THIRTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting Monday, March 21, 2022 6:30 p.m. Agenda

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:
Roll Call:
Reading and Approval of Minutes:
Petitions into the Assembly: • Mounika Mekala, LGBTQ Advocate Seat
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:
Funding Requests: • Bill 07: Higher Education Student Association – Speaker Series • Bill 08: LEARN – End of the Year Picnic • Bill 09: COGS Conference Presentation Grants November-February 2021-2022 Funding Period • Bill 10: HiGSA – Transfer Request
Unfinished Business:
New Business: • Resolution 04: FSU Childcare Funding Support – Sponsored by Reps. Noor Mustafa and Ilesanm
Round Table:
Adjournment:

Next Meeting: Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:30p.m. on Zoom

COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2021-2022

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
UNALLOCATED	\$27,617	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$18,367.00
ORGANIZATIONAL (C- SAC)	\$3,000	RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year	\$1,554.61
LSC	LSC \$44,000 Funding allocations from Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations MSC \$44,000 Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations		\$66,327.50
MSC			\$12,077.96
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$53,000	\$53,000 Presentation Grant balance for the July-October funding period	
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$60,000 Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period		\$63,648.00
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	\$0.00
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$6,000	Attendance Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$7,766.02
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 #: 07

Sponsored by: Laura Vaughn and Keturah Young

Date: 2/28/2022

Amount: \$1000

From (account name): COGS Unallocated

To (account name): Higher Education Student Association

Purpose & Description:

Name of Event: HESA Speaker Series

Location of Event: Zoom

Date(s) of Event: April 13th, 2022 Time(s) of Event: 6:15-7:15 pm

Estimated Attendance 50

* Please provide a description of the event.

This Speaker Series will consist of inviting Dr. Jacqueline Battalora, a passionate and engaging speaker addressing the complexities of what it means to be white within a nation that imposed whiteness as a matter of founding law. She is is the author of Birth of a White Nation: The Invention of White People and Its Relevance Today, an attorney and professor of sociology at Saint Xavier University, Chicago, and a former Chicago Police Officer.

The Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) student organization plan to address the continued rhetoric of Critical Race Theory within the context of Higher Education, and what that means for future Student Affairs professionals that will staff the Universities. The ideation comes from the newly formed Social Justice and Inclusion Coordinator role at HESA's Executive Board, and thus bringing this speaker will enlarge on the topics of social justice and inclusion on college campuses.

* How will you advertise the event?

College of Education listserv, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies department listserv, Instagram handle, FSU events calendar, Cohort GroupMe, Class visits, and professor outreach.

- * Is the event free and open to all Florida State University Students? Yes
- * Is there a charge to attend for non-FSU students? No

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
1	Contractual Service (speaker Honorarium)	1000

Total: \$1000



Allocation, Revision, or Transfer 30th Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 08

Sponsored by: Keturah Young and Laura Vaughn

Date: 03/07/2022

Amount: 830.78

From (account name): COGS Unallocated

To (account name): LEARN

Purpose & Description:

Name of Event: End of Year Picnic Location of Event: Rez-Lakefront Park

Date(s) of Event: 4-9-2022

Time(s) of Event: 12.00pm-3.00pm

Estimated Attendance 70

Historically this event has marked the end of the academic year and allowed the faculty, staff and students at the Education Leadership and Policy Studies (ELPS) department (of the College of Education) to collectively celebrate graduating students and other student achievements in an informal setting. We would like to arrange the same again this year. This event will also provide members of HESA and LEARN (RSOs at ELPS) a space to build community with each other and across various disciplines within the department. This we hope will pave the way for other opportunities to work together in the future. The organization plans to advertise the event through LEARN Social Media accounts, flyers, email announcements, on the TV screen at the COE, word of mouth. This event is free and welcome to all FSU students, as well as community members who are not students.

