Order of Business
Graduate Student Senate Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2017
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Clemson University Student Senate Chambers
Attendees: Senators and general public

1. Call to Order—Aury Kangelos, Graduate Student Body Vice President and President of the Senate
2. Call of the Roll
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4. Special Guest
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5. President’s Report—Courtney Allen, Graduate Student Body President
6. Executive Reports
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   b. Activities Committee—Amaris Tejada, Chair
   c. Finance Committee—Elaine Sotherden, Chair
   d. Sustainability Taskforce—John Sherwood
   e. Rules and Procedures Committee—Beth Solomon, Chair
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   a. GB 318 A Bill to Update Robert’s Rules to Reflect Current PEGAS Practices
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4. Special Guest
   a. Andy Bluvas, Technology Commercialization Officer—Clemson University Research Foundation
      Working on broadening our role as a research enterprise. A tool that university uses to de-risk certain transactions or engagements that the University not necessarily want to get into. We are not into academic side, more in enterprise. Our focus is on research side. Tech transfer office of the university is here. We try to translate ideas and get the feedback back to university. We are involved in starter companies as well.
      Now why should university do this? Partly because we try to profit off the university, also have the research at university come out and have an impact, get it into the real world. About 9% of the research is federally funded. Reporting and compliance requirements. Leverage projects and technology to engage industry and bring more projects. Also faculty startup companies, how to pursue funding. Broad portfolio of intellectual property, especially in sciences, copyrightable. Also recently been into softwares and education programs.
      We also look at patents to see if this is novel enough, also its’ utility, it has to be useful. We focus on: should something be patented or not so it would be successful or not. It’s a long term investment. You are not going to get it patented for 3-3.5 years after research is actually done and it costs a lot of money too and also have to pay money on a yearly basis to keep the patent.
      One of the questions is, who creates it, invents it and owns it? Ownership is distinct from
inventor, it’s the IP policy (intellectual policy). There is a faculty Senate IP committee.

If you are a student, you can’t have rights to things you work on. However there are a few exceptions for mostly grad students. If you are paid to do something then university owns it. Sponsored research funded by external parties usually federal, university owns research in most of those cases too. In order to participate in a project, you have to sign ahead to give up ownership to the university. Leveraging substantial university resources, means projects you are working on are owned by university but because of IP policy, you can still be treated as any faculty member. University will fund the prosecution of that patent and support commercialization of that, and faculty gets up to 40% of the revenue that university earns of any potential project.

Last year we made 500k of license revenue and 40% went to faculty members.

We have a website: http://curf.clemson.edu/

All faqs are there and also the active technologies that we are working on.

Q&A:

None!

Our office is in downtown Clemson.

5. President’s Report—Courtney Allen, Graduate Student Body President
   i. Aury & I went to the ACC Advocacy Day in DC. Met congressmen for SC to talk about funding for research and grad students. We met student government people from other universities.
   ii. Planning an ACC roundup to connect with other grad student governments to enhance our grad experience.
   iii. 3MT finals tomorrow, Friday Nov 3 at Watt center.
   iv. We encourage you to support the UGSG student body as we are student leaders and we should support each other. They are having hard time and we can lend our support.

6. Executive Reports
   a. Chief of staff:
      i. Attended Grad student advisory meeting, grad students don’t have to be enrolled if they are on a 12 month assistantship. Post candidacy, no longer need to take 6 or 9 credit hours, can take 1 credit hour and still be full time but will have to apply for that and still pay full time fees.
      ii. President’s luncheon: Wednesday, Nov 8, 2017.
   b. Deputy Chief of Staff:
      i. GSG Global and Cultural Awareness Symposium in January at Old Main (Tillman hall). Will have some workshops too. Can use the Oct 3 email to apply using that link.
   c. Outreach:
      i. Hurricane drive is done. Thanks for donating.
In October, we did 3 service projects, 10k bag packing and we are also thinking of doing it in spring. End hunger by 2020. One pack feeds 6 people.

This Saturday, habitat for humanity, building a ramp for a veteran. 8am – 3pm.

Tigers for babies 5k on Nov 19. Send me email to make up a team.

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d. Finance:
   i. We had finance committee meetings and allocated $4730 to organizations so far.

   Senator Ehler: How are you doing about mystery of $11000?
   Senate President: We are paying $170 per month for phone lines which we didn’t know was paid from our budget. Also couple of other stuff at GSC that came out of our budget. Still trying to figure out. We have accounted for about $8000 so far.
   Senator Sharma: How did it happen?

   Finance chair: We can’t really control if things bypasses us.

   GSG President: We are going to cut some lines and also have outgoing meetings so there is no confusion for incoming admin.
   Senator Davis: Are these one-time expenses?
   Senate President: We are working with Dr. Miller. Most of the bigger things that we didn’t know, we paid for one time.

   Finance Chair: There are a lot of people involved in getting payment processed, so we didn’t know what was going through student affair and financial analyst.
   Senator Debaun: How to prevent from happening again?
   GSG President: We will have outgoing meetings.

