



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

THIRTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting

Monday, February 7, 2022

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:

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 02: Indian Student Association of Tallahassee – Food and Expense*

Unfinished Business:

New Business: *Resolution 01: COGS' Response to Florida Senate Bill 1834 and Florida House Bill 1557*

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: **Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:30p.m. in HCB 313 & Zoom**

COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2021-2022

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
UNALLOCATED	\$27,617	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$67,372.00
ORGANIZATIONAL (C-SAC)	\$3,000	RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year	\$1,939.61
LSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations	\$70,326.50
MSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations	\$39,492.01
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	\$37,254.68
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	\$3,740.02
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$5,000	Attendance Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$5,000



Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

30th Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 02

Sponsored by: Representative Galeano-Cabral

Co-sponsored by: Representative Amaraneni

Date: February 7, 2022

Amount: \$1,780

From (account name): COGS Unallocated

To (account name): Indian Student Association of Tallahassee (INSAT)

Purpose & Description: To provide food, cutlery, nontoxic/eco-friendly colors, and promotional materials for Holi. Holi is the traditional “Festival of Colors”, which is celebrated not only in India and Nepal but also in many other countries. As part of the festival, people play with different colors and celebrate the victory of good over evil. The main purpose of the festival is to bring people closer together and to spread harmony and peace. This festival is also known as “Festival of Joy” or “Festival of Spring”. In sync with this practice, INSAT, in collaboration with The Nepalese Student Association at FSU (NSA-FSU), plans to organize the Holi Celebrations 2022 on March 27th, 2022, at the FSU Reservation. We are planning to have Indian food for the event and make different colors available for everyone to play along. We are also going to have some soft music during the celebration.

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
1	Expense (cutlery, colors, and promotional materials)	\$380
120	Food	\$1,400

Total: \$1,780

S. No.	Restaurant	Items	No. of trays/ pieces	Price per tray	Final price	# of people expected: 120
1	Persis	Veg Manchurian	3	139.99	419.97	
		Chicken Tikka Kabab	120	2.49	298.8	
		Veg Biryani	3	239.9	239.9	
		Paneer Tikka Masala	2	139.99	520	
		Jalebi	240		161.35	
		Total			1400	
2	Essence of India	Veg Manchurian	2.5	120	300	
		Chicken Tikka Kabab	2.5	160	400	
		Veg Biryani	3	120	360	
		Paneer Tikka Masala	2.5	140	350	
		Jalebi	2	100	200	
		Total			1610	
3	Mayuri	Total			no count on number of trays but discounted price is 1300	



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Resolution

30th Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution #: 01

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Hirsch

Co-Sponsors: Rep. Harshe & Rep Linsky

Date: February 7, 2022

Whereas: Many graduate students at FSU are parents, guardians and/or caretakers of children in primary school;

Whereas: Many graduate students at FSU are parents, guardians, and/or caretakers of children in middle school;

Whereas: Many graduate students at FSU are parents, guardians, and/or caretakers of children in high school;

Whereas: Many graduate students at FSU are members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community;

Whereas: The Congress of Graduate Students supplies hundreds of thousands of dollars for funding the FSU Childcare and Early Learning program;

Whereas: Florida House Bill 1557 aims to prevent "classroom discussion about sexual orientation or gender identity in primary grade levels or in a manner that is not age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students;"

Whereas: Florida Senate Bill 1834 aims to prevent the same;

Whereas: Being a member of the LGBTQIA2S+ is nothing out of the ordinary, and to treat adults and children as such unnecessarily scandalizes people for being themselves.

Be it resolved by the 30th Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that: passages in Florida House Bill 1557 and 1834 which restrict and/or prevent students from discussing their sexual and/or gender identities are condemned in the strongest possible terms.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to:



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Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Dr. Angela Chong, Associate Vice President
Dr. Sierra Turner, Director of the Office of Student Equity and Inclusion
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy
Tiffany Karnisky, MSW, Associate Director, Family Services Program Director
Clay Ingram, FSU Chief Legislative Affairs Officer
Nastassia Janvier, Student Body President
Colby Thykadavil, Student Body Vice President
Abril Hunter, SGA Senate President
Sarah Nemeth, SGA President Pro-Tempore

THIRTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
Special Session
Zoom/HCB 313
January 24, 2022
6:30 p.m.
MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Dep. Speaker Collins

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Adhikari, Amaraneni, Baffour-Awuah Junior, Boatright, Collins, Creigh, Delva, Gfatter, Hagemeyer, Harshe, Hirsch, Linsky, Ilesanmi, Neale, Noor Mustafa, Myhre, Rogowski, Ryan, Smith, Vaughn, Vouzas, Wilson, Young

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: Adhikari

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Galeano, Hirsch

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Gfatter, Horner

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Creigh first, Boatright Second; Objection, Amareneni – marked as unexcused left early when he was excused. Motion to amend the minutes – Amareneni, Second: Collins.

