

## TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Budget Meeting  
COGS Assembly Room  
HWC 3100, 960 Learning Way  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
6:30 p.m.  
Agenda



Call to Order-

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

Messages from Student Government:

Funding Requests:

Report of the Budget Committee:

Consideration of the Annual Budget: Bill 7: *The Annual Budget for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year*

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## COGS Financial Report Fiscal Year 2018-2019

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
COGS ADMIN	\$28,000	Includes Speakers Request, Food, Wages, Maintenance Fees, Overhead and Office phone services	\$25,166.76
UNALLOCATED	\$39,521	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$17,704.92 Includes \$5,000 Sweepings allocation
ORGANIZATIONAL (C-SAC)	\$4,000	RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year	\$2,385.17
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Mar-June)	\$47,000	Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$19,300
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$60,000	Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$10,000
ATTENDANCE GRANTS(Mar-June)	\$5,000	Attendance Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$1,500
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$6,000	Attendance Grant balance for the November –February funding period	\$300

### Recent Allocations:

- Bill 13 Allocation to Public Administration Graduate Association; Clothing/Awards: \$900
- Bill 14 Allocation to Neuroscience Graduate Student Association; Contractual Services: \$500, Food: \$1,500
- Bill 16 Allocation to ChemiNoles; General Expense: \$520.48, Food: \$100
- Bill 17 Allocation to Art History Association; Clothing/Awards: \$850
- Bill 18 Allocation to Philosophy Graduate Student Association; Contractual Service: \$1500, General Expense: \$100, Food: \$340
- Bill 19 Allocation to Physics Graduate Student Association; Food: \$1,650
- Bill 22 Allocation to Music Theory Society; Contractual Services: \$1,500
- Bill 23 Allocation to Graduate Women in Science; Clothing/Awards: \$250, Contractual Service: \$250, General Expense: \$500, Food: \$1000

- Bill 24 Allocation to School of Teacher Education Graduate Student Association Food: \$462
- Bill 26 Allocation to Public Health Student Association; Food: \$992.17, General Expense: \$310.57
- Bill 28 Allocation to Turkish Student Association; Food: \$286
- Bill 31 Allocation to Ecology and Evolution Research Team Food: 850 Clothing/Awards \$400 and General Expense \$510
- Resolution 5 Allocation to Material Research Society FAMU-FSU Chapter CSAC: \$634.83

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- Bill 1: Allocation to Graduate Literature Organization; Food: \$1,500, Contractual Service: \$2,500, Food: \$1,000.
- Bill 2: Allocation to INSAT; Food: \$980 (C-SAC Account)
- Bill 4 Allocation to Art Therapy Association; Contractual Service: \$2,000, General Expense: \$150, Food: \$640
- Bill 5 Allocation to National Art Education Association Student Chapter at FSU; Contractual Service: \$1,500
- Bill 6 Allocation to Terra Incognita; Contractual Service: \$1,500, General Expense: \$125, Food: \$629.86

# TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
HCB 103, 109 Collegiate Loop  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
6:41 p.m.  
Agenda



**Call to Order:** 6:41pm

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Eovito

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Asturizaga, Blake-Hedges, Brinkman, Demirsoy, Eovito, Lange, Morgan, Oloye, O'Neill, Shahbandeh, Solano, Windham

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** Eovito

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Chiodi, Engelbrecht, Sorribes, Uttermark

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** Chase, Lozano

**REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**Petitions into the Assembly:** NONE

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Approved. Solano Second.

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:** NONE

**Messages from Student Government:** NONE

**Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:** NONE

**Unfinished Business:** NONE

**Funding Requests:**

- **Bill 6 Allocation to Terra Incognita**

The organization is requesting funds for their Fourth Annual Modern Languages and Linguistics Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference. They are expanding the conference to include several departments. The conference will host two keynote speakers; Dr. Antje Muntedam from FSU and Dr. Iker Gonzalez Allende from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The conference will accept abstracts from colleges across the country. The organization further informs the congress that the department will help with some expenses and they have considered applying for funding from a fellowship. They are requesting funds for honorariums, food, and general expenses. Representatives inquire if the honoraria expense are for one or both of the keynote speakers, the expected attendance, and the accommodations for 1 or both of the speakers. Representatives further inquire about the breakdown of general expenses, the role of the department managing the event, has COGS assisted with funding in the past and the demographic of the attendees. Representatives continue by asking how many abstract submissions have been received, if not