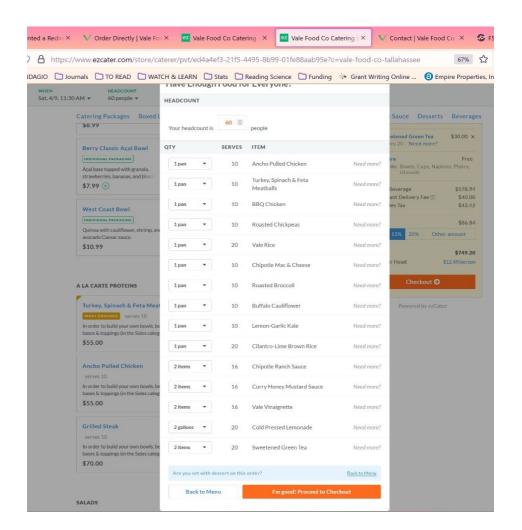
Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
1	Expense	150.00
1	Food	780.78

Total: 930.78

	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	EXPENSES	FOOD
End of Year Picnic for Faculty, Staff, Students (70 pax)			
Vale Catering - food and beverages for 70 people			578.94
Vale Catering Delivery Fee			40.00
Vale Catering Tip - 15%			86.84
Decor		50.00	
Retirement Cake - Publix			75.00
	0.00	50.00	780.78

830.78 GRAND TOTAL





Allocation, Revision, or Transfer 30th Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 09

Sponsored by: Deputy Speaker Creigh

Date: March 21, 2022

Amount: \$63,648

From (account name): COGS Conference Presentation Grants November-February 2021-

2022 funding period

To (account name): COGS Unallocated

Purpose & Description: With a large amount of funds in the Presentation Grants Nov-Feb 21-22 funding period being unused, transferring these funds into COGS Unallocated will allow the Congress to fund requests for the rest of the fiscal year.

Allocation, Revision, or Transfer 30th Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 10

Sponsored by: Representative Galeano-Cabral **Co-sponsored by:** Representative Rogowski

Date: Monday, March 21, 2022

Amount: \$600

From (account name): HiGSA's Contractual Services Account.

To (account name): HiGSA's Food Account.

Purpose & Description: The purpose of this transfer is to fund food for HiGSA's last yearly events: HiGSA Talks and HiGSA Awards. The reason is that all the guest speakers for Cinnehassee (HiGSA's film festival) decided to participate online, and the same is expected for HiGSA Talks. Therefore, the guest speaker fees are lower than planned. So, HiGSA would like to spend the leftover money to offer more food at these events.

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
	Food for HiGSA Talks	\$300
	Food for HiGSA Awards	\$300

Total: \$600



Resolution

30th Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution #: 04

Sponsored by: Rep. Amber Noor Mustafa Co-Sponsored by: Rep. Alaba Ilesanmi

Date: March 21, 2022

Whereas: The COGS Student Advocacy committee members (Reps. Noor Mustafa and Ilesanmi) visited the FSU Childcare facility on February 8, 2022;

Whereas: The FSU Childcare and Early Learning facility management shared details about student strengths and waiting lists in current and previous years with COGS Student Advocacy committee members (Reps. Noor Mustafa and Ilesanmi);

Whereas: Currently 46 (57%) out of the total 81 children at the facility are children of students, and that 35 (43%) of the children at the facility are of faculty/staff and alumni;

Whereas: The current (2021-22) waiting list has 224 children out of which 85 (38%) are of students and 139 (62%) are of faculty/staff, alumni, and the wider non-FSU community;

Whereas: The FSU Childcare and Early Learning facility has requested \$301,690 in OPS Wages in the COGS Budget Year 2022-2023;

Be it resolved by the Thirtieth Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that: Future budgetary and funding support to the FSU Childcare facility from COGS will be contingent upon their commitment to the following: (1) increase the current discount for children of FSU students from 20%, as it is now, to 35%, (2) commit to maintaining a 65 to 75% quota of children of students, (3) commit to giving at least five full tuition waivers to children of students every academic year, on need-based criteria that is developed and presented to COGS before the next fiscal year, and (4) payment from COGS will be directly proportional to the percentage of children of FSU students at the FSU Childcare and Early Learning facility every budget year.

