



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting

Monday, November 8, 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:

- Renee Wang, Senate Pro Tempore, Student Government Association

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 17: COGS Conference Attendance Grant Transfer (July-October)*
- *Bill 18: COGS Conference Presentation Grant Transfer (July-October)*
- *Bill 19: Indian Students Association at Tallahassee (INSAT), Expense Request*
- *Bill 20: Ecology and Evolution Research Discussion Group, Expense Request*
- *Bill 21: ChemiNoles Graduate Student Association – Food and Clothing & Awards*

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: **Monday, November 29th, 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	\$23,646
ORGANIZATIONAL (C-SAC)	\$3,000	RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year	\$2,185
LSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations	\$37,472.50
MSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations	\$11,724.01
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$53,000	Presentation Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$45,421.08
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$60,000	Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$59,800
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	\$5,151
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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29th Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 17

Sponsored by: Deputy Speaker Creigh

Date: November 8, 2021

Amount: \$5,151.00

From (account name): COGS Conference Attendance Grants July 2020-October 2021 funding period

To (account name): COGS Conference Attendance Grants November 2021-February 2022 funding period

Purpose & Description: As conferences are returning to in-person, there currently is a much higher number of travel grant applications for the November 2021-February 2022 funding period than there was for the previous funding period. This transfer will allow for a larger budget for the busiest funding period for travel grants.



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29th Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 18

Sponsored by: Deputy Speaker Creigh

Date: November 8, 2021

Amount: \$45,421.08

From (account name): COGS Conference Presentation Grants July 2020-October 2021 funding period

To (account name): COGS Conference Presentation Grants November 2021-February 2022 funding period

Purpose & Description: As conferences are returning to in-person, there currently is a much higher number of travel grant applications for the November 2021-February 2022 funding period than there was for the previous funding period. This transfer will allow for a larger budget for the busiest funding period for travel grants.



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29th Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 19

Sponsored by: Representative Harshe

Date: November 9, 2021

Amount: \$3,200

From (account name): COGS Unallocated

To (account name): Indian Students Association at Tallahassee (INSAT), Food and Décor

Purpose & Description: For an event titled, “Diwali Celebration” dedicated to celebrating Diwali. Diwali (also known as the Festival of Lights) is the largest and most auspiciously celebrated festival of India and the subcontinent. It is a celebration of victory over evil and light over darkness. On the day of Diwali, people light up their houses with lamps/candles/diyas, exchange gifts and sweets, and make traditional Indian food. Overall, this festival of joy and happiness helps in bringing people together in the community and a time to share a sense of belonging.

Program activities include a Photo Booth and Decor (sustainable/reusable materials will be preferred), Dance Performances, Musical Performances, Ambient Music, and Cultural Food.

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
250	Food	\$2,800
1	Facilities/Decor	\$400

Total: #3,200

Indian Students Association of Tallahassee

Membership: 200

President: Nidhi Walia (nw19f@my.fsu.edu)

Treasurer: Dhanashree Pradhan (dp20ed@my.fsu.edu)

Mission:

To promote Indian Culture and to help Indian Students on campus

The purpose of the association is to preserve the Indian culture at FSU through individual and group activities; and to be actively involved in assisting new incoming Indian students.

All activities and functions of the Indian Students Association of Tallahassee shall be legal under University, local, state, and federal laws.

INSAT organizes a number of events for the Indian student community at FSU. Some of the events that we've organized are: Indian Classical Music concerts, Fresher's welcomes, An annual cultural event called the Glimpses of India, Potlucks and Cricket Tournaments. We also collaborate with the International Center to organize events.

Source: <https://nolecentral.dsa.fsu.edu/organization/indianstudentsassociationoftallahasseeinsat>

South Asian Student Association

Membership: 80

President: Sandy Yerra (sdyl9@my.fsu.edu)

Treasurer: Spurthi Jakkala (ssj19@my.fsu.edu)

Mission:

The purpose of this organization is to create a safe space where individuals can learn and celebrate South Asian cultures. We hope to provide a space where individuals from South Asia can receive "a home away from home" and participate in their traditions, beliefs, cultures, religions, practiced languages, and more. We also hope to educate and welcome individuals who may not particularly be South Asian, but simply want to learn more about our cultures. SASA is also home to our very own Desinoles dance group. Desinoles participates in fun performances that showcase South Asian styles. You do not need experience to join, getting involved is easy, and it can be a great way to indulge in the culture even more!

