



**TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Assembly Meeting  
COGS Regular Session  
Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020  
6:30 PM  
Agenda

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Petitions into the Assembly:

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

Messages from Student Government:

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:

Elections:

- Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs

Report of Officers:

- The Report of the Speaker
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications

Committee Report:

- C-SAC:
- Internal Affairs:
- Student Advocacy:
- Student Affairs:

Funding Requests:

- *Bill #17: Code Revision 206.6*

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- Resolution #4: Student Bar Association Softball Team Travel

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting:

**Special Session: Monday, March 23, 6:30 PM, HCB 103**

Monday, April 6, 6:30 PM, HCB 103

Monday, April 20, 6:30 PM, HCB 103

## COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2019-2020

| ACCOUNT                       | ALLOCATION AMOUNT | DESCRIPTION                                                                             | BALANCE    |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| UNALLOCATED                   | \$25,081          | For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings                                               | \$1,038.56 |
| ORGANIZATIONAL (C-SAC)        | \$3,000           | RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year                        | \$1,843.99 |
| LSC                           | 42,000            | Funding allocations from Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations         | \$2,811.98 |
| MSC                           | 42,000            | Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations | \$6,771.75 |
| PRESENTATION GRANTS (Jul-Oct) | \$53,000          | Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period                            | 0          |
| PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb) | \$60,000          | Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period                     | \$3,234.53 |
| PRESENTATION GRANTS (Mar-Jun) | \$47,000          | Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period                            | \$8,700    |
| ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Jul-Oct)   | \$6,000           | Attendance Grant balance for the July-October funding period                            | 0          |
| ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Nov-Feb)   | \$6,000           | Attendance Grant balance for the November-February funding period                       | \$343.24   |
| ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Mar-Jun)   | \$5,000           | Attendance Grant balance for the March-June funding period                              | \$1,800.00 |

## TWENTY EIGHTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting  
Budget Meeting  
HCB 103  
February 17, 2020  
6:30 p.m.  
MINUTES



**Call to Order:** 6:37 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Representative Nelson

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Blake-Hedges, Brinkman, Hagemeyer, Mathesie, Mendez, Morgan, Nelson

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** None

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** None

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Creigh, Fisher

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** Fomberg

**REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:** None

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** None

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Motion to Approve Minutes, Mendez; Fomberg 2<sup>nd</sup>; No Objections; APPROVED.

**Petitions into the Assembly:** Jean-Francois Cheuwa (APPROVED; 6-0-0; No objections)

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:** None

**Messages from Student Government:** None

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

Elections:

- **Speaker for the 28th Congress-** Mathesie nominates Morgan; Mendez seconds. Morgan accepts. PROS: Morgan has served on exec board for over a year now; recruitment gaining more members and maintaining honor and amicable relations. **Nelson motions to vote by secret ballot; Brinkman seconds. VOTE: 6-0-0; No Objections. Sworn in by Deputy-Speaker Blake-Hedges.**

- **Deputy Speaker of Communications-** B-H nominates Mendez; Mathesie seconds; Mendez accepts; Q&A Nelson: What are some of your ideas to increase membership? A: Market Wednesday, website updates. Q: Speaker Morgan, are you prepared for the time commitment? A: Yes. Q: When do you graduate? A: May 2021. Q: Will you be here this summer? A: Yes! **Nelson motions to vote by secret ballot; Blake-Hedges seconds. Vote: 6-0-0; No objections.**

Report of Officers:

- The Report of the Speaker: **Township receipt- SBA Case; funding**
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance: **Fiscal Year funding updates; page 3.**
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs: None.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications: None.

Committee Report:

- C-SAC: **Met at 5:30pm- 1 request; see Resolution 3.**
- Internal Affairs: **Has not met.**
- Student Advocacy: **Has not met. Blake-Hedges will email them to set up a meeting.**
- Student Affairs: **Has not met.**

Funding Requests:

- *Bill #13: COGS Grants: Transfer of Nov-Feb Grant Funding to COGS Unallocated*
  - **Q&A:** None. **PRO:** Mendez in favor. **CON:** None. **2<sup>nd</sup> PRO:** Mendez motions to call the question. Mathesie seconds; no objections. **VOTE: 7-0-0; PASSED.** COGS Unallocated: \$3,000.
- *Bill #14: Graduate Women in Science: Transfer from Expense to Food*
  - Estimated: 300 people; no funds collected.
  - **Q&A:** Q: Nelson: What happens to this money if it is not used? A: Speaker: It gets swept; or used for something within the category. **PRO:** Blake-Hedges- Going to a good cause; great event to sponsor. Hagemeyer: Great that it's going to good a cause: that they sought funding in other places. **CON:** None. **2<sup>nd</sup> PRO:** Mendez: going to a great cause. Mathesie motions to call the question; Brinkman seconds. No objection. **VOTE: 7-0-0; PASSED. Food: \$300.**
- *Bill #15: Indian Student Association of Tallahassee: Allocation Funding Request*
  - **Q&A:** Q: B-H: If we could not fully fund you, would you still be able to hold you event? INSAT: Flyers can ask center for global engagement. Mathesie: What is the breakdown of grad & undergrad for the groups? Insat: 120 of grad students for an event before at previous events for insat. Nelson: What is the quantity for these estimates? Insat: 250 people. Brinkman: How would we break/split to cut the funding? Speaker: I understand. Mendez: If we could not fund what is the lowest you could be