funded the full amount what expenses can be cut and how long has the event has been marketed. **FIRST PRO:** Blake-Hedges notes that this is a great conference and likes the fact that it is interdisciplinary and more students have the opportunity to interact. Deputy Speaker Morgan is most in favor of investing in professional development that allows students to build their CV. **FIRST CON:** Asturizaga is in favor of the event but hesitant about funding the full amount for general expenses. Windham notes a concern about the disparity with funding only one keynote speaker. Motion to reduce \$500 from Contractual Service. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passes. Motion to amend food to \$629.86. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes. Motion to amend General expense to \$125. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Objection. Solano inquires if representatives are okay with reducing the amount for the cost of paper. **FIRST CON:** Blake-Hedges notes the importance to have these materials for a conference. Asturizaga is not in favor of the reduction because the organization may want to print additional items and may need a specific type of paper. Motion to call to question on the amendment. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes 8-1-1. Return to the bill with amended amounts. Motion to call to question on the bill. Objection. **FIRST CON:** One representative notes that the cost of honorariums is significantly higher than previous awarded amounts. **SECOND PRO:** Blake-Hedges notes that cost of typical honorariums. Motion to amend Contractual services to \$1500. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Amendment passes. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill 6 passes10-0-0: Contractual Services: \$1,500, General Expense: \$125, Food: \$629.86.**

#### **New Business:**

- Introduction of the Annual Budget 2019-2020  
Speaker O'Neill introduces the budget to representatives, encourages them to review the budget thoroughly and informed the congress that voting on the budget will take place on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Round Table:** Asturizaga, Blake-Hedges, Brinkman, Demirsoy, Lange, Morgan, Oloye, O'Neill, Shahbandeh, Solano, Windham

**Adjournment:** 8:06 pm

**Next Meeting:** February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Budget Meeting)

# Congress of Graduate Students Florida State University

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## The 27<sup>th</sup> Congress of Graduate Students

### BILL 7

Sponsored by the Budget Committee  
**The Annual Budget for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year**

On February 18, the committee voted to adopt the attached budget for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

**With the proviso for Presentation Grants:**

- \$53,000 for travel between July 1 and October 31
- \$60,000 for travel between November 1 and February 29
- \$47,000 for travel between March 1 and June 30

**With the proviso for Attendance Grants:**

- \$6,000 for travel between July 1 and October 31
- \$6,000 for travel between November 1 and February 29
- \$5,000 for travel between March 1 and June 30

**Purpose: To provide funding for organizations and programs for 1 July 2019 through 30 June 2020.**

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Adam O'Neill  
*Speaker*

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Matthew Uttermark  
*Deputy Speaker for Finance*



February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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Dr. Danielle Morgan Acosta  
*Director of Student Affairs*

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Dr. Amy Hecht  
*Vice President for Student Affairs*

## COGS Bill 2019 Budget Allocation

**Allocation \$562,400.00**

ORGANIZATION	SALARY	OPS WAGES	CONT. SERV.	EXPENSE	FOOD	OTHER	TOTAL
<b>STUDENT ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT</b>							
APPLIED SPORT PSYCHOLOGY			3,400.00		400.00		3,800.00
AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASC. (ASA)			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BLACK GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION				1,000.00	2,000.00	300.00	3,300.00
CELL & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY GSA (TCGS)				500.00	800.00		1,300.00
COUNSELING STUDENT RESEARCH ASC.				0.00		200.00	200.00
THE DIVERSITY and INCLUSION in RESEARCH and TEACHING ORGANIZATION (DIRECTO)			1,000.00	0.00	0.00		1,000.00
FLORIDA-GEORGIA LOUIS STOKES ALLIANCE FOR MINORITY PARTICIPATION (FGLSAMP)					0.00	0.00	0.00
GRADUATE WOMEN IN SCIENCE (GWIS)				800.00	800.00	300.00	1,900.00
HISPANIC GSA (HIGSA)			3,500.00	300.00	1,080.00	50.00	4,930.00
HISTORY GSA (HGSA)			2,000.00	70.00	530.00		2,600.00
IRANIAN STUDENT ASC.				62.00	620.00		682.00
LEAGUE OF GRADUATE STUDENT ARTISTS				695.00	320.00		1,015.00
NATIONAL ART EDUCATION ASC. (NAEA)			1,500.00				1,500.00
POLITICAL SCIENCE GSA			3,000.00		800.00		3,800.00
PHILOSOPHY GSA			2,500.00		250.00		2,750.00
PHYSICS GSA (PGSA)				200.00	800.00		1,000.00
SOCIETY FOR MUSICOLOGY			4,000.00		200.00		4,200.00
<b>DEPARTMENTS &amp; AFFILIATED PROJECTS</b>							
FSU CHILDCARE CENTER		64,642.00					64,642.00
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL				0.00	10,000.00		10,000.00
<b>FUNDING BOARDS</b>							
LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL				27,000.00	15,000.00		42,000.00
MED SCHOOL COUNCIL			0.00	27,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	42,000.00

