



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting
COGS Regular Session
Monday, July 20th, 2020
Zoom
6:30 PM
Agenda

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Petitions into the Assembly: Oluwatoyin Sangokunle (College of Human Sciences)

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

Messages from Student Government:

Report from the Office of Governmental 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:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- *Resolution #8: International Students*

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting:

Monday, August 31st, 2020 6:30 PM via Zoom



COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2020-2021

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
UNALLOCATED	\$21,331.18	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$21,331.18
ORGANIZATIONAL (C-SAC)	\$3,000	RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year	\$3,000
LSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations	\$44,000
MSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations	\$44,000
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$53,000	Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$53,000
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$60,000	Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$60,000
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$47,000	Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$47,000
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$6,000	Attendance Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$6,000
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$6,000	Attendance Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$6,000
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$5,000	Attendance Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$5,000



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Assembly Meeting
Regular Session
via Zoom
June 15, 2020
6:30 p.m.
MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:37 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Creigh

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Blake-Hedges, Creigh, Hagemeyer, Hirsch, Mathesie, Morgan

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Brinkman, Fisher, Nelson

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: Cheuwa

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to Approve Minutes: Mathesie; Hirsch second; No Objections; APPROVED.

Special Introductions and Student Comments: Teresa Simone, prospective representative, 3rd year PhD in theater, GAU member and university chair
GAU Bargaining: opened bargaining and little movement, working on getting fee relief due to COVID.

Messages from Student Government: None

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: None

Elections: None

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker**
 - Has been working on resolutions with the committees, lots of meetings and work with other people to work on these resolutions, Hirsch and Hagemeyer helped and Blake-Hedges helped looked over the work and Creigh for assistance with resolution 6
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**



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- New fiscal year coming up, accounts will be updated for this previous fiscal year soon, still not funding any events or travel at this time.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**

- Nothing to report, haven't held office hours yet, but will soon when other duties are finished.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**

- N/A

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:**

- Have not met.

- **Internal Affairs:**

- Have not met.

- **Student Advocacy:**

- Have not met, Devin is the chair but is not a member currently.
- Hirsch said she would be current chair over the summer.

- **Student Affairs:**

- Met day after last COGS meeting in May, decided on questions to include in student parking survey and planning on sending the survey out to students.

Funding Requests: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Resolution #6: presented by Hagemeyer
 - Policy on funding virtual events, setting up guidelines for virtual event funding, COVID has made things easier to do online and people may continue to do similar things even after COVID, want to be proactive and set up a system for the future
 - Questions and answers
 - Creigh – how we are going to form a committee?
 - Speaker Morgan – appoint people to a committee, was going to ask Blake to chair it and Creigh and Hagemeyer to take part on it because they participated in the budgeting process
 - Could also pick a current committee to assign it to them – student affairs or internal affairs
 - Mathesie – Could budget committee adopt it?
 - Michael – could potentially do it, would have to reassemble committee as it is no longer standing
- Pro
 - Hagemeyer – too early to put guidelines out there, so making a committee to do it would make it more solid, there is a growing trend of virtual events, think it's good for RSOs to currently use funds for online events



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- Hirsch – good resolution to pass. need more specific guidelines in place but it is a start.
- Cons
 - Blake-Hedges – should decide whether to make a new committee or put it on an existing committee before we pass it
 - Michael – preferential to put it on an existing committee, maybe internal affairs
 - Blake – could wait until the fall to assign it to a committee
 - Hagemeyer – in favor of assigning it to a committee
- Motion to amend resolution 6 - Hagemeyer
 - Strike “a committee shall be formed” and replace it with “a committee shall be assigned”
 - Second, Mathesie
 - Amendment passes 5-0-0
 - Motion to call the question, Mathesie
 - Second Creigh
 - **Vote 5-0-0 resolution 6 as amended passes**
- Resolution #7: presented by Hirsch
 - To show our continued support for all races and ethnicities, especially those that might fall into marginalized groups; this resolution not only supports our students but shows we take a stand against systemic racism; a good time to make a statement and not stay silent
 - Michael – we should be careful to the word soliciting, we are not funding things right now so soliciting funding requests is not a good idea
 - Questions and answers
 - none
- Pro
 - Blake-Hedges: a great message to show our support for our constituents and show that we welcome diversity and do not tolerate hate.
- Cons
 - Mathesie: in support of this bill but the wording may put us in an awkward position; want to make a motion to remove everything after protest and assembly; don't want to confuse anyone on what we can fund, can't fund something with a political agenda but should have an academic purpose; right now all funding is frozen and can't fund anything until minimum of July 1
 - Hirsch: suggests that we take out “by soliciting funding requests for events that focus on”
- Motion to amend resolution 7 - Mathesie
 - Strike “As always COGS supports FSU's students's rights for peaceful protest and assembly by soliciting funding proposals for events” and replace with “As always COGS supports FSU students' rights for peaceful protest and assembly in general, but specifically in this time, ones”
 - Second, Hagemeyer