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this document be sent to the following:

Tiffany Karnisky, MSW, Associate Director, Family Services Program Director Shannon Staten, Executive Director University Housing, Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Eric Chicken, Faculty Senate President Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance and Advocacy Laurel McKinney, Accounting Business Manager Nastassia Janvier, Student Body President



Colby Thykadavil, Student Body Vice President Abril Hunter, SGA Senate President Sarah Nemeth, SGA President Pro-Tempore Gaurav Harshe, COGS Speaker



THIRTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting Monday, February 21, 2022 6:30 p.m. Agenda

Call to Order: 6:37pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Rep. Hagemeyer

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Adhikari, Amaraneni, Baffour-Awuah Junior, Basualdo, Boatright,

Collins, Creigh, Delva, Gfatter, Goulette, Hagemeyer, Ilesanmi, Linsky, Neale, Noor Mustafa,

Rogowski, Ryan, Smith, Vaughn, Vouzas, Wilson, Young

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: Smith, Adhikari, Noor Mustafa, Linsky, Wilson,

Amareneni, Boatright, Baffour-Awuah Junior, Vaughn

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Galeano, Harshe, Hirsch, Horner, Young

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Myhre

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes: Hagemeyer; Second: Boatright

Petitions into the Assembly: N/A

Special Introductions and Student Comments: N/A

Messages from Student Government: N/A

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: N/A

Report of Officers:

- The Report of the Speaker
 - Absent
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
 - We completed the hearings and deliberations for the 2022-2023 budget this is posted on the COGS website (bill 6)
 - I recommend looking through the proposed bill to understand the allocation of these funds better. This is the largest budget we've ever had.
 - Attendance grants and presentation grants look untouched, but we are getting a better process for students to get approval much quicker
 - o I will be stepping down as Deputy Speaker for Finance at the end of this semester, April 18th will be my last assembly meeting in this position. If any of you are interested in

taking over this role, I would want someone to shadow me, so you get a sense of the responsibilities.

- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs
 - You should have received an email from me about Roberts Rules of Order. The information manual should be available from me soon, once it is approved by internal affairs.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications
 - Nothing to report this week.

Committee Report:

- C-SAC: Dep Speaker Creigh
 - We discussed Resolution 3. The Cheminoles are requesting funds for a research event where undergraduate students give research presentations. They've held this event for several years. The \$365 is for food from an approved vendor. It was approved 3-0-0 in the C-SAC committee.
- Internal Affairs: Rep. Linsky
 - We met on 2/14. We did not have quorum. We talked about rules and procedures and how to enforce it.
 - o Ryan: I'd like to call acting Speaker Creigh to call to order to cease Rep. Linsky.
 - Linsky: See, this is a good example. By acknowledging the point of order, the speaker can control the conversation to ensure it is pertinent to the topic at hand. This maintains productive debates, etc. I am going to put in the chat a link to our rules and procedures.
- Student Advocacy: Rep. Noor Mustafa
 - We are going to meet 2/28. Last time, rep. Rogowski gave a report on behalf of the student advocacy committee. All the team members are working on different areas on how to move forward. Now we are doing more tangible tasks. Rep. Ilesanmi and I went to FSU childcare center the other day. 43% of the children there are children of faculty members. There are 224 children on the waiting list. Since we are representing graduate students, only half of the graduate students are able to utilize the facility. We want to suggest that the discount for graduate students can be decreased. Or if this can be expanded.
 - Collins: A point of interest that you could perhaps talk about is retaining and hiring childcare providers, because I know they had a hard time hiring for a while.
- Student Affairs: Rep Smith
 - o Thank you to everyone has filled out the Google form for the name tags. As soon as they're approved, we'll get them ordered for you all.