   Finance Chair: When we look at our account, what expenses done from account, it takes a lot of time to figure out where they are coming out from.
   Senate President: We have to work with our advisor and other people and we need to make sure where our money is going.

  e. Research:
     i. 3MT rounds, about 50 candidates, good participation than last year. Tomorrow is the final, do come in and watch the participants. We need some help from 10-11am, please let us know. We need 2-3 people tomorrow.

7. Steering Reports

   a. PEGAS Committee—Amber Mann, Awards Chair and John Sherwood, Applicant Reviewer Chair

     i. Application window opened on Oct 30, close on Nov 8 at midnight. Reviews window automatically opens after that.

   b. Activities Committee—Amaris Tejada, Chair

     i. Denver Downs this weekend 6-9 pm, you are welcome to meet us there if you don’t need transportation.
ii. Trivia on Nov 9, 8 pm backstreets.

iii. Pottery painting: Nov 10, 6-8 pm at Glazed.

iv. Florida state game partnered with BGSA tailgate, they will have a lot of food and a DJ

v. Citadel game partnered with HFES

8. Old Business

a. GB 315 A Bill to Change the Name of the Travel Grant Program

Senator Mann: A bill to change name of travel grant program. Committee have agreed that PEGAS is vague and hard to find in search. Should be easier to search and for grad students to find out.


GB 315 Passed!

9. New Business

a. GR 77 A Resolution to Endorse a Redefined PEGAS Review Rubric

Senator Sherwood: Rubric change, want to make it really transparent so everyone knows what PEGAS committee is doing. Remove some categories like grammar. Overall essay is a good rubric that should be overall. Bonus points to students actively involved in creating conferences.

Senator Wilkes: Propose amendment to take out grammar as a full category but grammar is a good thing to have. Maybe put along with the clear and concise and contain no grammar errors

Senator Sirajuddin: I don’t know how essays are graded or distributed among colleges. There are many international students and grammar can be unfair to students whose first language is not English.

Senator Sherwood: Unfair to international students but also as an engineer, I don’t know many grammar.
Senator Sharma: Students can use Word document and do grammar check.
Senator Solomon: I understand both situations. As grad students we need to be held to high
levels. It is difficult if it is your second language but we are representing our institution. I move
forward to add grammar to clear and concise with limited grammatical errors.
Motion to amend section heading in 1st row:
PEGAS Chair: I urge to vote against this. I don’t think someone’s grammar should be so
important as to they attend an event or not.
Senator Sirajuddin: How is this going to affect the number of students who receive PEG in
each college?
Senator Sherwood: Still giving out same total no. of funding but making the rubric clearer.
Most reviewers don’t look at the old rubric.
Senator Ehler: Point of info. 10% goes to each individual school and remaining goes to the
highest scoring candidates.
Senator Davis: Anyone looked at the column between old and new one. The old one appears to
be more clear to read and understand.
Senator Dotson: Limited grammatical error is unquantifiable. For some it would be 1 or 5.
Senator Sharma: Should change it to minor grammatical error.
Senator Debaun: Should change to ‘grammatical errors don’t inhibit the readability’ instead of
quantifying the number of grammatical errors.
Senator Anderson: Encourage to vote against.
Senator Dharmawardene: Encourage to vote against because what matters is that we
communicate. People come from different backgrounds. As long as readers get the message
clearly that is what matters.
Senator Dlugos: Urge to vote for it. We have a lot of resources on campus, like advisors to
review. There should be no errors in something that is significant.
Senator Coutta: All such programs have grammar as a category.
Senator Sherwood: This is a peer review process and grammar of reviewers matter too.
Senate President: All of these issues can be handled in the committee. The essence of this
resolution was to make the rubric clear and to clarify what you will be graded on. Rubric is in
the hands of committee, you can give your suggestions to committee.

Motion to vote on amendment: Yes: 22. No: 18. Abstain: 5. Not passed!

Senator Sherwood: It will begin to apply Aug 2018.
Senator Sharma: Given the amount of time we have, we can give it more time so we can
forward our suggestions. Motion to table to Nov 16th meeting.
PEGAS Chair: We have two more resolutions for PEGAS for next meeting. So better to vote
on this now.
Senator Sherwood: Regardless of what happens to this bill, we welcome any suggestions.
Committee meets this Wednesday at 11 am.
Senator Sharma: Will committee need approval again?
Senator Debaun: Will the changes made here be binding?
This is a resolution so it is not binding

Senator Anglea: If this is not binding, does this mean changes don’t go into effect until Aug 2018.


Motion to vote on resolution


Passed!

b. GR 78 A Resolution to Express Joint Support for the DREAM Act of 2017 with CUSG

Senator Dotson: Passed unanimously with UGSG. It was previously known as DACA. The purpose is to urge the university to urge senator representatives so that to allow students under DACA to be as normal students.

Senator Davis: Is there is a way to do joint resolution?

Senate President: It is up to senators in this body. They can also write a letter to board of trustees.

Senator Sharma: So is this act extended or not?