Petitions into the Assembly:

- *Luis Basualdo, Seat 1 College of Social Sciences & Public Policy*
 - Speech: First year MPA. I attended FSU for English, Editing Writing and Media in undergrad. I was interested in COGS because in undergrad, I did not participate in on-campus activities. During these last two years, I want to participate in campus activities. I'd like to learn more about our school and how I can be of help.
 - Questions:
 - Amareneni: What was your major?
 - Answer: Editing writing and Media and a second focus in Humanities
 - Amareneni: Did you join any on-campus activities during undergrad?

- Answer: I was part of the FSU Democrats and helped out during the Bernie campaign.
 - Amareneni: Why do you want to join COGS?
 - Answer: I want to take advantage of my experiences at FSU in order to better myself and my community
 - Collins: What role do you see yourself playing in COGS:
 - Answer: I want to improve things for students who cannot show up to school, especially in my program.
 - Vaughn: Which committee would you be interested in joining?
 - Answer: I want to join Student Affairs, because I feel as though I can be most present here on campus in this role and be more involved in student life.
 - Pros:
 - Linsky: I am motivated to fill the seats in COGS, and this puts us on a path to filling these seats.
 - Rogowski: I like that he has a different point of view than other people, such as working full time. With that perspective, he will be a great fit on the student affairs committee.
 - Delva: He seems dedicated to make a difference with the little time he has left on campus.
 - Mustafa: I agree, he seems very dedicated and I think COGS should provide that platform to channel that energy and motivation to improve student life here at FSU.
 - Cons:
 - Amareneni: He does not have any experience in undergrad, and he is only becoming involved to build more connections with other students.
 - Linsky: Motion to call to question; Collins: Second
 - Vote: 23-0-0
- *Andrew Goulette, Seat 3, College of Law*
 - Speech: I'm a first-year law student. I was in the criminology program at FSU in undergrad. I graduated in December 2016, and following graduation, I became a school teacher. I took on a number of different roles at my school. I coached the robotics team and I was a member of the school advisory council. As far as background goes, I wanted to work after undergrad. I want to join COGS for two reasons, 1) I'm trying to find my niche outside of the law school, and 2) I would like to get my foot in the door with SGA. I'm interested in the university defender position.
- Questions:
 - Mustafa: How do you think your skills as a teacher will apply to COGS:
 - Answer: I could handle a classroom of 36 students, and confident in management. I understand finance and budgetary concerns from my experience on the school advisory council. I am familiar with parliamentary

procedures (e.g., Robert's Rules of Order). I also am interested in the Student Affairs Committee.

- Hagemeyer: How familiar are you with the law school council? Would you be interested in being a liason?
- Answer: I wouldn't mind, but I would like to ease into things a little bit within COGS. Do they handle budgetary concerns within COGS?
- Hagemeyer: Yes.
- Answer: Then I wouldn't mind.
- Motion to extend Q&A: Adhikari, Second: Delva
- Delva: Can you elaborate on your interest in legislative matters?
- Answer: I am interested in the judicial branch of SGA, but I'm not sure I have this interest within COGS.
- Creigh: Are you financially certified?
- Answer: I saw this is something I need to do, but I have not had time to complete the courses.
- Adhikari: How do you think COGS will help you become more involved with SGA?
- Answer: My expectation of my involvement with COGS is to have my foot in the door with SGA and to fill the third position. I would also love to get a free coffee machine for the law school.
- Pros:
 - Linsky: I've been trying for a while to get people involved with SGA and nobody has showed up to my discussions about this. Andrew wants to be in COGS. He did his research and he reached out, and I appreciate that dedication.
 - Delva: I think he is much more knowledgeable about COGS – more than I was when I first petitioned. I believe we can benefit from his involvement in SGA.
 - Ryan: I do like that he has a unique perspective with being a teacher and taking some time off from undergrad. I appreciate his dedication and interest in SGA.
- Vote: 23-0-0
- Deputy Speaker Delva swears in both Rep. Basualdo and Rep. Goulette

Special Introductions and Student Comments: N/A

Messages from Student Government:

- *Brandon Gabay, Jewish Student Union, Director*
 - We're a new student government agency and we've established January as Jewish Heritage Month. We are doing events throughout the month. Tomorrow we are doing an event that addresses the history of the Holocaust.
 - Wednesday: Showing Schindler's List

- Thursday: Having a Holocaust survivor coming to speak to the organization
- Friday: Banquet

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:

- *Rawan Abhari, Executive Director*
 - I wanted to share our legislative agenda and what we will be lobbying for.
 - Legislators will be coming to Tallahassee this week for Rally in Tally. Please see the link for relative information:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfCrkAwPbhxsBLksluO7qm0zCRk61qtGuK_cwsRxjXX3aMuA/viewform
 - I want to speak about Day at the Capital. Rawan reviewed their legislative agenda for this event.