Funding Requests:

- Bill 03: Student Art Therapy Association, Contractual Services, Sponsored by Rep. Smith
 - They're asking for \$1000 for a workshop that is meant to highlight their own individual work and values. It will be broadcasted through their social media spaces, as well as a departmental newsletter and Linked in.
 - Madilynn Forgione (President): In the description we didn't include the speaker's name, but our speaker will be talking about community engagement and practice.
 - Questions:
 - Hagemeyer: Is the date of this event this Saturday?
 - Forgione: Yes. I had previously put in this request last semester. But it has not made it to COGS until this week.
 - Linsky: Move to enter pro-con debate; Second: Vouzas
 - o Pros:

- Linsky: This is not that much money. They've been trying to get it for a while. I'll probably be voting in favor of this.
- Creigh: If we move quickly, we can get it covered in time. This organization has been persistent with COGS, and it demonstrates good leadership.
- Delva: This event is needed to engage the community in mental health, especially during times of COVID.

Cons:

- Hagemeyer: I've never seen anything funded this quick. If we expedited this service, it
 would come at an expense. But you could potentially reach out to our current speaker if
 this does not pass.
- Gfatter: Could we table this and maybe reimburse the organization at the expense of the speaker?
- Creigh: Are you asking if we can use speaker funds to reimburse?
- Gfatter: I'm wondering if the organization can front the money until we can reimburse them?
- Forgione: For a point of clarification, we do not need the money by February 26th.
- Linsky: I move to enter another pro/con debate; Delva: Second

o Pros:

- Linsky: I don't feel compelled to be the one to enforce certain parts of the finance code on a group who's trying to get their share.
- Rogowski: I think going ahead and trying to get them that funding would be good since they have a longer history with COGS.
- Creigh: Yes. Point of information speaker honorariums do not get paid until after the event, regardless of how far in advance it was submitted.
- Rogowski: I can empathize with trying to put an event on with so many obstacles.

o Cons:

- Hagemeyer: I still think this will not be feasible. If it were up to me, I would vote no and have Speaker Harshe use speaker funds. It will get funded a lot faster.
- Gfatter: Motion to extend: Hagemeyer: Second
- Linsky: Point of order you cannot extend con without extending pro. We can move into another round of pro/con.
- Creigh: Motion to move into 3rd round of pros; Collins: Second:

o Pros:

Motion to extinguish first round of pros: Linsky; Gfatter: Second.

o Cons:

- Gfatter: I'm all for asking the speaker to wait, but if it sits in their account, it might be best served to have the speaker process this particular request.
- Rogowski: I'm still concerned about the speaker needing to get a contract and an approved vendor. Would there be any legal issues if the guest speaker was doing this event and not being an approved vendor?
- Forgione: I have been looking at the process for approving honorariums, but I have also started the process of the purchase order. According to my research, I would not need a purchase order. That is the information I have right now.
- Creigh: We have had purchase orders from honorariums in order to allocate the funds.
- Hagemeyer: I think we are treating purchase order and purchase request as the same. The contract itself is going to be enough from a purchase request. I am getting some more information about the technicalities of this reimbursement. We haven't run into a situation where the speaker would be reimbursed after the fact.

Sponsor statement:

I think they are well-prepared and are trying to get this through but at the end of the day, we'll see what happens. I yield the rest of my time for the vote.

