



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

THIRTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Agenda

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and approval of the Minutes: 3/28 and 4/4

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 19: LEARN EdD Educational Leadership and Policy Engagement Week*
- *Bill 20: Bangladeshi Student Association - Eid-UI-Fitr*

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: **Summer 2022 TBD**

COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2021-2022

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
UNALLOCATED	\$27,617	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$80,084.22
ORGANIZATIONAL (C-SAC)	\$3,000	RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year	\$1,554.61
LSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations	\$48,014.50
MSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations	\$9,708.25
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$53,000	Presentation Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$0
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$60,000	Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$0
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$47,000	Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$30,762.82
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	\$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 #: 19

Sponsored by: Laura Vaughn and Keturah Young

Date: 4/14/2022

Amount: \$9,450

From (account name): COGS Unallocated

To (account name): Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Purpose & Description:

Name of Event: EdD in Educational Leadership and Policy Engagement Week

Location of Event: Stone Building

Date(s) of Event: June 20-23

Time(s) of Event: All day

Estimated Attendance 150

This is an opportunity for 150 online EdD in Educational Leadership and Policy students to come to Tallahassee for a week of academic enrichment, professional development, and networking. It always takes place during the 7th instructional week of the summer term. This event is a chance for these students to strengthen their bond with their university, by visiting it in person and it, therefore, contributes to stronger alumni community-building opportunities too.

Speakers are also invited to provide a meaningful learning experience to participants. One speaker has already been finalized - Dr. Rosie Perez, University of Michigan. Since it is an open event it serves to provide additional benefit to other students too.

* How will you advertise the event?

Social Media platforms of the College, emails, newsletters, word of mouth.

* 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 (see attachment for further details):

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
1	Expenses	950
1	Food	6000
1	Contractual Service (speaker Honorarium/travel)	2500
1	Clothing & Awards	0

Total: \$9,450

Edd in Educational Leadership and Policy Engagement Week

	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	EXPENSES	FOOD
Speakers	2500.00		
Food (3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, one combined luncheon) for 150			6000.00
Miller Hall Rental		250.00	
Name tags, folders etc.		200.00	
Table/chairs		500.00	
	2500.00	950.00	6000.00
	GRAND TOTAL		9450.00



Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

30th Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 20

Sponsored by: Sara Collins

Date: 4/18/2022

Amount: \$2,000

From (account name): COGS Unallocated

To (account name): Bangladeshi Student Association

Purpose & Description: The Bangladeshi Student Association is requesting \$2,000 to fund their event, Eid-UI-Fitr. Eid-UI-Fitr is the biggest religious festival among the Muslim community in Bangladesh as well as in many other countries around the world. After 1 month of continuous fasting, the Muslim community celebrates Eid. For the first time at the FSU, BSA plans to celebrate Eid with the international community and create a space for everyone to share the joy. In the program, we plan to have cultural performances like music and dance, fun activities like puzzle solving, raffle draws, and finally dinner with south Asian delicious foods. The event is anticipated to take place in the CGE Globe Auditorium on May 2, 2022 from 6-10pm. While there are 60 people in the organization, the expected attendance for this event is 150 people. The event is free and open to all FSU students, and will be advertised through a variety of social media platforms.

Itemized Expenditures (see attachment for further details):

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
1	Expenses	100
1	Food	1700
1	Clothing & Awards	200

Total: \$2,000

Source	Amount (\$)	Total (\$)
Expense	100	100

One-time glass, plates, forks, table clothes, decorative stuffs

Food

3 tray Goat Curry	3*180	540	Quote from Persis Indian Restaurant
3 tray Butter Chicken Curry	3*160	480	
2 tray Vegetable Curry (Veg. option)	2*130	260	
1 tray Lentis	100	100	
3 tray Rice	3*50	150	
Dessert (sweet yogurt)	100	100	
200 Water bottle	20	20	
Soft drinks (Coke, Pepsi)	50	50	
		1700	

Clothing & Awards

10 Raffle draw prices from Amazon, Walmart.	200	200
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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

THIRTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Agenda

Call to Order: 6:38pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Boatright

Roll Call: See the attendance sheet

Reading and Approval of Minutes:
Hangameher: motion to approve
Second:

Petitions into the Assembly:
None

Special Introductions and Student Comments:
None

Messages from Student Government:
None

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:
None

Report of the Budget Committee: *Bill 7: 2022-2023 Annual Budget Proposal*
Greight: Report on the COGS budget committee, has introducing the process of requesting funds and explain
Request for funding: January 2022
The requirements: has the 50% graduate students and some other requirements
The budget committee meets to discuss and approve funding from different organizations, deliberation went on for 4 hours without a decision and the committee then meets for an additional 4 hours and finally a decision was made.
COGS has made decisions on each line items and is bringing it forward for voting today. The total amount of the bills is a little over 1.2 million dollars. Ideally, looking at what was voted the past year, decision today should be based on the past funding decisions.

Consideration of the Annual Budget:
Explanation of certain items: it is important to understand all of the items to be discussed today and I will be open to answering questions towards the end. Other budget committee members are free to respond as well.