Source: <https://nolecentral.dsa.fsu.edu/organization/sasa>

Amount: \$3200

From (account name) : COGS Unallocated

To (account name): Indian Students Association at Tallahassee (INSAT), Expense, and Food

Purpose and Description:

Diwali (also known as the Festival of Lights) is the largest and most auspiciously celebrated festival of India and the subcontinent. It is a celebration of victory over evil and light over darkness. Diwali celebrations last for 5 days. Mythological significance says that Lord Rama defeated the ten-headed demon Ravana and then returned back to his hometown after a fourteen-year exile, so people celebrated their victory by lighting diyas (earthen lamps) and lights, flowers, prosperity. On the day of Diwali, people light up their houses with lamps/candles/diyas, exchange gifts and sweets, and make traditional Indian food. Overall, this festival of joy and happiness helps in bringing people together in the community and a time to share a sense of belonging.

Logistical Details:

Name: Diwali Celebration

Location: Miller Hall, Stadium^ (Tentative Reservation [Attached here](#))

(^Other Locations in consideration due to restriction of Aramark catering only in the Miller Hall, and the cultural authentic food options offered being limited by Aramark: Landis Green, The FSU Rez)

Date: Saturday, Nov 20th, 2021

Time: 5 - 10 pm (includes set up and clean up)

Estimated Attendance: 250

(RSVP will be required to get a better estimate of attendance in advance of food catering order is placed to avoid food waste)

Publicity and Marketing:

- FSU Event Calendar
- Nole Central Event submission
- INSAT page of Facebook by creating an event and a flyer.
- WhatsApp groups of INSAT/Instagram page
- SASA GroupMe group chat, and SASA Instagram
- Asian American Student Union (AASU) GroupMe and Instagram

Does your organization charge dues?

No

Is the event free and open to all Florida State University Students?

Yes

Is there a charge to attend for non-FSU students?

No

How much and how do you plan to collect those funds?

\$3100 (COGS Funding Process)

Program and Activities:

Photo Booth and Decor (sustainable/reusable materials will be preferred), Dance Performances, Musical Performances, Ambient Music, Cultural Food, Social Mixing opportunities, programme of the event will be posted through a QR code for sustainability. Funding Request Breakdown by Budget Categories

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
250	Food	\$2800
1	Facilities/Decor	\$400

Expense	such as office supplies, rentals, promotional items that cannot be worn (*Will be used for Facilities-chairs, tables, other furniture required at the event. Also for photo booth, decor, and other ambience creation)	400+
Food	such as prepared/catered food, grocery store purchases	2800
Contractual Service	such as speaker Honorarium, DJ	0
Clothing & Awards	such as t-shirts, plaques, trophies	0

Food Quotes:

No.	Restaurant	Items	No. of trays/ pieces	Price per tray	Final price
1	Persis	Samosa Chat	6	120	720

		Navratan korma	6	120	720
		Paneer Butter Masala	6	120	720
		Chilli chicken dry	5	130	650
		Gulab Jamun	250	1.5	375
		Total			3185
		Discounted Price			2800
2	Essence of India	Samosa Chat	4	125	500
		Navratan Korma	5	140	700
		Paneer butter masala	5	140	700
		Chilli Chicken dry	4	180	720
		Gulab jamun	250	1.5	375
		Total			2995
		Discounted Price			2700
3	Mayuri	Discounted Price			1700-1800*
		(*for 180 people - no update for 250 people)			



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Bill #: 20

Sponsored by: Sara Collins

Date: November 8, 2021

Amount: \$864

From (account name): COGS Unallocated

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

Purpose & Description: The EERDG T-shirt meeting is usually the last EERDG meeting of the Fall semester, where we meet as a group to celebrate the end of the semester and say goodbye to our graduating doctoral and master's students. This year we will use this meeting to also hopefully distribute EERDG shirts, which we have been unable to purchase for the past two years. T-shirts are an important aspect of our organization, since we organize events in the community, work with schools, and host events at FSU, where we would like to be noticed as members of the FSU community, but also representatives of the department of biology. The funding would allow us to order t-shirts for members who have been unable to get them (all members within the past 3 years) and have some left for new members that start their graduate degrees next year.

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
TBD	T-Shirts	\$864

Total: \$864

* Organization Information

Recognized Student Organization Name: EERDG (Ecology and Evolution Research Discussion Group)

Director/President Name: Rachael Best

Director/President FSU Email: rbest@bio.fsu.edu

Director/President Phone Number: 443-610-6204

Treasurer/Officer Name: Aaron RIdall

Treasurer/Officer FSU Email: aridall@bio.fsu.edu

Treasurer/Officer Phone Number: 716-464-0566

* Funding Source:

Congress of Graduate Students

* How many active members are in your organization?

41

* What is the mission of your organization?

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide a forum for Area III biology graduate students to present and discuss their research, to coordinate their trips to scientific meetings, to invite and meet with visiting speakers, and to coordinate with the biology department faculty.

* Does your organization charge dues?

No

* Is this request for:

On-campus event (**general expense, food, contractual services, Clothing & Awards**)

* On-Campus Event

Name of Event: EERDG T-Shirt Meeting

Location of Event: King 1058

Date(s) of Event: 12/03/21

Time(s) of Event: 3-4 pm

Estimated Attendance 41

* Please provide a description of the event.

