

## TWENTY NINTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting  
Zoom/HCB 103  
August 23, 2021  
6:30 p.m.  
MINUTES



**Call to Order:** 6:39 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Dep. Speaker Creigh

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Adakari, Creigh, Hagemeyer, Collins, Sizemore, Illesamni, Sangokunle, Sussman, Harshe, Ryan, Hirsch, Delva, Smith, Gfatter, Wiley

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** N/A

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** N/A

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Morgan

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** N/A

**REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:** N/A

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** N/A

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes:**

- Wiley: 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve the minutes
- Sizemore: Second

### **Special Introductions and Student Comments:**

- Senate Clerk Chloe Conner:
  - Here to introduce herself to the Congress. She wanted to make the congress aware of a survey that promotes to road safety pertaining to biker and walker safety. Link will be available in the Zoom chat for everyone who wants to complete this virtually. Survey responses will be compared between other universities.

### **Messages from Student Government:**

### **Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:**

### **Elections:**

- **Deputy Speaker of Communications**
  - **Nominations:** Sara Collins, nominated Representative Collins
  - **Speech:**
    - I've been learning a lot through serving as the interim role

- Experience with producing the quarterly newsletter, outreach videos, and handouts
  - Would love to continue participation and make our information more accessible to others
- Questions
  - Creigh: Are you still able to commit to 6:30pm meeting times on Mondays?
  - Collins: Yes, I am.
  - Harshe: Is there anything the Congress can do to help with tasks you found challenging during your interim period?
  - Collins: Yes. I'm hoping to include congress representatives in helping with community outreach and increasing accessibility for our outreach materials.
- Pros:
  - Hirsch: Representative Collins does amazing work; she clearly has a great plan for the semester.
  - Delva: I've worked with Representative Collins and she's very passionate and focused.
- Vote: 13-0-0.

### Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker**
  - Promotional items at the involvement fair on Tuesday August 24, 2021 from 5-9pm
  - Welcome back barbecue for SGA next Sunday August 29 12-3pm.
  - We did put in a request for Central Reserves, and it was denied. \$42,000 was to finish the Tom Project for AEDs, training for AED use. Explanation was the Central Reserves consisted of 1.7 million dollars. Money was allocated to put furniture in the new Student Union. We are still trying to get more information for a potential compromise to RSOs who attended the process.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
  - We have not spent much money since the fiscal year began in July. What is fortunate is that travel or attendance and presentation grants are moving forward, however, there are still steps that need to take place.
  - New office hours created, and plan to work with Speaker Hagemeyer and Jacalyn much more in the Fall semester.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**
  - Nothing to report at this time.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
  - Newsletter is planned to release tomorrow morning. I will also attend the tabling event tomorrow with new outreach materials. Also, I will be emailing college and community representatives with information about open seats.

## **Committee Report:**

- **C-SAC:**
  - 35 people registered for each upcoming seminar and items of food provided to MPHSA.
  - Deliberations of pro and con – voted to approve the resolution
  - Committee: Harshe, Wiley, Hagemeyer, Delva
- **Internal Affairs:**
  - Meeting in the next week or so to talk about the next newsletter and start to delegate tasks.
- **Student Advocacy:**
  - Plans for advocating for FSU childcare center.
  - We do have a list of childcare options around town
  - Wanting to include information about childcare in the next newsletter
  - Pride Closet: Plans to follow up with that project and its progress
  - Another meeting is likely to occur in the next few weeks.
  - Comment from Speaker Hagemeyer:
    - This request was vetoed by Central Reserves for Pride Closet. The minutes from these meetings are available for everyone who wants to learn more about Central Reserves approvals.
- **Student Affairs:**
  - Meeting was on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Representative Harshe was elected as the new chair. August 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm is the next scheduled meeting.
  - I'd like to talk more about what we'd like to do as a committee.

## **Funding Requests:**

### Bill 14: Master of Public Health Student Association Funding Request

- Presented by Rep. Delva: The bill requests the amount of \$2,265 for a hooding ceremony on December 9, 2021. They host an honorable event for MPH students, in addition to guest speakers. The expectation is approximately 100 people will be present. The second part of the bill allocated \$394 for tabling the event, which will display China, skirting, etc. Funds will also be allocated for the event and décor for the event.
- Questions:
  - Dep. Speaker Creigh: Amount exceeds \$15 per person for catering. What will be the full amount if we adhered to this limit?
  - Hagemeyer: Requested clarification of whether funding was all allocated for catering costs.
  - Jacalyn Butts: Yes, everything beyond décor is allocated for food.
  - Hagemeyer: Based on \$15 per person, 2,659 associated with the catering costs. So this would be a cut of \$1,159 from original request.
- Pros:
  - Gfatter: It seems like a very reasonable request.
- Cons:
  - No cons

- Second round of pros:
  - Creigh: Motion to amend.
  - Hirsch: Second
- Amendment proposed: We change the description of the unit price of the food to \$1,500, keeping the unit price of expense to 41 dollars.
- Pros of amendment:
  - Collins: It is helpful to stick to the precedent that \$15 per person is the expectations for catering given the code.
  - Hirsch: Overall this is a good compromise given we are able to fund some of the food request, although I acknowledge food can be expensive.
- Cons of amendment:
  - None
- Motion to call to question: Rep. Hirsch
- Second: Rep. Sussman
- Vote: 13-0-1 → proposal of amendment
- Pros:
  - None
- Cons:
  - None
- Motion to call to question: Creigh
- Second: Sussman
- Question from Speaker Hagemeyer to Carley Mullen (MPHSA): Inquired if organization would be able to cover cut costs from the total funding?
- Mullen: Yes, we would.
- Hagemeyer: We would now give you \$1,500 for catering, plus \$41 for the décor.
- Vote: 14-0-0 → amended bill

### **Unfinished Business:**

### **New Business:**

- Resolution 6: CSAC Consent Resolution

Presented by Dep Speaker Creigh: This resolution was presented for 245 dollars total. We discussed and saw that it was up to par and voted on its proposal anonymously 4-0-0.

Pros:

- Hirsch: This seems like a reasonable request. It's helping support a biweekly meeting, which is great.

Cons:

- None

Pros round 2:

- None

Motion to call to question: Collins

Second: Sussman

Vote: 14-0-0

**Round Table:** 7:48 p.m.

**Adjournment/Finale Roll Call:** 8:02 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 13th, at 6:30 PM in HCB 103 & via Zoom