



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

THIRTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Agenda

Call to Order: 6:36pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Rep. Neale

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Amaraneni, Collins, Delva, Galleano, Mekala, Neale, Rogowski, Smith, Vouzas

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Vaughn, Noor Mustafa, Young

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Basualdo

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: Rogowski

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes: Vouzas; Second: Neale

Petitions into the Assembly: N/A

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

- *Gaurav Harshe (former Speaker and current graduate student from outside university)*
 - It is deeply concerning that the bill was not added to our bill packet tonight. It is our responsibility to be there for the students within this department, and it does look bad on us that we are funding other requests that were submitted after the 15-day-deadline and not this request.
 - There is also another funding request on the bill packet, so it is unclear why this funding request sponsored by Rep. Noor Mustafa was not added.
- Dep. Speaker Delva (in response): Thank you for your comment. I apologize for the lack of communication, as we've only had two executive members able to attend to emails. We are working on a system to maintain more consistent communication, especially in organizing training with the members of COGS to remain up to date on the COGS code. This will be implemented this summer.

Messages from Student Government: N/A

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: N/A

Elections:

- *Speaker*
 - Vouzas: Nominate Rep. Delva; Second: Amaraneni
 - Galeano: Nominate Rep. Neale; Second: Mekala

- Speeches:
 - Delva
 - Received financial management training
 - I hold experience for what the role truly looks like
 - I understand the code and what can be done and what cannot be done
 - I understand the responsibilities, as a part of the executive board.
 - Pros:
 - Vouzas: Rep. Delva would be great for this position. Because of the way the previous semester ended, there were issues on the Congress. I believe she is well-suited for this role.
 - Amaraneni: I believe she has the skills that would benefit this role.
 - Neale
 - I have been charged with a three-year actionable plan
 - I advocate for impactful changes on campus
 - I have built rapport with faculty, staff, and students
 - I am also participating in an intensive leadership organization
 - Awarded the exceptional student leadership award.
 - Shadowed past Speaker Harshe
 - Questions:
 - Rogowski: How did you prepare for this role?
 - Neale: I have attended as many events as have been offered. Every opportunity for leadership I have taken, so I can learn about my strengths and potential shortcomings. I think this is essential in COGS. I have had multiple meetings with Speaker Harshe and I have been trying hard to get to know our other representatives. I was also a budget committee member.
 - Pros:
 - Rogowski: She is extremely passionate. She had spent several days shadowing previous Speaker Harshe.
 - Smith: I feel like she seems very committed, she has the time, she gets the job done. I think she would do
 - Motion to call to question: Vouzas; Second: Rogowski
 - Vote: Neale – 5 Delva – 4 Abstain – 1
 - Interim Speaker Collins swears in Rep. Neale as Speaker.
- *Deputy Speaker of Finance*
- Nominations:
 - Delva: Nominate Rep. Vouzas; Second: Smith
 - Rep. Vouzas accepts
 - Mekala: Nominate Rep. Amaraneni; Second: Rogowski
 - Rep. Amaraneni accepts
- Speeches:
 - Amaraneni:
 - I would like to know how the things work in the financial state.
 - I would like to understand the ups and downs of this position.
 - I would help Rory with other tasks that were needed.
 - Questions:
 - Collins: Do you have any financial experiences that would benefit you in this role?
 - Amareneni: I have taken courses relative to finance. I have also been of help to others in finance positions.
 - Pros:
 - Mekala: He is able to get a variety of tasks done. I have seen him communicate with others and complete tasks in an efficient manner.