# Twenty – Seventh COGS Budget Committee Report

Matthew Uttermark, Chair

Caitlyn Blake-Hedges

William Engelbrecht

Michael Morgan

Abiola Oloye

Tomas Solano

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## Introduction

In this proposal, the Budget Committee of the Congress of Graduate Students is presenting the Assembly with a budget for the 2020 fiscal year. The intention of the Budget Committee is to support the mission of COGS, which is to both defend the interests of all post-baccalaureate students in graduate student life, services, and academics while also managing the funds within our purview in a fiscally responsible manner. To do so, the Committee has worked to balance increased funding for successful academic and professional programs with a desire to trim wasteful expenditures and unspent money.

COGS funds are derived from the Actives & Student Life fee. A total of \$12.87 is assessed per credit hour to fund Student Government on campus. A proportional amount equal to the number of post-bachelorette student cred hours is allocated to COGS six months prior to the start of the fiscal year. These funds are used to craft the COGS budget.

Funding projects are essentially flat from the current fiscal year. The Budget is \$4,800 less than the previous year's budget. A decrease of 1.1 percent. Coupled with increases in staff salary, this means that the budget committee had to engage in moderate belt tightening from the upcoming fiscal year.

The Committee would like to recognize and thank the assistance of several people who helped make these deliberations possible. Director of Student Affairs, Danielle Morgan Acosta, Assistant Director and COGS Advisor, Carolyn Harris, for their input, and their assistance throughout the budget process. Speaker Adam O'Neil, was present to help the committee, and provided additional input. Additionally, the Committee wishes to thank COGS Program Associate, Whitney Brown for her aid in organizing committee documents; Ben Young and SGA Publications for the help in producing the COGS Budget Handbook; and Kim Dicks for her assistance in sharing financial documents.

The Committee was unanimous during final deliberations; discussion was enthusiastic and rigorous as this budget reflects a balanced allocation of COGS funds. The budget was approved on a vote of 6-0 with representatives Blake-Hedges, Engelbrecht, Morgan, Oloye, and Solano voting in favor of the proposed budget. The proposed budget will now move on to the full Congress for deliberations and debate. It

is in the opinion of the majority of the committee that representatives should vote in favor of the proposed distribution of funds.

## **Organizational Support**

A number of new RSOs requested funding during the budget committee this year. The committee is pleased to see newly formed RSOs financing growing events to aid the post-baccalaureate student body on campus. The following organizations requesting funds are: Applied Sports Psychology (ASP), American Statistical Association (ASA), Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA), The Cell and Molecular Biology Student Association (TCGS), Counseling Student Research Organization Association (CSRA), The Diversity and Inclusion in Research and Teaching Organization (DIRECTO), the Florida-Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (FGLSAMP), Graduate Women in Science (GWIS), Hispanic Graduate Student Association (HiGSA), History Graduate Student Association (HGSA), Iranian Student Association, The League of Graduate Student Artists, National Art Education Association (NAEA), Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA), Physics Graduate Student Association (PGSA), and Society for Musicology (SIM).

