve cogs in that time, hopes to do even better in the coming semester.
- Questions
  - No questions
- Voting count,
- Representative Mendez is sworn in as Deputy Speaker of Communications

Report of Officers:
- **The Report of the Speaker**
  - As new Speaker, nothing to report.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
  - As an update for the budget committee for the new fiscal year, the dates and times are posted for the budget meetings, and in about two weeks, the committee will meet to deliberate and decide on the budget. It will then be sent out to cogs and we will vote on the finalized budget. Documents will be going out for those on the budget committee soon.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**
  - Nothing to report
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
  - Nothing to report

Committee Report:
- **C-SAC**: nothing to report
- **Internal Affairs**: currently does not have a chair, so that is the priority in the coming weeks.
- **Student Advocacy**: have not met this semester, but have been focusing on the childcare and funding. Will also be working with deputy speaker of communications on some ideas for outreach
- **Student Affairs**: will be meeting in the next week, but nothing to report

New Business:
Two New Petitions in:
- **Michael Sussman** – hopes to be an advocate for the college of medicine and help his peers
Questions
- Are you prepared to dedicate your Mondays to cogs? Morgan
  - Yes
- Have you been a part of an organization like this before? Collins
  - Yes, the Veterans student union board

Pros
- Has gotten to know Michael in his work, and he has a great enthusiasm – Hagemeyer
- Seems like he has experience from his work with the veteran’s student union board, with working with others – Mendez.
- He seems to have clear goals – Collins.

Motion to vote, Blake Hedges, second Creigh
Vote, 11-0-0
Representative Sussman was sworn in as Special/Undecided Advocacy Representative

- Nella Delva
  - Has experience with diversity and advocacy, and wants to be a part of a group where she can make changes.
  
Questions
- Are you available Monday nights? Hirsch
  - Yes
- Given that you will be going into your third year of medical school, are you concerned about your ability to commit to cogs.
  - No, I’ve planned ahead enough that I should be fine in terms of time to dedicate.

Pros
- She seems to be very dedicated to advocacy which is great for cogs – Hirsch
- She seems to have a lot of experience that she will be bringing aboard - Sangokunle
- I know Nella, she’s a hard worker and she’ll do great things – Blake-Hedges

Motion to call the question, Morgan.
Vote 11-0-0
Representative Delva was sworn in as Minority Student Advocacy Representative

Funding Requests: None

New Business: None

Round Table:
Adjournment/Finale Roll Call: 7:55 pm

Next Meeting: January 25, 2021