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- Amendment passes 5-0-1
 - Motion to call the question, Blake-Hedges
 - Second Hagemeyer
 - **Vote 5-0-1 resolution 7 as amended passes**

Round Table: Blake-Hedges, Hirsch, Mathesie, Creigh, Hagemeyer, Cheuwa, Morgan, Jacalyn

Adjournment: 7:46 PM

**Next Meeting:
July 20th, 2020**



Resolution

28th Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution #: 8

Sponsored by: Representative Hirsch

Date: Monday, July 20th, 2020

Whereas: The international student body at Florida State University comprises about 2,500 students from 130 different countries (FSU Center for Global Engagement);

Whereas: Approximately 46% of international students are enrolled in graduate and professional programs at FSU as of the 2018/2019 Academic Year (2019 Open Doors Data for Fall 2018 Enrollment - FSU Center for Global Engagement);

Whereas: Approximately 89% of all international students enrolled at FSU hold a F-1 visa as of the 2018/2019 Academic Year (2019 Open Doors Data for Fall 2018 Enrollment - FSU Center for Global Engagement);

Whereas: International students are an invaluable and vibrant minority group within the Graduate Student Body at Florida State University;

Whereas: The Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, has reached a pandemic level and lead to the movement of in-person instruction to remote learning at most universities in the United States, including FSU, who has been offering online-only instruction since March 2020;

Whereas: FSU's Fall 2020 Plan for reopening the campus involve offering synchronous and asynchronous online courses, hybrid courses, and select in-person courses with no in-person courses meeting after Thanksgiving break (FSU Fall 2020 Plan);

Whereas: On Monday July 6, 2020, U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) set forth new regulations stating international students holding F-1 and M-1 visas will not be able to remain in the United States if their university or program was offering instruction fully online (Student and Exchange Visitor Program - ICE News Release 7/6/2020);

Whereas: Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology have filed a joint lawsuit against ICE and the Department of Homeland Security due to the new regulations (MIT and Harvard file suit against new ICE regulations - MIT News Office 7/8/2020);

Whereas: Other universities, such as the University of Central Florida (Taking Steps to Support Our International Students - UCF Today 7/8/2020) or New York University (Statement from NYU President Andrew Hamilton on New ICE Policy Regarding International Students - New Release 7/7/2020), are offering hybrid programs in the fall and will assist international students to ensure they meet in-person course requirements to maintain their visa status;



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Whereas: On July 14, 2020, the presidential administration agreed to rescind the 7/6/2020 ICE regulation (USA Today - 7/14/2020);

Whereas: Though the ICE regulations have been rescinded, international students are negatively impacted; In particular, those international students who need to return to the United States for the Fall 2020 semester;

Whereas: As of June 15, 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has travel restrictions in place impacting 36 countries, with no clear exemptions for students holding an F-1 or M-1 visa (Travelers Prohibited from Entry to the United States CDC - 6/15/2020);

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Eighth Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that: As the representative organization for the graduate student body, we value the international student population as an important part of our community and the greater student body at FSU.

Be it further resolved: We implore that FSU leadership, the Center for Global Engagement, and any other relevant FSU departments or programs assist currently and newly enrolled international students on F-1 and M-1 visas by finding solutions and creating a plan so they can remain in or return to Tallahassee for the Fall 2020 semester.

Be it further resolved: We urge our state senators and congressional representatives to take action against current travel restrictions by allowing international students to be able to return to the country if they are enrolled at a university in the United States under an F-1 or M-1 visa.

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

Be it further resolved: Copies of this resolution also be sent to:

U.S. Senators for the State of Florida

1. Marco Rubio
2. Rick Scott

U.S. Congressional Representatives for the State of Florida

1. Matt Gaetz
2. Neal Dunn
3. Ted Yoho
4. John Rutherford
5. Al Lawson
6. Michael Waltz
7. Stephanie Murphy
8. Bill Posey
9. Darren Soto
10. Val Demings
11. Daniel Webster



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12. Gus M. Bilirakis
13. Charlie Crist
14. Kathy Castor
15. Ross Spano
16. Vern Buchanan
17. Gregory W. Steube
18. Brian Mast
19. Francis Rooney
20. Alcee L. Hastings
21. Lois Frankel
22. Ted Deutch
23. Debbie Wasserman Schultz
24. Frederica Wilson
25. Mario Diaz-Balart
26. Debbie Mucarsel-Powell
27. Donna E. Shalala