



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

## TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting

Monday, September 27, 2021

6:30 p.m.

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 15: Cheminoles Transfer of Funds*
- *Bill 16: Music Theory Society Contractual Service Funds*

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Round Table: Upcoming Elections

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: **Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM in HCB 103 & via Zoom**

## COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2021-2022

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
UNALLOCATED	\$27,617	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$25,476
ORGANIZATIONAL (C-SAC)	\$3,000	RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year	\$2,800
LSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations	\$39,623.50
MSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations	\$36,650.73
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$53,000	Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$45,870.03
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	\$5,000
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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# Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

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

**Bill #:** 15

**Sponsored by:** Representative Adhikari

**Date:** September 27th, 2021

**Amount:** \$330

**From (account name):** COGS Unallocated

**To (account name):** Cheminoles, Expense and Food

**Purpose & Description:** the purpose of this transfer is to fund ChemiNoles event that will include experiements and box lunches.

**Itemized Expenditures:**

EXPENSES

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
1	Expense	\$210
15/\$8 each	Box Lunches	\$120

Total: \$330

The Tallahassee Science Festival is held annually with the mission to promote S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) in general public. There will be booths, that will feature activities and exhibitions driven by problem-solving and creative thinking. The Tallahassee Science Festival promises to be a fun and dynamic learning experience for the entire community. It is free for all Public. This year's Tallahassee Science Festival is being presented by Tallahassee Community College in partnership with the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, Innovation Park of Tallahassee, The Tallahassee Scientific Society, Duke Energy, Rethink Energy and Leon County Schools.

The event is an incredible, hands-on experience for children of all ages. In this outreach event ChemiNoles aim to promote chemistry in a visually appealing and fun way to the public especially young children. The main goal is to inspire parents and their kids and help them understand how chemistry and physics and other sciences apply in their lives. The tables will be set up to display multitude of experiments on-site. The proposed experiments to perform are following; Lava Lamp Experiment, Rice Bottle Experiment, Black Pepper Experiment, Chromatography, Bottle Rocket Experiments, Balloon Charge Experiment. The demonstrations of those experiments will be carried out during the entire duration of the event by our volunteering members.

Total of \$330 budget will be spend, which includes the cost of the materials for 5 experiments and food. The budget distribution for the event is following:

Lava Lamp Experiment (\$30)

Rice Bottle Experiment (\$25)

Black Pepper Experiment (\$20)

Chromatography (\$30)

Bottle Rocket Experiments (\$90)

Balloon Charge Experiment (\$15)

Box Lunches -&gt;  $\$8 \times 15 = (\$120)$

Once we receive the funding, we will go to the Nolecentral website and complete a Purchase Request to use the allocated funds. The purchase of materials and food will be done from Publix.



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

**Bill #:** 16

**Sponsored by:** Alaba Ilesanmi

**Date:** 9/27/21

**Amount:** \$1,500

**From (account name):** COGS Unallocated

**To (account name):** Music Theory Society, Contractual Services

**Purpose & Description:** Now in its 39th year, the FSU Music Theory Forum is the longest-running graduate student-led conference in the field of music theory. Each year, we solicit proposals on any topic related to music theory and organize a conference that serves as an opportunity for scholars to share their work and engage in stimulating conversations with academic colleagues across institutional divides. Our Music Theory Forum proudly features presentations from graduate students and faculty alike from all across North America. We also invite a senior scholar to deliver a keynote speech on any topic of their choosing. Our keynote speaker this year is Prof. Ellie Hisama, dean of the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto and Professor Emerita of Music at Columbia University. She is also the founding director of “For the Daughters of Harlem: Working in Sound,” a multi-year workshop that pairs girls and young women of color from New York public schools with Columbia music faculty, graduates and other mentors to produce and record music. Professor Hisama’s scholarly work focuses on ethnicity, gender, sexuality and the social and political dimensions of music, including the work of musicians who have been largely overlooked such as Ruth Crawford Seeger and Julius Eastman. Her intersectional anti-racist scholarly writing has been cited internationally in publications including Slate, the Washington Post, the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Business Insider, New Statesman (UK), Stone Music (Italy), Dunya News (Pakistan), and the Economic Times (India). Her scholarship has also been extremely influential in calling for new directions for the field of music theory. She recently participated in a plenary address to the Society for Music Theory’s annual meeting and published an expanded article proposing that rethink what gets to count as music theory, become aware of discriminatory attitudes and behavior towards those who are not men, white, or heterosexual in the field, and take action by reshaping the field into one that supports those who wish to be part of it. We are all very excited to see what direction her work has gone on since then as well as continuing the conversation as we build toward a more equitable future as a discipline.