Vote: 12-4-2 bill passes

- Bill 04: Department of Urban and Regional Planning Student Association, Sustainable Community Needs Assessment, Sponsored by Dep. Speaker Creigh
 - They are asking for approximately 6000 for 5 students to fly to Ecquador to represent FSU in a variety of ways.
 - Karina Amalbert (President): Essentially what we will do is travel to Ecuador. As planners, we will partner with an international client to help with a community needs assessment. We haven't had international students since pre-COVID. Our partner has offered lodging, as well. We hope to fly out of Tallahassee as it is the safest option.
 - Questions:
 - Gfatter: If it doesn't fall within the expense, does it get reimbursed?
 - Amalbert: We are a bit nervous that flights are going to increase. We are looking forward
 to purchasing flights. We've already been approved by FSU travel. Any money that isn't
 used it will get reimbursed back.
 - Vaughn: I am curious about the history of funding student trips?
 - Creigh: We usually fund about 200 for conferences. I can't speak to the exact amount per person. SGA only funds \$175 per room, per night.
 - Amalbert: I want to add that we will plan to present our findings at a conference upon return.
 - Motion to extend: Vaughn; Second: Rogowski
 - Boatright: You're flying out March 11th?
 - Amalbert: Yes. We are going to travel a day earlier if we go to Miami.
 - Boatright: Does that put us within 30 days?
 - Hagemeyer: For group travel, I think it's supposed to be within 30 business days. But I'm not able to completely confirm that at this time. If this were not to be completely funded, would you still be able to go?
 - Amalbert: Yes and no. The three primary researchers are from different backgrounds. If all three would not be able to travel, this would drastically affect the project. We just got approval from the provost for international travel.
 - Motion to extend: Vaughn; Second: Gfatter
 - Gfatter: I'm not clear if the rooms are staying within the \$175 limit.
 - Amalbert: I can try to re-evaluate the budget to include \$175 per night.
 - Rogowski: I don't know if anyone knows if you would be able to buy this tomorrow, even
 if we approve this bill tonight.
 - Amalbert: I was under the impression that we were able to move forward with reimbursement, which we are prepared for.
 - Hagemeyer: It's probably going to be booked through your travel rep and then they
 would get reimbursed. There wouldn't be an issue getting you funded.

o Pros:

- Gfatter: If the recipients in Ecuador are providing accommodations and means to get around, then I want to do our part to get our students there.
- Rogowski: It sounds like a good opportunity for these students, even if they aren't able to fund it on their own.
- Hagemeyer: Motion to move to con; Collins: Second

o Cons:

- Ultimately, it isn't our decision whether the money gets to these organizations in time.
 We need waivers at least 15 business days in advance. I am nervous to approve this.
- Vaughn: I am a little torn, as well. I love the idea, but I have some thoughts about other graduate students who would love to go overseas. Has COGS approved something this large for travel?
- Hagemeyer: Move to extend pros and cons; Gfatter: Second

o Pros:

Hagemeyer: Our business manager thinks she might be able to get this done

- Gfatter: I know it is possible to get all their approvals at the very last second
- Creigh: I think this is a good opportunity to represent FSU internationally. Looking at the budget, we do have the funds.
- Collins: I think these types of opportunities is what brings money into FSU, so
- Motion to call to extinguish con: Gfatter; Second: Rogowski
- o Vote: 12-2-2
- Bill 05: Black Graduate Student Association, Reallocation of Contractual Services to Food, Sponsored by Dep. Speaker Delva
 - They are requesting we transfer money to food and clothing budget since they will not have any speakers planned for this funding period. I yield the rest of my time to questions.
 - Questions:
 - Hagemeyer: Is this a transfer or an allocation?
 - Delva: Yes
 - Collins: Motion to amend the bill to remove transfer from COGS unallocated; Second: Gfatter
 - Rogowski: Did they mention specifically what this would be for?
 - Delva: No, they just mentioned that they would not be having any speakers.
 - Hagemeyer: Dep. Speaker Creigh or Speaker Harshe will ensure funding is allocated to specific areas of need, as another layer of governance.

o Pros:

- Hagemeyer: I'm shocked they want to transfer self-generated funds, but I don't see a problem with this.
- Creigh: Usually when there is a transfer, it is likely for a good reason.
- Rogowski: We've discussed how important it is to spend this money, it's much easier to spend money in the food category.