Broadly, funding in Organizational Support consists of three event types: 1) Identity based student organizations requesting support for cultural events. 2) Graduate student organizations requesting support for student lead conferences and lecture series. 3) Graduate student organizations requesting support for maintaining meetings and events throughout the fiscal year. The committee this year focused on funding events that were capable of engaging the multiple levels and groups of the post-baccalaureate population on campus throughout the upcoming fiscal year. With flat funding – the budget committee had to make tough decisions on how to provide opportunities with the current budget.

### **Applied Sports Psychology**

APS was funded at \$3,800 dollars: \$3,000 in expense and \$400 in food. The committee. The Committee is happy to see ASP requesting funding during the annual budget process again. The group received flat funding from the prior fiscal year. The Committee is happy to provide funding for the currently supported speaking events, but

is unable to commit to additional speaking events without increases in the overall budget.

### **American Statistical Association**

ASA was zero funded in the budget process. The RSO did not attend their budget hearings and the committee felt that they did not have enough information to accurately fund the organization. The RSO may submit a budget request to the Assembly in the new fiscal year to request funds to hold events.

### **Black Graduate Student Association**

The BGSA was funded at \$3,300 dollars: \$1,000 in expense, and \$2,000 in food, and \$300 in Clothing and Awards. This represents a 17.5 percent decrease in total allocation from the previous fiscal year. The committee is interested in promoting diversity in the post-baccalaureate environment. BGSA provides many excellent events on campus every year. However, the committee was concerned about the reliance on the food line item in the proposed budget and felt that \$2,000 for the upcoming fiscal year would be sufficient for events.

### **The Cell and Molecular Biology Graduate Student Association**

TCGS was funded \$800 dollars in food and \$500 in expense. The RSO was seeking funding for food at weekly coffee hours and colloquia. This is the second year that the RSO has sought funding through the budgeting process. The committee encourages the RSO to place less financial emphasis on food for weekly meetings in future requests.

### **Counseling Student Research Association**

CSRA was funded \$200 dollars in clothing and awards. The Committee was happy to see the RSO seek funding from COGS for the first time in the annual budget. The RSO was seeking funding for t-shirts and the committee is happy to provide an allocation to assist them.

### **The Diversity and Inclusion in Research and Teaching Organization (DIRECTO)**

DIRECTO was funded \$1000 in expense to support the honorarium of one speaker. The committee was impressed with the amount of work that this new RSO placed in creating a budget. However, the committee was confused about how COGS funds would be used to explicitly support events and with the estimated attendance projections for future events. The committee feels that this funding serves as a starting point for first time assistance for an RSO. The RSO is welcome to submit a proposal for additional funding to the COGS Assembly during the fiscal year.

### **Florida-Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (FGLSAMP)**

FGLSAMP was zero funded in the budget process. The RSO did not attend their budget hearings and the committee felt that they did not have enough information to accurately fund the organization. The RSO may submit a budget request to the Assembly in the new fiscal year to request funds to help support the FSU student body.

### **Graduate Women in Science**

GWIS was funded \$1,900 dollars: \$800 in expense, \$800 in food, and \$300 in Clothing and Wards. The committee is excited to see that GWIS is in a rebuilding year and looks forward to their commitment to hold projects. COGS assists predominantly with the annual Art in Stem event that the RSO holds and is well attended. Additional funds will be used to assist with colloquium and events that the group uses to support women on campus.

### **Hispanic Graduate Student Association**

HiGSA was funded at \$4,930 dollars: \$3,500 in contractual services, \$300 in expense, \$1080 in food, and \$50 in clothing and awards. The committee is interested in promoting diversity in the post- baccalaureate environment. HiGSA is a model organization funded by COGS working diligently since its founding to make a large impact on campus. The RSO was recognized last year by FSU President Thrasher and has received external funds to aid in funding its film festival project. The RSO is looking to maintain programming, which explains the flat funding request for the upcoming fiscal year. The committee agreed to fully fund the request and thanks the RSO for their professional presentation at the Budget Hearings.

### **History Graduate Student Association**

HGSA was funded at 2,600 dollars: \$2,000 in contractual services, \$70 in expense, and \$530 in food. HGSA uses these funds to support their annual graduate student lead conference. This conference attracts research from across the country and promotes FSU student research to a regional audience. The committee is happy to continue to support this organization.