- Vouzas:
 - I have worked with Dep. Speaker of Finance Creigh. It is a very labor-intensive position that is involved in approving expenses for RSOs and travel presentation grants. I am hoping we can build a better network system through which we can support our RSOs in the process of applying for funds. I believe we have to have a more active role in educating RSOs on how to apply properly in order to avoid miscommunication. I will relinquish the rest of my time to questions.
- Questions:
 - Collins: I understand it is a large job to process all graduate student travel grants. Do you have any plans on how to make this run more efficiently?
 - Vouzas: Yes, I have lots of time in my schedule. I am also open to collaborating with other executive members to get this done.
- Pros:
 - Rogowski: It's clear he's gone above and beyond to be great in this role. He has dedicated the time and the homework.
- Motion to call to question: Rogowski; Second: Collins
- Vote: Vouzas – 7; Amaraneni – 2; Abstain - 0
- Speaker Neale swears in Rep. Vouzas as Deputy Speaker of Finance

Report of Officers:

- The Report of the Speaker
 - I look forward to prioritizing these great efforts on campus. I'm really thankful and excited to take on this opportunity.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
 - Nothing to report
 - I would like to share the sentiment that I am also very excited to share in this role and guide this 30th Congress through this next phase.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs
 - Some updates of what I've been working on – to address some concerns about miscommunication and concerns, I have been in regular meetings to try and come up with a training to make sure information is straightforward.
 - I was told the COGS handbook would be available by next month. I'm hoping to get a physical copy for all of you. I'm hoping this will clear up any questions for members of COGS.
 - It is our responsibility to educate ourselves
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications
 - I want to congratulate the new executive members. These are big positions to fill, so thank you for stepping up. Over the summer, I am working on new outreach materials, particularly for summer, including revamping the Instagram to be more of an educational outlet, and purchasing an ad for the ASLC. Please let me know if anyone would like to collaborate or has any input.

Committee Report:

- C-SAC:
 - Neale: I will be appointing new members of CSAC.
 - Vouzas: As the Deputy Speaker of Finance, I will be the new chair correct?
 - There is nothing to report
- Internal Affairs:
 - Delva: No report, I don't believe we've met recently.
- Student Advocacy:
 - Rogowski: Nothing to report
- Student Affairs:
 - Smith: We have not met, but I would like to show you the stoles. We just got an update,

but they were delayed I apologize.

- Keturah does have the shirts in.

Funding Requests:

- *Bill 22: Neuroscience Graduate Student Association (NGSA) Budget Line Transfer*
 - Presented by Dep. Speaker Delva
 - Overview:
 - This organization wanted to order shirts for their members and the student body and that's why they want to transfer money to their clothing and award category.
 - Questions:
 - Neale: Is there a mock up of the shirts?
 - Delva: Yes I believe so.
 - Vouzas: I motion for Alicia Gonzalez to have the floor.
 - Alicia Gonzalez (representative): *provides samples of logo and designs for shirts*
 - Neale: I was curious if this vendor is one from the approved vendor list?
 - Delva: Yes.
 - Alicia: It is in the approved vendor's list.
 - Vouzas: Motion to extend time for question; Second: Smith
 - Rogowski: You have a quote, but there needs to be a graphic designer involved. And they need to send you a proof. So have you started that process?
 - Alicia: They do have a design team, but they don't have to be involved. In the original quote, there is an art/screen extension. There isn't additional cost for us sending our own artwork.
 - Rogowski: When you submit your request, you will need to submit your design on there. Just a point of information.
 - Motion to extinguish the rest of the time of questions to move forward to pros and cons: Vouzas; Second: Collins
 - Pros:
 - *Vouzas: this is a simple transfer request. It's understandable for certain organizations to not use money for food, etc. This is a very good way of using this money. I will be voting yes.*
 - *Vouzas: I motion to extinguish the rest of the time for pro and enter con; Second: Rogowski*
 - *Cons:*
 - *Seeing none*
 - Closing comments:
 - Delva: This is the most effective way to not allow our funds to go into sweepings. I'm glad that they're doing it in a timely manner. I relinquish the rest of my time.
 - Vote: 6-0-3

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Round Table:

Adjournment: 8:31pm

Next Meeting: June 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