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for new members that start their graduate degrees next year.

* How will you advertise the event?

Email to the biology list serv, flyers within the King building

* Is the event free and open to all Florida State University Students?

Yes

* Is there a charge to attend for non-FSU students?

No

* How much and how do you plan to collect those funds?

n/a

* Funding Request Breakdown by Budget Categories

Expense (***such as office supplies, rentals, promotional items that cannot be worn***) 0

Food (***such as prepared/catered food, grocery store purchases***) 0

Contractual Service (***such as speaker Honorarium, DJ***) 0

Clothing & Awards (***such as t-shirts, plaques, trophies***) 864



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Quote: 7586

Date Quote: 10/18/21
Completion Date:

Name	Salesperson	Email
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FSU Department of Biological Science

Phone	Fax

Quote Category

Part Number	Color	Description	Qty				
G500	Garnet	Gildan Adult Heavy Cotton 5.3 Oz. T-Shirt	48	72	150	200	
			Price	18.10	12.00	7.30	7.30
G640	TBD	Gildan Adult Softstyle 4.5 Oz T-Shirt	48	72	150	200	
			Price	19.30	13.20	8.50	8.50

Note:

This quote is valid for 30 days.

The following are provided at no additional cost:

- Art preparation/Design
- Screens
- Setups
- Local delivery

_____	_____	_____	_____
Authorized By: Signature	Printed Name	Title	Date



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Bill #: 21

Sponsored by: Deputy Speaker Creigh

Date: November 8, 2021

Amount: \$1,000

From (account name): Unallocated

To (account name): ChemiNoles Graduate Student Association – Food and Clothing & Awards

Purpose & Description: For an event titled “Holiday Food Drive,” hosted by the ChemiNoles for the purpose of giving back to the Tallahassee community via donation of canned foods.

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
1	Catering for the Holiday Food Drive event	\$960
TBD	Prizes	\$40

Total: \$1,000



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Purpose of the organization: The purpose of this organization shall be to provide a support network for FSU Chemistry graduate students. It will function to provide an opportunity for community among these students, to allow them to share research and teaching experiences, work together for scientific outreach, and serve as an organized voice for Chemistry graduate students at FSU. The organization will also seek to aide in professional development for students in the sciences both graduate and undergraduate, and promote the love of science in the greater community.

Description of the event: Giving back to the local Tallahassee community and providing opportunities for fellow chemistry graduate students to socialize are core value to the ChemiNoles. Therefore, for this holiday season, the ChemiNoles will have our first Holiday Food Drive, which will be located in the Chemical Science Laboratory Building. The ChemiNoles Holidays Food Drive will serve as a way to give back to the local Tallahassee community via donation of canned foods. The ChemiNoles will notify all fellow chemistry graduate students of the event and ask them to come donate canned food items to a local pantry using collection boxes we will set up around the chemistry buildings. Furthermore, the ChemiNoles will ask the chemistry graduate students to join us in celebrating the holiday season by enjoying food provided by Persis. We expect to have roughly 60 students attend.

TWENTY NINTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
Zoom
October 18, 2021
6:30pm
Minutes



Call to Order: 6:43pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Representative Ryan

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Adhikari, Creigh, Collins, Hagemeyer, Harshe, Illesanmi, Gfatter, Ryan, Smith, Sussman

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: N/A

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: N/A

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Delva, Hirsch, Sangokunle

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Sizemore

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: Amareneni

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes: Ryan; Second: Sussman

Special Introductions and Student Comments: Hanya Noussier (graduate student from College of Communication and Information): Inquiries about using screenshots as student signatures rather than DocuSign. Directed to email the COGS Speaker following the email.

Messages from Student Government: Senator Randall, Student Government:

Amendment 10 passed. We have \$500,000 more going toward COGS in the next funding period. Our call to action is to fill open spots on COGS and also seek needs in the graduate school that require funding (e.g., grants, advocacy, improvements, etc.).

Senator Linsky, Student Government:

Often graduate programs are isolated from one another, and COGS allows leaders from each program to come together and lead the graduate school to making active change.

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: Office of Governmental Affairs is starting up again. Involvement in governmental affairs allow for student efforts to speak about certain legislation. Please contact Chris if you are interested in becoming involved.

