



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting
COGS Regular Session
Monday, April 20, 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:

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 #: Requesting Organization: Allocation to the Organization

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- Resolution #4: *Student Bar Association Softball Tournament*
- Resolution #5: *COGS Travel Grants Awarding Suspension*

Round Table: *Summer Intent*

Adjournment:

Next Meeting:

COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2019-2020

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
UNALLOCATED	\$25,081	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$4, 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	\$2,594.98
MSC	42,000	Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations	\$987.24
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	\$3,381
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$47,000	Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$5,957
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	\$2,100.00

TWENTY EIGHTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
Regular Session
HCB 103
Monday, April 6th, 2020
6:30 p.m.
MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:33

Pledge of Allegiance: Morgan

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Blake-Hedges, Brinkman, Cheuwa, Creigh, Fisher, Fomberg, Mathesie, Mendez, Morgan, Nelson

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: None

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: Hagemeyer

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: None

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

Petitions into the Congress: Megan Hirsch (LGBTQ+ Advocacy Seat), Vote: 8-0-1; APPROVED.

Special Introductions and Student Comments: None

Messages from Student Government: None

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker-** Working on SBA resolution and looking forward to discussing recruitment with the semester being online the rest of the semester.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance-** Money will be swept at the end of the fiscal year, June 30th. Working on gathering records of events cancelled and travel cancelled in hopes of getting some of that money back next year. Reviewed the financial report with the Congress.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs-** looking at recruitment for the summer and looking forward to committee time to talk about code edits.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications-** Have been posting on all of COGS' social media. Have been advertising the open seats online.

Committee Report: **Speaker motioned to have a 10-minute recess for committees to set up their next meetings.*

- **C-SAC:** None.
- **Internal Affairs:** None.
- **Student Advocacy:** None.
- **Student Affairs:** None.

Funding Requests: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- *Virtual Meetings Moving Forward: Zoom Expectations, Committee Meetings, Website Notices-* We should begin thinking about how we're going to format meetings to zoom. How we'll take turns speaking, voting, and being present during other people talking. Committee meetings invites should be made and sent promptly. Meeting dates, times, and chairs and members should be emailed to Ben to update the website.
- *Recruitment-Morgan:* biggest time we have people join is right after grad orientation and found that talking to people was the most effective. Great to have more representative especially with sponsoring bills before COGS. How can we develop a way to have better relationships within the graduate community? Mendez: can use the cancelled events/summer as a time to check in and build relationship. Cheuwa: best way to recruitment is to use where we are and bring those people from your departments

Round Table: Creigh: went to the FSU Childcare Center with Blake-Hedges to read books to kids. Everyone quarantining and trying to stay healthy.

Adjournment: 7:45 PM

Next Meeting:

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



Resolution

28th Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution #: 4

Sponsored by: Deputy Speaker Mendez

Date: April 20th, 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-Eighth Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that: \$800 from the COGS unallocated account and \$400 from the LSC expense account will be used to reimburse SBA and student members of SBA for expenses related to registration and group travel for the annual University of Virginia Invitational Softball Tournament

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.



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Resolution

28th Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution #: 5

Sponsored by: Deputy Speaker Blake-Hedges

Date: April 20th, 2020

Whereas: On March 13, 2020 the university cancelled all university-sponsored domestic (U.S.) and international travel until further notice;

Whereas: the Congress of Graduate Students Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year states that the conference presentation and attendance grants will be awarded for student travel during the fiscal year;

Whereas: beginning June 1st, 2020, the conference attendance and presentation grants are awarded for student travel that occurs between July 1st 2020-October 31st 2020;

Be it resolved by the Twenty-seventh Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that: no conference presentation or attendance grants will be awarded until the university reinstates university-sponsored travel and the application to apply for these grants will be closed until that time.

Be it further resolved that: copies of this resolution be sent to the SGA accounting staff, the Director of SGA, Dr. Danielle Morgan Acosta, and the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Amy Hecht.