**Itemized Expenditures:**

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
1	Honorarium for Dr. Ellie Hisama to deliver Keynote speech	\$1,500

Total: \$1,500

\$1500 is requested to cover honorarium for Prof. Ellie Hisama;  
see below her acceptance of our invitation to be keynote speaker

## Re: Keynote Speaker Invitation - FSU Music Theory Forum 2022

Ellie M. Hisama <eh2252@columbia.edu>

Tue 2021-05-18 14:09

To: Armin Akhavian <aakhavian@fsu.edu>

Cc: Jordan Lenchitz <jlenchitz@fsu.edu>

Dear Armin and Jordan,

Thank you for providing all of this information. I was invited to speak at FSU several years ago but there were a few complications, and so I would like to accept your kind invitation for the 2022 FSU Music Theory Forum with every hope that the pandemic will be tamed and that I will be able to attend in person.

Jan. 22nd is preferable over the 15th, and I've cleared the date with the person who handles my schedule.

My new title as of 1 July 2021 is Dean of the Faculty of Music and Professor of Music, University of Toronto.

Sending my best wishes for the planning of the conference--it's a tremendous amount of work compounded given the uncertainty of the course of the pandemic, but it's very important to continue doing the work.

Warm regards,  
Ellie Hisama

Ellie M. Hisama

Professor of Music

Keynote address, [A Legacy of Feminist Musicology](#) (7 May 2021)

Organizer and moderator, [We Have to Reimagine: A Conversation about Anti-Asian Racism and Violence](#) (21 April 2021)

Co-Director (with Zosha Di Castri), [Unsung Stories: Women at Columbia's Computer Music Center](#) (9-10 April 2021)

[Two new podcasts](#) with Yvette Janine Jackson interviewed by Amy Cimini; Yuriko Kojima interviewed by Cathy Cox

Fellow, [Provost Leadership Fellows Program](#)

Founding Director, [For the Daughters of Harlem: Working in Sound](#)

Columbia University

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On Mon, May 17, 2021 at 4:38 PM Armin Akhavian <[aakhavian@fsu.edu](mailto:aakhavian@fsu.edu)> wrote:

Dear Professor Hisama,

Thank you for your response.

We did not know that you were planning to take a new job in January, and certainly understand if you do not feel comfortable committing to this professional appearance so soon after moving. We do need to know right away if

## TWENTY NINTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting  
Zoom/HCB 103  
September 13, 2021  
6:30 p.m.  
MINUTES



**Call to Order:** 6:45 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Dep. Speaker Collins

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Adhikari, Collins, Creigh, Delva, Gfatter, Hagemeyer, Harshe, Hirsch, Ilesanmi, Ryan, Sangokunle, Sizemore, Smith

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** N/A

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** N/A

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Sussman, Wiley

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** N/A

**REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:** N/A

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** N/A

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:**

- Hirsch: motion to approve the minutes
- Collins: Second

**Petition into Assembly:** Shyaam Amaraneni (Arts & Sciences)

Speech:

- Completing a Master's in Camera Science
- From India, and was a part of many student organizations there
- Interested in issues of transportation in Tallahassee, however, this is not convenient for everyone
- Presented this issue to the university's board of members to make this transportation available on Saturdays and Sundays
- Applied for COGS to help international students feel more prepared
  - Wanting to improve transportation on campus
  - Has goals for improving overall quality of life for graduate students

Questions:



- Creigh: Are you available at 6:30pm on Monday nights for meetings?
- Amaraneni: Yes, I am.
- Collins: Which of the three committees do you see yourself a part of?
- Amaraneni: I see myself on the student advocacy side, however, I need to take a look at the committees and decide.
- Harshe: So you will be representing the College of Arts and Sciences. How do you plan to represent the interests of these students?
- Amaraneni: Yes, I was able to connect with these students when I got my petition signed. I hope this will lead to further discussions about improvements for our college.

Pros:

- Hirsch: Passionate about COGS and clear goals for what he wants to accomplish
- Harshe: He sought for an open seat independently during his first semester. And he's been in the U.S. for less than 4 weeks, and it is awesome how he wants to be more involved so soon.
- Adikhari: We don't see a lot of students who represent our college with such unique perspective, and he would be a great asset for the College of Arts and Sciences on the Congress.

Cons:

- N/A

Vote: 12-0-0.

Sworn in by Deputy Speaker Sizemore.

