



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting

COGS Regular Session

Monday, September 21st, 2020

Zoom

6:30 PM

Agenda

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Petitions into the Assembly: Alaba Ilesanmi (College of Music)

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

Messages from Student Government:

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:

Elections:

- Deputy Speaker of 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:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- *Bill #19: Presentation Grant Transfer*
- *Bill #20: Attendance Grant Transfer*
- *Resolution #9: Virtual Conference Funding*

Round Table:

Adjournment:



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Next Meeting:

Monday, October 5th, 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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TWENTY EIGHTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
Regular Session
Zoom
August 31, 2020
6:30 p.m.
MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:33

Pledge of Allegiance:

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Morgan, Mendez, Fomberg, Blake-Hedges, Hirsch, Creigh, Brinkman, Hagemeyer, Cheuwa, Sangokunle

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Mathesie

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:

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

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

- New petition to enter COGS
 - o Sara Collins, a PhD student, is familiar with COGS and how it works. Interested in the student advocacy committee. Very interested in advocating for students with disabilities and providing services during this time.
 - o Questions and answers
 - Brinkman: You attended for your masters as well?
 - Yes
 - Creigh: will you have time to commit to cogs
 - Yes
 - Hagemeyer: which committee would you be interested in?
 - Student advocacy
 - Morgan: are you familiar with financial certification and the process of making impartial financial decisions?
 - Not particularly familiar yet, and does not
 - Mendez: do you have any experience in student government



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No, but has been very involved in programs in her academic career and has experience using cogs

- Debate
 - Pro
 - Hagemeyer
 - Has been involved with student disability organizations in the past, and she seems very focused on advocacy
 - Blake- hedges
 - Great that she did her masters at FSU, so she is familiar with the university
 - Hirsch
 - Personally, knows Sarah Collins and believes she will do great
 - Morgan
 - She reached out and has been eager to join, so she seems very motivated
 - Con
 - No cons
- Motions to approve, Blake-Hedges; second by Fomberg
 - 9-0-0, representative Collins admitted
- Swearing in of Representative Collins

Messages from Student Government: none

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: none

Elections:

- Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker**
 - Some recent meetings with LSC and MSC occurred in the previous weeks to begin working together for the semester
 - Come to a consensus on regulations for spending for the year
 - Beginning creation of guidelines for funding online events
 - Representative fisher is continuing his active duty with the military and submitted his resignation.
 - Deputy speaker Mathesie has stepped down from his position as deputy speaker of judicial affairs
 - Election to come in the next meeting
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
 - There is currently still a funding freeze on COGS
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**
 - None



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- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
 - Newly returning to position, nothing to report.

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:** none
- **Internal Affairs:** has not met
- **Student Advocacy:** has not met
- **Student Affairs:** has not met

Funding Requests:

- None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Bill #18
 - Sponsored by Representative Morgan
 - In the interest of granting a leave of absence to those called into active duty, this stipulation will be added to the manual to make the transition easier, and remove the requirement that internal affairs approve the leave
 - Pro:
 - Brinkman
 - A great idea, will be very helpful for those in the military
 - Hirsch
 - Is good to add this language to the code, in order to support all students at FSU
 - Con:
 - None
 - 2nd Pro
 - Fomberg
 - This is keeping with every other body that supports military citizens
- Motion to call the question, Blake-Hedges; 2nd by representative Creigh
- 10-0-1, bill has passed

Round Table:

- Everyone is doing well and excited to be back

Adjournment: 7:36 pm

Next Meeting: September 21st



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Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

27th Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 19

Sponsored by: Deputy Speaker Blake-Hedges

Date: September 21, 2020

Amount: \$26,500

From (account name): COGS Conference Presentation Grants July-October funding period

To (account name): COGS Conference Presentation Grants November-February funding period

Purpose & Description: The COGS conference and presentation grants were suspended on April, 20th 2020 and no money from the COGS Conference Presentation Grants July-October funding period has been spent. All of the money in the COGS Conference Presentation Grants account for the July-October funding period remains and will not be given to any students as the application for grants was suspended. This transfer will allow this money that would otherwise be swept to be used to fund virtual conference and presentation grants during the November-February grant funding period.



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Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

27th Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 20

Sponsored by: Deputy Speaker Blake-Hedges

Date: September 21, 2020

Amount: \$3,000

From (account name): COGS Conference Attendance Grants July-October funding period

To (account name): COGS Conference Attendance Grants November-February funding period

Purpose & Description: The COGS conference and presentation grants were suspended on April, 20th 2020 and no money from the COGS Conference Attendance Grants July-October funding period has been spent. All of the money in the COGS Conference Presentation Grants account for the July-October funding period remains and will not be given to any students as the application for grants was suspended. This transfer will allow this money that would otherwise be swept to be used to fund virtual conference and presentation grants during the November-February grant funding period.



Resolution

28th Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution #: 9

Sponsored by: Deputy Speaker Blake-Hedges

Date: September 21, 2020

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

Whereas: on April 20th 2020 the Congress passed Resolution 5 to resolve that “no conference 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”;

Whereas: as of today, September 21, university-sponsored travel is still cancelled;

Whereas: a majority of professional society conferences have switched from in-person conferences to virtual conferences that can be safely attended without travel through an online platform;

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 October 1st, 2020, the conference attendance and presentation grants are awarded for student travel that occurs between November 1st 2020-February 28th 2021;

Be it resolved by the Twenty-seventh Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that: conference presentation or attendance grants may be awarded to students that are attending and/or presenting at virtual conferences between November 1st 2020 and February 28th 2021 where no travel occurs to cover costs associated with said conferences.

Be it further resolved that: no conference presentation or attendance grants will be awarded to anyone attending and/or presenting at in-person conferences until the university reinstates university-sponsored travel.

Be it further resolved that: the application to apply for conference presentation and attendance grants will open on October 1st, 2020 and close either after funding is depleted or on February 28th, 2021, whichever comes first.

Be it further resolved that: copies of this resolution be sent to the SGA accounting staff, the Interim Director of SG&A, Dr. Brandon Bowden, and the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Amy Hecht.