



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

TWENTY EIGHTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting

COGS Regular Session

Monday, November 2nd, 2020

Zoom

6:30 PM

Agenda

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Petitions into the Assembly: Kayla Sizemore (Law School)

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:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- *Bill #23: Ecology and Evolution Research & Discussion Group Funding Request*
- *Bill #24: BGSA Allocation Request*

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: **Monday, November 16th, 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
Zoom
October 19, 2020
6:30 p.m.
MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:31 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Fomberg

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

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Morgan, 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.

Petition into the Assembly:

Hannah Smith – College of Fine Arts

Questions

- Hirsch – will you be available Mondays for the foreseeable future?
 - Smith- yes
- Fomberg - We have committees that you will serve on. Do you know which you committee you will like to serve on and will you have time commit to?
 - Smith – yes, I have time and management of it, and I am interested in student affairs and is passionate about making the lives better of students across campus.

Pros

- Ilesanmi – she seemed willing to work and passionate
- Fomberg – seems enthusiastic and understands the time commitment

Motion to call the question – Hagemeyer

- VOTE: 10-0-0; Approved.



Special Introductions and Student Comments: none

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**
 - Excused Absence – N/A
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
 - Requests have opened, we have not received as many requests as usual but hopefully we can get the word out and more people will apply. We also have our first funding requests tonight.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**
 - Is working with speaker Morgan to meet with LSC to discuss funding criteria. Were also going to be reviewing the language in COGS code to make language more clear.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
 - Updates on party on October 26th, social media going well with highlighting new reps.

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:** has not met
- **Internal Affairs:** has not met recently
- **Student Advocacy:** has not met recently
- **Student Affairs:** still working on new recruits' video as well as more info on modifying the pull up bar on campus.

Funding Requests:

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Bill #21 – the Organization for Religious Graduate Students -Sponsored by Representative Collins

- Concerns the reallocation of costs. Originally allocated funds for a conference and food. Now with a virtual conference, they would like to reallocate 1,000 dollars of food money to use for an additional speaker and for conference fees.
- Questions
 - Fomberg – so the breakdown on the bill packet is the same amount of originally allocated funds, but it is now on speakers?



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- Yes
- Will this be recorded for others to watch later? - Hagemeyer
 - Historically the keynote has been recorded with presenters' consent, and the rest are not, because they are often papers in progress or dissertations.
- Is it open to everyone or just students in your organization – Mendez
 - It is open to all graduate students. Quite a few undergrads also attend historically
- Will the speakers be paid more because of the additional 1000 dollars? – Cheuwa
 - The additional funds that were originally for food will now be for an additional speaker and online fees.
- What platform will it be on? – Olu
 - Will likely be hosted via zoom with a website for information on the conference.
- Is there any reduction in cost for speakers because the speakers are now online rather than coming in person – Hagemeyer
 - The department usually pays for the travel fees and such so they will be getting paid the same.
- Debate – pros
 - Fomberg – it seems like a good way to use funds this year, given the current state.
 - Hirsch – sounds like a great event, and appreciates that it will reach out to students at FSU as well as individuals nationally. Sounds like a great program and use of money.
 - Cheuwa – this will be great given the current times, to learn something and take advantage of the time.
- Cons –
 - Motion to call the question – Mendez, second, Fomberg
 - **10-0-1, PASSED**

Bill #22 – Music Theory Society – Rep Creigh

- 30th annual music theory forum. Has a reputation at FSU and nationally, because it brings in graduate students as well. They are asking for \$15,000 for an honorarium for the speaker for the conference. He's very well known, mainly for a conference paper he did last summer, based on racism and music theory, looking at race theory in music scholarship. Registration will be free and open to all, over zoom. They also fundraised and will paying other expenses on their own.
- Questions
 - None
- First round of pro
 - It seems like it will be a very relevant talk, and its really great to see that there are more petitions for covid friendly talks. – Mendez



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- This speaker would be talking about very important issues in the field of music today. it would be very beneficial to anyone who attends – Ilesanmi
- It should be a great tool for recruitment as well. a great use for the money – Fomberg
- Its is a very Important topic in any field and the event should be more important than ever
- Cons
 - No cons
- Motion to call the question, Fomber, second, brinkman
- **10-0-1, PASSED**

Bill #23 - Ecology and Evolution Research and Discussion group - Rep Ilesanmi

- Hopes to further establish the outreach of this group. To fund upcoming events, as well as tshirts, to increase recognition on campus. And for venue in the future outreach events. Requesting \$1,950.
- No one was present from the group, to answer questions or explain funding.
- **Motion to table until next meeting – Blake-Hedges, second, Mendez.**

Round Table:

Adjournment: 7:44 pm

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 2nd 2020 at 6:30 PM via Zoom



Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

28th Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 23

Sponsored by: Representative Ilesanmi

Date: November 2nd, 2020 (Tabled: October 19, 2020)

Amount: \$1,950.00

From (account name): COGS Unallocated

To (account name): Ecology and Evolution Research & Discussion Group

Purpose & Description: Much of these funds requested will be used to further establish the outreach arm of EERDG and to prepare for upcoming events both in foreseeable and unforeseeable future, when the COVID crisis subsides. Clothing funding will be used to purchase a large shipment of t-shirts that will serve as excess for years to come, and will immediately increase the recognizability of our organization at outreach events. In addition, funds for food will be used to increase attendance at on campus events for both undergraduate activities, when possible, and for graduate students, to increase their involvement in outreach

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
1	Expense	\$850.00
1	Food	\$400.00
1	Clothing & Awards	\$700.00

Total: \$1,950.00



Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

28th Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 24

Sponsored by: Representative Hirsch

Date: November 2nd, 2020

Amount: \$226.40

From (account name): COGS Unallocated

To (account name): Black Graduate Student Association

Purpose & Description: The BGSA Retreat on February 27th will be an event held for members of our organization. It will open to all members and will be held at FSU's Reservation. It will be an all-day event, filled with team building activities, food, and games for our members to participate in. This was created to give our Black graduate students a space to recoup and bond while upholding our mission of empowering, enriching, and enlightening our community. We are expecting between 20-30 attendees and would like to budget for at least 30 since our organization is growing.

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
30	"First of All..." Venting Journal	\$24.99
50	BGSA Shirt	\$15.00
1	Rez Retreat Center Rental Fees	\$350.00
1	Retreat Meals/Food/Catering	\$750.00
1	Retreat Materials (pens, pencils, paper, etc.)	\$500.00
1	Decoration for Event	\$250

Total: \$3350.00