o Cons:

- Baffour Awuah: As much as we want to use these funds, I don't think it's clear of what these funds will be used for.
- Motion to call to question: Collins; Vaughn: Second
- Sponsor statement:
 - I think this is a good use of funding because although they don't have specific information of how to use the funds. Clothing and awards are easier to spend, so it's easier to transfer those unused funds in order to maximize spending for other places.
- o <u>Vote: 11-1-1</u>
- Bill 06: Reallocation of November 2021-February 2022 Grant Funding to Speaker Funds, Sponsored by Rep. Hagemeyer
 - Since we will only be discussing the budget next week, I wanted to present an alternative plan by taking money from conference presentation grants to transfer to speaker funds. We wanted to do an event for student veterans here, and the majority (of 500) are actually graduate students. These students feel isolated and distant from the student body. I wanted to put on an event for student veterans to interact. I've been working with the Veteran Student Union. We are requesting \$4000 worth of food for ~200-250 people. A point that might be of contention is t-shirts. The tshirts are more than \$8 per shirt, however, COGS does not bind us to funding only \$8. This was an effort to not push off this bill any longer.

Questions

- Rogowski: I'm excited about this. In the description, there's a mention of a live band? Do we pay for this?
- Hagemeyer: It's something that's built into the rental cost. We will have the whole venue this time. So, this comes with a live band, food, games, etc.
- o Ryan: I was just wondering how you are going to advertise this to get people to show up?
- Hagemeyer: This is going to be our focus to the next month. This will be promoted from the veteran student union. This will also be advertised through Greek organizations, too.

- Motion to extend the questions for 3 minutes; Second: Delva
- o Delva: Would you have some type of sign-up sheet? How would you control for involvement?
- Hagemeyer: It'll be open for all students, however, we cannot deny FSU students to attending.
 We thought about RSVP, but now I think we may band veterans.
- o Delva: Would shirts be distributed at the event?
- o Hagemeyer: Yes, I'm hoping we will have some leftover too.
- Collins: How are we making sure Greek organizations are not taking over the event?
- Hagemeyer: Organizations will be advertised to first, and Greek organizations have offered to put down money of their own. I will also advertise in primarily graduate student areas.

Pros:

- Rogowski: It sounds like a good event. If it's anything like last semester, I think it's a good idea.
 There's some veterans in my department, who have struggled with the COVID situation.
- Delva: I like the idea of having shirts and distributing them at the event. It sends a clear message of why we're getting together and why we are celebrating. It's going to be a good opportunity to interact.
- Cons:
 - o Motion to extinguish the rest of con and call to question: Collins; Second: Delva
- Speaker comments:
 - I wanted to make a distinction about the speaker fund. Speaker Harshe and Dep. Speaker
 Creigh will ensure I am spending money where I am supposed to.
- Vote: 12-0-2

Unfinished Business:

New Business: Resolution 3: CSAC Reallocation for the Cheminoles

- Acting Speaker Creigh requests Dep Speaker Delva to take over as speaker while Speaker Creigh sponsors this resolution.
- Delva accepts.
- This is primarily for undergraduates, but it benefits the graduate students to give them experience with presenting and possibly recruiting new undergraduates who would be interested in the graduate program at FSU
- Questions:
 - o Vaughn: How many undergraduates would be there?
 - Creigh: 65, and 4 graduate students
 - o Ryan: Rory, did you receive anything else for this?
 - o Creigh: No breakdown, but this has been a running event for the past two or three years
- Pros:
 - Collins: I think this is a good opportunity to connect with undergraduate students who could be potential research assistants.
- Cons:
 - Seeing none
 - Ryan: Motion to call to question; Vaughn: Second
- Vote: 12-0-1

Round Table:

Adjournment: 9:07p.m.

Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:30p.m. on Zoom