### **Iranian Student Association**

ISA was funded 682 dollars: \$62 in expense and \$620 in food. This is the first time that this RSO has requested funding through the COGS budgeting process. The committee was impressed by the RSO's commitment to keeping food costs constrained and was happy to fully support their request.

### **League of Graduate Student Artists**

The League of Graduate Student Artists was funded at \$1,015 dollars: \$695 in expense and \$320 in food. This is the first time that this RSO has requested funding through the COGS budgeting process. The RSO requested funds to maintain their gallery space and promote graduate student artwork at exhibitions in the upcoming year. The committee felt that the RSO presented a reasonable request and was happy to fully support the request.

### **National Art Education Association (NAES)**

NAES was funded at \$1,500 dollars: all in expense. The RSO has for a number of years used COGS funding to produce a graduate student lead art education workshop in June each year. This represents the first year that the RSO has requested funding via the budgeting process. If funded the RSO will be able to schedule presentation further in advance from a wider audience of art education leaders. The RSO presents a professional and reasonable budget and fully supported the request.

### **Political Science Graduate Student Association**

PSGSA was funded at \$3,800 dollars: \$3,000 in contractual services, and \$800 in food. This represents a 5% decrease in the total allocation from the prior fiscal year. The RSO uses these funds to provide a week long statistical methods workshop with two speakers. The committee feels that the speakers are an excellent use of cogs funds, yet feels that a meaning full event can still be maintained with a small reduction in the food line item.

### **Philosophy Graduate Student Association**

PSGSA was funded at \$2,750 dollars: \$2,500 in contractual services, and \$8250 in food. This represents flat funding from the prior fiscal year. The RSO uses these funds to host their Moral Foundation conference in philosophy which has received wide recognition within their discipline. The committee was happy to fully support the request for the organization to hold this event.

### **Physics Graduate Student Association**

PGSA was funded \$1,000 dollars: \$200 in expense, \$800 in food. The RSO was seeking funding for food at weekly coffee hours and colloquia. The committee felt that food line item was appropriate for the events proposed by the RSO.

### **Society for Musicology**

SIM was funded \$4,200 dollars: \$4,000 in contractual services and \$200 in food. SIM has hosted their annual Musicology conference on campus for over a decade. The conference is well organized and well attended. The request was similar to previous allocations by COGS and was fully funded.

## **Departmental & Affiliated Projects**

### **FSU Childcare**

FSU Childcare was funded at \$64,642 dollars in OPS wages. The Committee was happy to hear about the updates to Childcare at FSU as the program transitions to a new facility which can accommodate more children. COGS would like to thank SGA for their commitment to affordable childcare on campus. The committee decided on a 5 percent cost of living adjustment when funding childcare for the upcoming year.

### **Graduate School**

The Graduate School was funded at \$10,000: all in food. This represents a \$2000 decrease from the previous fiscal year. The committee wishes funds were available to fund all events proposed by the graduate school. The committee was impressed by the inclusion of the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards (OGFA). The committee is however frustrated by the inability of the Graduate school to follow COGS financial rules when using COGS funds: Namely the committee discussed the Graduate School's use of funds on events not open to all graduate students as well as the lack of COGS sponsorship on assisted events.

## **Funding Boards**

### **Law School Council**

The LSC was funded at \$42,000; \$27,000 in expenses, and \$15,000 in food. The Committee was impressed by LSC's funding request this year and continued attention to reduce annual sweepings amounts. The Committee is also impressed with LSC introduction of flat funding rules for RSOs. The Committee voted to fully fund LSC's request and thanks the funding board for their well-planned budget proposal.

### **Medical School Council**

MSC was funded at \$42,000; was funded at \$42,000; \$27,000 in expenses, and \$15,000 in food. The committee chose funding levels by allocating the maximum percentage allowed by COGS code for Food expenditures. The remainder of the allocation was placed into the expenses category. The committee believes that MSC does impactful and valuable work on campus.

The original allocation was approved by a vote of 5-1 with member Blake-Hedges voting against.

## **COGS GRANT PROGRAMS**

COGS currently funds four grant lines: the Presentation Grants, the Academic & Professional Conference Attendance Grants, the Dissertation Research Grant, and the Organizational Support Grant. Due to the popularity and impact of the grant programs the committee voted to maintain funding for three of the four grant line items.

