



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

**TWENTY NINTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Assembly Meeting  
COGS Budget Meeting  
Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
6:30 PM  
Agenda

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

Messages from Student Government:

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:

Report of the Budget Committee:

Consideration of the Annual Budget:

- *Bill #1: The Annual Budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year*

Round Table/Final Roll Call:

Adjournment:

## COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2020-2021

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
UNALLOCATED	\$21,331.18	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$17,691.18
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	\$21,152.74
MSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations	\$43,260.34
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	\$83,343.04
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$47,000	Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$71,400.00
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	\$8,740
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$5,000	Attendance Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$7,700

## TWENTY NINTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting  
Special Session  
Zoom  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
6:30  
MINUTES



**Call to Order: 6:33**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Blake-Hedges

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Blake-Hedges, Mendez, Hagemeyer, Hirsch, Sussman, Ilesanmi, Delva, Creigh, Sizemore, Collins, Smith, Cheuwa

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Sangokunle

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** Brinkman, Morgan

**REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:**

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** motion to approve, Blake-Hedges; second, Hirsch.

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:** none

**Messages from Student Government:** none

**Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:**

- There has been an introduction of a bill that would take into account degrees when giving financial aid. – Hagemeyer

**Elections:**

**Report of Officers:**

- **The Report of the Speaker**
  - Presentation on COGS: discussed the duties of the separate committees, discussion of current initiatives including tuition fees and childcare. Important to remember that funding is only one aspect of COGS, it is also vital to be a voice for graduate students. Some review of the COGS code, several things that should likely be removed such as old dates, and new

language might be added to help for funding. There should be a stronger connection between COGS and SGA as well. we can also create an official liaison position in order to better manage involvement of COGs. Overall, wanted to address the list of committees that COGS can be a part of if there are interested members.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
  - MSC and LSC have become more active, and they have been able to give more of their money. We have not seen too many requests ourselves. We hope to hear back from the senate soon about approving the budget so we can move forward with our own budget hearing.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**
  - Not present, nothing to report.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
  - Has continued posting meeting dates in advance on social media. And created an updated flyer for the grant funding for this period to post on our social media this week if we still have funding available. Reached out to the askew Student Life center, to assist in promoting our movie night. It is going to be on March 31<sup>st</sup> and fliers will be posted on our social media starting this week. It will be Palm Springs, live streamed from Hulu. Colleges of arts and sciences, Business, Communication and information, and Social sciences and public policy are the colleges with the most empty seats on the congress so I planned to send cogs materials to fill seat vacancies.

#### **Committee Report:**

- **C-SAC:** nothing to report.
- **Internal Affairs:** has not met; still working to set up meeting.
- **Student Advocacy:** creating a sort of questionnaire for students to allow for more communication between graduate students and COGS.
- **Student Affairs:** needs to create a new system for management of the new tent, rentals, and such. nothing more to report.

#### **Funding Requests:**

- **Bill #3: *ChemiNoles Transfer Request***
  - Sponsored by Blake-Hedges
    - Would like to transfer funds from contractual services to use for clothing and awards instead due to canceled events as a result of COVID. They do not have an exact quote yet, but they have a good idea of what they will be needing.
  - questions
    - none
  - pros
    - Hirsch – sounds like they have a plan, and they have already been allocated the money, so it seems reasonable.
  - Cons
    - None
  - Motion to call the question, Mendez; second Creigh.
    - Motion passes

- Vote – passes with 10-0-0
- **Bill #4: *Graduate Researchers of Geography Transfer Request***
  - Sponsored by Blake-hedges
    - Would like to transfer money that was originally allocated for food to instead buy tote bags. Would be a total of 162 dollars. They would give out the tote bags at their end of the year social. They could not use the food funds due to COVID-19, so they want to be able to use the money for something meaningful. They are a very active organization, and they do a lot.
  - Questions
    - None
  - Pros
    - Mendez - Was also impressed by their budget hearing presentation, and all that they do. This seems like a great use of the money, so I support it.
  - Cons
    - None
  - Motion to amend bill #4, to strike 520 dollars for speaker request.
    - Amendment passed, 10-0-0
  - Motion to call the question, Creigh; Second Hirsch.
    - Motion passes 10-0-0

**Unfinished Business: none**

**New Business: none**

**Round Table**

**Adjournment/Finale Roll Call:**

**Next Meeting: 7:58 pm**



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# The Annual Budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

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

**Bill #: 1**

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

**Date:** Monday, February 15th 2020

**Amount:** 609,000

**On January 26th, the committee voted to adopt the attached budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.**

**With the proviso for Presentation Grants:**

- \$53,000 for travel between July 1 and October 31
- \$60,000 for travel between November 1 and February 28
- \$47,000 for travel between March 1 and June 30

**With the proviso for Attendance Grants:**

- \$6,000 for travel between July 1 and October 31
- \$6,000 for travel between November 1 and February 28
- \$5,000 for travel between March 1 and June 30

**Purpose & Description:** To provide funding for organizations and programs for 1 July 2021 through 30 June 2022.

## COGS Bill 2021 Budget Allocation

**Allocation \$609,000.00**

ORGANIZATION	SALARY	OPS WAGES	CONT. SERV.	EXPENSE	FOOD	OTHER	TOTAL
<b>STUDENT ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT</b>							
ANTHROPOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION					400		400
DEPARTMENT OF URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING STUDENT ASSOCIATION				260	20		280
BLACK GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION			1400	1100	500	430	3430
THE CELL & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY GSA (TCGS)					2110		2110
THE DIVERSITY and INCLUSION in RESEARCH and TEACHING ORGANIZATION (DIRECTO)					2500		2500
GRAD RESEARCHERS OF GEOGRAPHY			700		1200		1900
GRADUATE WOMEN IN STEM				600	500	900	2000
HISPANIC GSA (HIGSA)			2500	1100	1450	50	5100
HISTORY GSA (HGSA)			1400	200	600		2200
MASTER OF SCIENCE FINANCE STUDENT ASSOCIATION					400		400
ORGANIZATION OF RELIGION GRADUATE STUDENTS			3500		1500		5000
NEUROSCIENCE GSA					2500		2500
PHILOSOPHY GSA			2500		240		2740
PHYSICS GSA (PGSA)					1500		1500
POLITICAL SCIENCE GSA			3500		880		4380
SOCIETY FOR MUSICOLOGY			4000				4000
<b>DEPARTMENTS &amp; AFFILIATED PROJECTS</b>							
FSU CHILDCARE CENTER		77843					77843
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL					17000		17000
<b>FUNDING BOARDS</b>							
LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL				35400	6600	2000	44000
MED SCHOOL COUNCIL			2050	35250	6600	100	44000
<b>COGS GRANT PROGRAMS</b>							
CONF PRESENTATION GRANTS 244002				160000			160000
CONF ATTENDANCE GRANTS - 244031				17000			17000
DISSERTATION RESEARCH - 244004				10000			10000
ORG SUPPORT GRANT (C-SAC) - 244006				3000			3000
<b>COGS ADMIN</b>							
SGA SALARY ACCOUNT	135,200			5200			140400
COGS OFFICERS	14700						14700
OPS OFFICE STAFF	5000						5000
FOOD					1500		1500
OFFICE SUPPLIES				500			500
TELECOMMUNICATIONS				1500			1500
MAINTAENANCE & REPAIR				500			500
SPEAKERS REQUEST				4000			4000
COGS UNALLOCATED				27617			27617
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>154900</b>	<b>77843</b>	<b>21550</b>	<b>303227</b>	<b>48000</b>	<b>3480</b>	<b>609000</b>