

TWENTY EIGHTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
Regular Session
via Zoom
Monday, May 18th, 2020
6:30 p.m.
MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:32

Pledge of Allegiance: Speaker Morgan

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Blake-Hedges, Brinkman, Creigh, Hagemeyer, Hirsch, Mathesie, Morgan

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Cheuwa, Fisher, Nelson

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: None

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to Approve Minutes, Blake-Hedges; Brinkman 2nd; No Objections; APPROVED.

Petitions into the Congress: None.

Special Introductions and Student Comments: Vincenza Antonetta Berardo, Graduate Assistants United- Bills in the legislature that are involving the graduate students and tuition reimbursements.

Messages from Student Government: None.

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: None.

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker-** Supreme Court dismissed the SBA appeal and that it cannot be heard again. Met with LSC today and had a great meeting with Dr. Acosta, Stormy Walker, Madison Johnson (LSC Chair, Morgan Applegate, and Jacalyn about student organizations and dues.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance-** Financial report and reviewing of account numbers and travel refunding. We are not spending money really right now and are on a case by case basis reviewing and approving request for virtual events.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs-** Had some people reach out about some topics and will bring them up during discussion later.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:** None.
- **Internal Affairs:** None.
- **Student Advocacy:** None.
- **Student Affairs:** Meeting 5/19.

Funding Requests: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- **Funding Virtual Events & Conferences-** Speaker Morgan: We have had some groups submit requests to fund speakers for virtual events and conferences. Creigh: I wonder what the guidelines would be as we decide on funding for each group. Morgan: that is a great point and I think we are working now to determine if this needs to be a resolution or a change in policy as we move forward with funding requests. Hirsch: I wonder if they will have a hybrid type event and not potentially following the guidelines. Speaker Morgan: I can see this potential issue and how it can be concerning. Creigh: I wonder if we are funding online conferences will there need to be edits to the constitution about this? Speaker: That is a great question.
- **Art Therapy Inquiry Email-** Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs: Art Therapy concerned about student resources and if there is a student relief fund to assist graduate students in this time.
- **COGS New Petitioner Apps-** Hirsch: Initial interest application for petitioning in and then have a follow up link they can send to their peers to sign the document. Mathesie: the elections commission has been using google docs and sending it to their friends to have then “sign” in a way.

Round Table:

Adjournment: 7:22 PM