### **Presentation Grants**

Many members of the Budget Committee believe that the Presentation Grants program is the most important program that COGS funds. It is certainly the most well-known COGS program on campus, and thousands of grants have been

given to graduate students over the years. If funding permitted, COGS would be on track to process over 600 Presentation grants this year. Funding was recommended at \$160,000 for the fiscal year.

### **Academic & Professional Support Attendance Grants**

The committee recommends funding the Academic & Professional Support Attendance Grants at \$17,000 for the upcoming fiscal year. Both travel grant programs have received flat funding for the upcoming fiscal year.

### **Dissertation Research Grants**

The committee recommends that Dissertation Research Grant funding be funded at \$10,000 dollars for the next fiscal year. Members on the committee felt that the Dissertation Research Grants provide a vital means of research support on campus. This is the second fiscal year in a row that the Committee has been able to fully fund the grant program.

### **Organizational Support Grants**

The committee recommends funding Organizational Support Grants at \$3,000 dollars. This is a \$1,000 decrease from the previous year. This account is used to fund one time allocations under \$1,000 for the fiscal year to new RSOs on campus.

## **COGS ADMINISTRATION**

The COGS Administrative account is composed of all the direct allocations which are not line items or funding boards. All of the line items were approved en bloc by the committee.

### **Salary and Insurance**

Salary and Insurance are a mandatory expense. \$125,000 were allocated for salary in the next fiscal year. An additional \$3,500 was funded to cover insurance.

Projections were compiled by the SA&O office. The funds compensate the COGS Administrator, Whitney Brown, as well as other an Accountant position affiliated with COGS day-to-day operations.

### **COGS Officers**

COGS Officers were recommended funding at \$14,700. These funds are used to compensate the work of members of the executive board in COGS. The funds are based off of contracted hourly rates developed by FSU payroll. This represents a \$300 decrease from the prior fiscal year.



### **OPS Office Staff**

OPS Office Staff was recommended funding at \$3,500. It is used to fund one hourly SGA/COGS accounting office staff. The funding is a flat increase from the prior fiscal year.

### **Food**

Food was recommended funding at \$1,500 dollars. The line allocates funding for food during COGS meetings. The food is available to all students who attend the meeting. This allocation represents a \$500 decrease from the previous fiscal year's budget.

### **Office Supplies**

Office Supplies was recommended funding at \$500 dollars. The line is used to fund necessary office supplies for the COGS office and affiliates.

### **Telephone**

Telephone was recommended funding at \$1,500 dollars. This represents flat funding from the previous fiscal year. Funds go towards paying for computer maintenance, internet connections, and phone lines for the COGS office and COGS support staff.

### **Maintenance & Repair**

Maintenance & Repair was recommended funding at \$500 dollars. These funds are reserved for unexpected repair requests for COGS materials (e.g. office supplies damaged from flooding).

### **Speaker's Request**

Speaker's Request was recommended funding at \$4,000 dollars. The speakers request is used to as a means of funding COGS graduate student orientation events. The recommended funding is a decrease of \$1,000 dollars from the previous fiscal year. The money is expected to be used to fund the Madison Social new graduate student social, ice cream for the COGS tabling at orientation. Additional have been placed in the account to help cover unexpected moving costs and defray university-mandated updates to COGS computers.

## **COGS UNALLOCATED**

The remaining funds that have not been dispersed will be held in the COGS unallocated account. These are the funds the COGS Congress will use to allocate to

RSOs in FY19. Presently, the account is allocated \$25,931. This represents a 36.54 percent decrease in the Unallocated account from the current fiscal year. The decrease can be attributed to both the decrease in the total COGS Budget; the increase in administrative overhead; and the increase in the number of RSO seeking funding for the next fiscal year. Funding Boards are also encouraged to seek additional funding from the Unallocated Account if they need additional financial support throughout the next fiscal year. The funds left in the Unallocated account will allow the General Body to support funding post-bachelorette students on campus for the entire upcoming fiscal year and direct funding to the groups and organizations with the greatest fiscal needs. However, funding will likely be tight at the end of the next fiscal year.