Senator Brunell: DREAM act has been going on for over a decade. But not passed. President Obama passed an executive order to pass it. President Trump issued an executive order to stop it. This is to show support for the DACA students.

Senate President: After the executive order, it was later handed over to the congress to make a decision.

Senator Ehler: At Clemson University, in order to register, it is a requirement to have a proof of citizenship or valid visa to enroll. SO how are DACA students handled?

Senator Brunell: We do have them here. Separate system for them.

Senator Anglea: Is the last page to be included?

Senate President: Yes because this a joint statement.

Senator Spagnoula: How is it going to be expressed to the board of trustees?

Senate President: Everything we pass, goes to Dr. Jacks and she forwards it to the president.


Resolution Passed!

c. GB 316 A Bill to Recognize New Graduate Student Organizations

Senator DeFever: When student organisations fulfill the requirements so we bring forth this bill.

Vote on GB 316: Yes: 44. No: 0. Abstain:1.

d. GB 317 A Bill to Approve Allocation of Funds

Finance Chair: Amendment; Turkish student association was approved $400, not $591.94

Senator Sharma: Was that the amount requested?

Finance Chair: No, it was $600.
Motion to amend the amount: Change to $400 for Turkish Association.


10. Other Announcements and Open Remarks
   Senator Gaertner: Since the College of Science is new and we have a new dean, the goal of the committee is to craft a strategic plan of who the College of Science wants to be and where it wants to go in the next 5 and 10 years. I am on the Science Forward committee. I encourage all to attend the listening session on Nov 8, Wednesday 1-3pm at the Hendrix Student Center Ballroom A&B. Please RSVP on science forward website or at http://www.clemson.edu/science/about/scienceforward.html. Every department has a representative in the Science Forward plan.

   Senator DeFever: Please forward your opinions for the PEGAS committee.
   Senator Ehlert: Please kindly express your opinions.

   Senator Sharma: Did board of trustees ever took a political stand?
   GSG President: They are pretty neutral as a body, not individually.

11. Good of the Senate

12. Adjournment
G.B. 318
A Bill to Update Robert’s Rules to Reflect Current PEGAS Practices

Whereas the PEGAS Committee recognizes that the rules outlined in Robert’s Rules of Order for the Clemson University Graduate Student Government are not always practical and can even make administration difficult at times;

Whereas the PEGAS Committee resolves to clear up these issues.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Clemson University Graduate Student Senate assembled,

That the Rules of Order of the Clemson University Graduate Student Senate be amended as follows:

Section 16.3.1, which reads:

“16.3.1 The PEGAS Committee shall have the power to independently authorize the disbursement of funds from the PEGAS budget.

16.3.1.1 This power shall be vested in the Awards Chair alone. No vote of the committee shall be required.”

Be stricken from the Rules, as this is already stated in Section 16.5.1.2.

That Section 16.5.1.3, which reads:

“The Awards Chair shall administer the PEGAS system in conjunction with the CGSG Webmaster.”

Be amended to read:

“The Applicant-Reviewer Chair and Awards Chair shall administer the PEGAS system in conjunction with the CGSG Webmaster.”

And moved to Section 16.3.
That Section 16.5.1.4, which reads:

“16.5.1.4 The Awards Chair shall ensure the fair and equitable distribution of PEG awards pursuant to these rules and policies.”

Be amended to read:

“The Applicant-Reviewer Chair and Awards Chair shall ensure the fair and equitable distribution of PEG awards pursuant to these rules and policies.”

And be moved to Section 16.3.

That Section 16.5.2.3, which reads:

“16.5.2.3 The Applicant-Reviewer Chair shall conduct all communication between the committee and users of PEGAS.”

Be amended to read:

“The Applicant-Reviewer Chair and Awards Chair are responsible for all communications between the PEGAS Committee and users of PEGAS.”

And moved to section 16.3.

Courtney Allen, Graduate Student Body President

Date

Aury Kangelos, President of the Senate

Date

Almeda Jacks, VP of Student Affairs

Date
G.B. 319
A Bill to Formally Create the Position of CGSG Webmaster

Whereas the Robert’s Rules of Order for the Clemson University Graduate Student Senate does not currently provide for a permanent webmaster for the Professional Enrichment Grant Application System (PEGAS); and

Whereas the PEGAS Committee understands the necessity of such a position and wishes to institutionalize it within the formal rules for PEGAS.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Clemson University Graduate Student Senate assembled,

That the Robert’s Rules of Order for the Clemson University Graduate Student Senate be amended as follows:

That a provision be added to Section 16.5 which states:

“16.5.3 CGSG Webmaster

16.5.3.1 The CGSG Webmaster will ensure that PEGAS is running as intended and will fix any issues presented by the system to the best of their ability.

16.5.3.2 The CGSG Webmaster will, in their work with the system, ensure the fairness of the application, review, and awards processes.

16.5.3.3 The CGSG Webmaster will maintain honesty with GSG leadership in their knowledge of the system.”
Courtney Allen, Graduate Student Body President  
Date

Aury Kangelos, President of the Senate  
Date

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Date