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker**
 - Rawan is here to speak about OGA and how it will be impactful for Rally in Tally. Next week, to reiterate, we will be doing Day at the Capital. Within COGS, our ability to impact is limited where advocating at the state level can yield larger change. I want to encourage everyone to do that if you are available.
 - We had some outreach from graduate students, and we've decided to set up a graduate student life task force. We'll be meeting weekly with several university professionals within the division of student affairs to understand more about the momentum we can have for graduate student life. We aim to create a 3-year strategic plan.
 - We are trying to work on an LGBTQIA+ Initiative, which is trying to resolve that we do stand in solidarity to those in the LGBTQIA+ community.
 - As a reminder for our newest members, please become financially certified.
 - Please join the Slack channel.
 - Please fill out the FERPA form to use your email address on the COGS website.
 - Please complete the information profile sheet.
 - Please send us your headshots and bios so students can reach out, as well.
 - Please download and register for iClicker to be able to vote within COGS.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
 - If you look on page 3 of the bill packet for today. We haven't had any unallocated bills come in. Although LSC and MSC are spending regularly as usual. Presentation and attendance grants are slowing down as it's the end of the funding period. We do have a new funding period that opens on February 1st.
 - COGS Budget Hearings are currently taking place. We've gone through 15 hearings. Deliberations will take place this Friday at 5pm on Zoom. We have a packet that has so much information that RSOs have contributed.

- Please feel free to join Deliberations and the Budget Hearings to hear some of the questions and discussion. If you have any questions in the meantime, please let me know.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**
 - If new representatives would please contact me if any questions arise, that would be great.
 - I'm working on a daily life guidebook for 2022/2023. If you want a PDF or paper copy, please let me know.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
 - I have been continuing to reach out to instructors and graduate program representatives.
 - I will be organizing another round of Instagram Live before the next meeting. Please join our social media pages in the meantime.

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:** Dep. Speaker Creigh
 - We met today at 5pm. I will be discussing the CSAC funding request that was passed this evening.
- **Internal Affairs:** Rep. Linsky
 - We met last Sunday. We went over Senate Bill 666, and Florida Statute 924. If anyone who is new to COGS wants to know more about the financial situation in COGS, please reach out to me.
- **Student Advocacy:** Rep. Mustafa
 - When we met last Monday, we decided to meet once per month on Mondays. We discussed how we can figure out what students require more proactively. We allocated areas to different members in the committee, and we will discuss what those areas mean to each member during the next meeting. We aim to improve our visibility with students during this process.
- **Student Affairs:** Rep. Smith
 - We met last Friday. We are still trying to get headshots together. But if you cannot make those, we are trying to schedule an event through COGS. Graduate student appreciation week during the first week in April. We discussed getting involved in Market Wednesday.

Funding Requests:

Unfinished Business:

New Business: C-SAC Consent Resolution 01, *Anthropology Graduate Student Association*

- The Anthropology Graduate Student Association was requesting 245.39 under expense and food. This will be for a "Research Showcase" during which graduate and undergraduate students come to present during a low stake's forum. Mentors and feedback come to learn from each other and ability to present their research in this setting.

- These events usually bring about 30-40 people. I'm glad they came to us well in advance. Looking at their past allocations with COGS, it has been awhile since they've had the opportunity to use any funds from COGS, but they are starting the process again.
- Expense will be used for nametags, which will be handed out to everyone. Food will include different platters and beverage options from Publix. We voted on it and approved it unanimously during the C-SAC committee member.

Questions:

- Mustafa: You mentioned the participants and audience of this event were graduate students. Can you speak on that?
- Creigh: It is open to anyone on campus.
- Rogowski: Do you know how the event is going to be advertised?
- Creigh: They have various social media and a limited number of flyers. But they will also use word of mouth by discussing this within their department.
- Rogowski: You may want to recommend a listserv that they can use to reach out to undergraduate and graduate students.
- Rogowski: Do you know the last time they had an event like this and how successful it was?
- Creigh: The representative that came to the meeting is newer, but they haven't had anything like this in at least the past year. However, they have done the event in the past.
- Rogowski: Do you think the money for the food for the amount of people?
- Creigh: Yes.

Pros:

- Rogowski: Events like this are really great especially for graduate students who haven't presented at a professional conference before.
- Mustafa: It is a good thing that it is open to the public.

Cons:

- Seeing none.

Second round of pros:

- Seeing none.

Motion to call to question: Hagemeyer, Linsky: Second

Vote: 22-0-0

Round Table:

Adjournment/Finale Roll Call: 8:40 p.m.

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