Elections: N/A

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker**

- Our budget had originally increased over \$100,000. Our entire budget is based on A&S fees. All this money becomes SGA's budget. FSU hasn't had an increase in this for a long time, especially now that minimum wage is increasing. With this happening, there is a large support to increase A&S fees. We are proposing to support the entirety of FSU Childcare. This will not take effect until July of next year. We also propose to use the additional 500,000 dollars to fund the Supreme Court and FSU Childcare. Overtime, we will start to retain more of our money as undergraduate student government may require less of our support.
- There is also a Social planned at Proof Brewery on November 12th from 5-8pm.
- I also propose to use \$1,750 from the Speaker Fund on this Social
- Question from Rep. Ryan: given the law school and med school are often more dominant, can we give other colleges a chance ahead of time to sign up first?
- Answer: We can post this on NoleCental so it is accessible to everyone at the same time. But we can hold off on this until we've talked to individual colleges first.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**

- Amendment 10 clarifications: I plan on remaining Deputy Speaker of Finance for the next couple of years. I want to emphasize my involvement and my awareness of what is spent and where that money is going, as it pertains to the budget hearings and future allocation to SGA. I want to establish a relationship with SGA for the future.
- We should be funding our graduate students to competitively attend conferences and represent our university, so I will be proposing a competitive grant travel fund increase.
- With the new funding period, I've been staying up to date with allocating money appropriately.
- I will be adding additional funds for attendance and presentation grants for the next funding period.

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

- Not in attendance

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

- I've spent a lot of the last couple weeks communication with organizations, colleges, and students regarding elections updates. I appreciate everyone being attentive to these emails!
- I am working with Deputy Speaker of Finance to create graphics for the upcoming Budget Hearings as a guide for RSOs.

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:** Deputy Speaker Creigh

- Met earlier today and discussed CHAOS at FSU for an honorarium, food

and beverage for an upcoming event and lecture series. This was passed 4-0-0 by Hagemeyer, Creigh, Delva, and Harshe on the committee.

- **Internal Affairs:** Deputy Speaker Collins
 - Still working on upcoming newsletter
 - Hoping to announce the finalized elected representatives following elections
 - These could potentially be published as unofficial results
- **Student Advocacy:** Deputy Speaker Creigh
 - We have not met. From what Rep. Hirsch has said, we are likely going to meet on the last Wednesday of the month. I can email them following this evening's meeting to confirm.
- **Student Affairs:** Presented by Rep. Hannah Smith
 - Organized upcoming events at most recent meeting
 - November 12th, Time -TBD, Social Mixer @ Proof Brewing Company, need to make fliers and marketing stuff but awaiting sweeping funding update, vendor already in the approved list, total invoice of \$1700 (1200-food, 500-service, gratuity, etc)
 - Headshots event for professional summer internships starting soon, or just for LinkedIn/social media, websites, feature stories, etc.
 - Story Circles/Graduates Anonymous - talking chats to just vent or learn from each other but in the format of alcoholics anonymous. [UNESCO has a whole format here we can just borrow.](#)
 - Graduate Student Appreciation Week! In Spring, during April 4-10, 2022. Apparently, a previous FSU student started this whole movement around grad appreciation weeks, we could even reach out to them. <http://nagps.org/about-us/gpsa-week>
 - Market Wednesdays but for Grad student orgs: Student orgs and Involvement office can be looped in, we would have to do another day than Wednesday to not confuse the two events or have another physical section where it's meant for grad tabling.
 - Grad student speed Friending! Plans to organize a format where we have two rows of chairs and a set time with guidance questions, once the time is up, one of the rows moves one spot and talks to another student, and so on.
 - Swag: sashes/stoles/chords for all graduate students who may want to use them at graduation, and preferably giving out COGS reps who have served any amount of time at COGS some moment about COGS.
 - Bollywood Movie night: Early spring semester doing a movie night with some snacks at the ASLC. Lots of South Asian grad student orgs that I can pool up so it is a COGS event as much as a fun undergrad movie event. CGE is in onboard this idea already!
- Upcoming events/planning presented by Rep. Harshe
 - Day at the Capitol- only for grads, I am already brainstorming this for international students because of my advocacy role in COGS, but we could plan to scale up for all grad students and meet with the Ed committee at the Capitol.

- Caucus/affinity groups: having race, ethnicity, gender, queer, out-of-state/in-state, domestic/international, college-specific, first/second... year-specific, masters/PhD/PostDoc. Having these affinity groups may help so folks can talk about their identities because the other people in the group just "get it"... helps build a strong community.

Funding Requests: N/A

Unfinished Business: C-SAC Consent Resolution

Presented by Dep. Speaker Creigh: The Counseling and School Psychology Students Helping to Advocate Organize and Serve (CHAOS) Student Organization is petitioning to fund their first lecture series on Health Service Psychology. They are requesting \$500 to fund an honorarium speaker, and \$115 for food and beverage for the event.

- No questions noted
- Pros: Seeing none
- Cons: Seeing none
- Second round of pros: Motion to call to question: Harshe; Second: Sussman
- Vote: 10-0-0

New Business: N/A

Round Table:

Adjournment/Finale Roll Call: 8:00pm

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