**Special Introductions and Student Comments: N/A**

**Messages from Student Government:**

Senator Linsky, SGA:

- Here to talk about a constitutional amendment to increase funds allocated to COGS to pass a 2/3 vote to eventually move to a Fall election where it is presented to the student body.
- This amendment has passed the Senate at large this passed Wednesday.
- I'd like to stress the importance of funding graduate students and promoting equity on our campus.

Nolan Rudolph, undergraduate student and Secretary of Internal Affairs:

- Here to talk about a project that involves undergraduate students connecting with graduate students more successfully
- Attempting to create a graduate student survey to hear more from graduate students
- Would like input from COGS on trimming this survey down to be more feasible for completion

- COGS members advised to include information that is essential to drive change

Speaker Hagemeyer:

- Let's break into a short recess to look through the survey to find which items are important to include to drive meaningful change and hear from graduate students.
  - No objections noted to recess.
- Rep. Amaraneni: We need to include items relevant to travel for graduate students, since it is difficult to get around on campus on the weekends.
  - Speaker Hagemeyer: Travel is a very important to address. However, workers compensation, funding for travel, etc can be more effectively addressed through the Graduate Assistants United.
- Speaker Hagemeyer: We can also probably include an incentive for motivating graduate students to complete this survey.
- Hirsch: include different demographic information
- Collins: include fewer open-ended questions and more multiple choice options
- Adhikari: including demographic information, I agree, would be helpful

Hagemeyer:

- Please contact me if any other points arise that should be included in this survey
- We are going to stay in a brief recess to transition to Dep. Speaker Sizemore's Robert's Rules of Order Presentation.

**Internal Presentations to the Congress:** Deputy Speaker Sizemore, Robert's Rules of Order

- Reviewed the history of Robert's Rules of Order
- Reviewed the three essential types of motions and then the six steps in a motion
- Provided a video model following the presentation

**Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:** N/A

**Elections:** N/A

**Report of Officers:**

- **The Report of the Speaker**
  - Former Speaker Michael Morgan has resigned from the Congress of Graduate Students due to a conflict in his schedule with COGS assembly meetings.
  - Sweepings is happening right now, and we have just over a million dollars available. Please advise organizations and community partners to submit a request if needed. I will likely put in a request for promotional items
  - We'd like to host a graduate student social. We would like to put in a request for that, however, we need to pick a date. We'd need to figure out this date up for the next week.
    - Rep. Gfatter: This is something we are in active discussion within the Center for Diversity and Inclusion. I would be all for this.
  - Take some time to think about it and email Rep. Harshe with your ideas for dates. There are four days left until sweepings applications are closed.

- Planning a potential Market Wednesday for graduate students. If you have any ideas or thoughts, please let me know.
- Potential mentorship program between graduate and undergraduate students could be beneficial for bridging gap between undergraduate and graduate school, and may inspire undergraduate students to attend graduate school.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
  - We will no longer be using the Qualtrics travel form, and the application for funding will be available on the COGS website
  - I recently completed a workshop with Jacalyn on navigating Nole Central to approve requests through this outlet
  - I created presentation guidelines and tips for RSOs in presenting their budget proposals to the budget committee
    - If anyone wants to be a part of the Budget Committee, please contact Rory
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**
  - Been working on presentations for onboarding and Robert's Rules of Order
  - I have also been holding office hours regularly, but there is not much else to report.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
  - This past week we had our first Instagram takeover, and I think it was a huge success.
  - I'd like to do more of this in the future where we can personalize our experiences on social media.
  - I am actively reaching out to the colleges about our open seats.
  - I will be creating more outreach media about COGS, potentially a video highlighting our "campaign".
  - I'd love for everyone to be involved. We only have about 15 active members on the congress right now, so we have a lot to expand.

#### **Committee Report:**

- **C-SAC:**
  - We have not met, and nothing to report.
- **Internal Affairs:**
  - Internal Affairs met this past Friday to delegate tasks for the upcoming newsletter. Aims to release this October 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the assembly meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to highlight our outreach efforts and the upcoming election. If the congress has any suggestions for RSOs or events that can be highlighted in this newsletter, please reach out to me.
- **Student Advocacy:**
  - We have not met, and will reach out to members soon as a time to meet.
- **Student Affairs:**
  - We met a couple of weeks ago, and reviewed the roles and responsibilities of Student Affairs committee. We want to make sure we have lots of representation on our committee.

**Funding Requests:** N/A

**Unfinished Business:** N/A

**New Business:** N/A

**Round Table:** 8:39 p.m.

**Adjournment/Finale Roll Call:** 8:57 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 27th, at 6:30 PM in HCB 103 & via Zoom