funded? Insat: \$1600-\$1700. Nelson: What have ya'll done to fundraise? Insat: We do not collect dues and have not done fundraising? Brinkman motion to extend time. Nelson seconds; no objections. Nelson: Is this food going to be buffet style? Insat: Yes, and we are going to have food that lasts a while. **PRO:** Morgan Insat has historically done events with COGS: Held their end of the bargain. Cheuwa: If we have money we should fund them for it. Hagemeyer: I believe we have approved them for this event next year Blake-Hedges: They spend their money wisely and well. **CON:** Mathesie: I think we should look at 120 seems like less (\$1000) no more than 50% are grad students. Nelson: We should cut \$200 for the extra stuff. Brinkman: I agree with Mathesie: about the amount LSC chair with experience there. **2<sup>nd</sup> PRO:** Blake-Hedges: I think we should fund in some function. Mathesie: \$750 max \$1000. Mendez: should fund to greatest capacity. Blake-Hedges: motion to amend bill \$0 expense, food \$1500. Mendez seconds. Mathesie objects. Blake-Hedges withdrawals. Blake-Hedges: motions to amend bill to read \$0 expense and \$1,000 food. Mendez seconds; Mathesie objects. **PRO:** Mendez: I think it's appropriate; Blake-Hedges: I think it's an appropriate amount for the event right now. **CON:** Brinkman: They knew this event was coming they should have come sooner. Nelson: Did not make effort to raise money on their own. **2<sup>nd</sup> PRO:** Blake-Hedges motions to call the question; Mendes seconds. **VOTE 4-3-0; Bill Amended. Blake-Hedges motions to call the question on amended bill #15. Mendez seconds; no objections. VOTE: 5-2-0: PASSED. Food: \$1,000.**

- *Bill #16: FSU Art Therapy Association: Allocation Funding Request*

Q&A: Mathesie: What is the recommendation of Dep SPE finance. **PRO:** Is a great art therapy program. **CON:** Brinkman: They should have got it in sooner. Mathesie: anyone present from Art Therapy? speaks for itself. **2<sup>nd</sup> PRO:** Hagemeyer motions to call the question: Mathesie seconds; No objections. **VOTE: 0-7-0: FAILED.**

#### New Business:

- *Resolution #3: CSAC Resolution-* CSAC Vote: 3-0-0. **Q&A:** Mathesie: How many do they say normally attend? 50-100. **PROS:** None. **CONS:** Mathesie: to be equal across board; would recommend cuts for lunch. **2<sup>nd</sup> PRO:** Mathesie motions to amend bill to \$244 for food (\$10/person). Nelson seconds; Blake-Hedges objects. **PRO:** to be fiscally conservative, not fair to fund \$100. Nelson: Pro: \$10 is more than fair. **Cons:** Blake-Hedges: \$14 for special lunch is not unreasonable; good thing to promote. Mendez: \$14 is an appropriate amount. **2<sup>nd</sup> pro:** Blake-Hedges motions to call the question. Mathesie seconds. **VOTE: 4-3-0** Amendment passes. **2<sup>nd</sup> PRO:** Mendez motions to call the question. Mathesie seconds; no objections. **VOTE: 6-1-0 Resolution passes. C-SAC: \$244.**

**Round Table:** Committee meetings; website updating Ben Young; financial certification.

**Adjournment:** 8:27 PM

Next Meeting:

***Monday, March 2, 6:30 PM, HCB 103***



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# Statute Revisions & Additions

## 28<sup>th</sup> Congress of Graduate Students

**Bill #:** 17

**Sponsored by:** Speaker Morgan

**Date:** March 2, 2020

**Purpose & Description:** To reduce ambiguity in COGS code associated with financial procedures. The process outlined in the new appropriations section is in accordance with current procedures. Bold indicates an addition and strikethrough indicates a deletion.

**Statute Number(s):** 206.6

206.6 The Speaker and Deputy Speaker for Finance may reject requests for expenditures that they deem fiscally irresponsible. ~~Reasons for rejection include, but are not limited to, any request deemed excessive or irresponsible.~~





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## Resolution

### 28<sup>th</sup> Congress of Graduate Students

**Resolution #:** 4

**Sponsored by:** Deputy Speaker Blake-Hedges

**Date:** March 2, 2020

**Whereas:** On February 6, 2019 LSC allocated FSU Softball Law \$1,875.00 for expenses to cover travel for 12 members to attend the annual University of Virginia Invitational Softball Tournament on April 5-7, 2019;

**Whereas:** the LSC minutes mistakenly said FSU Softball Law, which is not an RSO, instead of the Student Bar Association, which is the RSO that submitted the request and allocated the money;

**Whereas:** SBA submitted a purchase request for \$685.00 in expense to cover the registration for the tournament on February 18, 2019;

**Whereas:** The COGS Speaker denied the purchase request;

**Whereas:** SBA sued the COGS Speaker for his denial of the purchase request in the Fall of 2019;

**Whereas:** The Supreme Court ruled that the COGS Speaker reconsider SBA's purchase request;

**Whereas:** The COGS Speaker denied the purchase request again on the grounds of the COGS Code 300.6(C);

**Whereas:** SBA sued the COGS Speaker for his new denial of the purchase request in January of 2020;

**Whereas:** The Supreme Court ruled that the COGS Speaker reconsider SBA's purchase request;

**Be it resolved by the Twenty-seventh Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that:** \$685 from LSC's expense account will be used to reimburse the SBA students that traveled to the annual University of Virginia Invitational Softball Tournament.



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**Be it further resolved that:** copies of this resolution be sent to the SGA accounting staff, the LSC Board, and the SBA counsel, Ryan Dyson.