ANS fees:

Linksey: 12.86 per credits

Creigh: ANS fees are then paid to the school per students, COGS has been getting 30% of ANS fees in the past, Linksy and Hagemeyer spend a lot of time and effort of getting that reinstated because in the past, representatives have discovered that we were not getting that amount. They can have the budget funded rightfully so by a total 1.2 million dollars this year by voting on resolution 8.

Resolution 8 stated that we took upon new responsibilities on fully funding “the Globe” and “FSU childcare”. As a reminder, if we are to say

Linksey: there is a veto process that happens after the bill is voted on today. Basically, the budget can be rejected by the administration. So be sure to keep in mind of that veto power since we have already been delayed.

Creigh: In other word, Once we vote on what we decide to vote on tonight, it can get rejected and we are back to discuss it again. FSU childcare center in the past had been funded \$77,000. The rest of the moment that we have funded them this year come from resolution 8. There have been other increases that we have made.

We have a couple new ticket items: Sport management and ...

Other factors was increase would be administrative items, increase in wages

Note, this is a lot of money to be allocated on, all of you representative are representing the school and all of your voices need to be heard and be independent, not influenced. This is a lot of money, be conscious of it.

Page 4

Allocation distribution: we can not allocate cents. We need to zero out all our allocation, I was told by the administration.

COGS unallocated: money that we have throughout the year to student organizations for events.

RSO can have several events throughout the year. COGS unallocated normally had \$30,000 in the past, that may change this year due to the change

Hagemeyer: Are we going to discuss the budget?

Linskey: We should be following rules of debate 15

Gfatter: motion to amend to round up, as discussed previously

Gaurav: we are not at that point yet,

Creigh: Keep that in mind, to be amended later

Llesanmi: is this a one time commitment for finding GLOBE and childcare?

Creigh: yes, it is. 1 time funding commitment due to our promiss to SGA

R: what is the overheard cost:

Linskey: We don't know. We have ask the administration but we still have no answer. Division of student affairs comes up with these numbers but we don't really know what it is. This is indicative of a systemic issues, this money can be used for graduate students but we are not going to be able to solve this problem/funding.

R: I appreciate this explanation, another question: at page 12 is there a line item there overhead?

Creigh: you are looking at the wrong packet, please go to page 4, line time is there

Linskey: point of clarification, we might run the risk of alienating the senate if we don't fund resolution 8. I fear that if we don't fund resolution 8, we might tear up a relationship with senate. We need to a good relationship with the undergraduate leaders to know details such as “overhead cost”.

The cant assess whether the decision that are being made are wise and prudent if we don't know what they are.

Gaurav: there is an option for a recess if we want to have more off record discussion

Ryan: espanic student association? I thought it was a lesser amount that was funded

Creigh the request PDF is accurate

Gfatter: Can we put a cap to overhead

Gaurav: this is a good question, we can take it to discussion, this is none debatable question

First round of pros

Gfatter: we can work during the next year to fix those little things, but

Vaughn: thanks to the budget committee for this great work in making important decision

Linskey: I was in the budget committee, we great work and we very meticulous in making decision. I would love to see more question and discussion about allocating money

Llesanmi: I want to echo the great work of the budget committee, I will be voting yes, although the bill is not perfect. This was great work.

Mustafa: echoing all what was said, thanks for great work. Congrats for more RSO coming to ask for more money and be more involved. I will also vote yes for this budget. Thanks you Linskey for the resolution that was voted last time about the FSU childcare and everyone input.

CONS

Hagemeyer: I appreciate all the effort that the budget committee. I will be voting no, we never fund department. We can not set such precedent. MSC and LSC has too much money; we did not increase travel fund. RSO need to be supported and the fact that we funding departments. Sweeping are better for department to look into. I wil making many amendments.

Llesanmi: the bill is not perfect, I appreciate Hagemeyer's amendment. I am concerned that we only allocate 10,000 dissertation grants. I know a few people who have no funding for their graduate studies. we need to look after our constituents. I will hope to see more funding to go towards travel grants and dissertation grants. Those are my cons

Gfatter: I want to support Hagemeyer opinion for the travel grant. The amount that is being allocated is too little. If Hagemeyer brings an amendment, I will support it.

Mustafa: Is the details of who can ask for this money is written somewhere? Only RSO?

Hagemeyer: We cant bar the department from applying for the money, its up to our students to decide to whether to fund them or not. The funding is open to department but its up to us to fund them or not.

Hashe: We can come up with an amendment to put that in the COGS Bills

Linskey: It might not be possible to do that.

R: Presentations grants line items have not increased in the last 3 years. We need to increase that.

Delva: I investigated changing funding department in our COGS code but according to the administration it will get overturned

Linksey: Yes, that will not be possible

Hagemeyer: motion to unluck funding

Linskey: Clarification: we should vote for each

Hagemeyer: retract motion. Motion to unluck education policies leadership studies

Representative: ?? second

Linskey: We need a motion to amend to unlock with dollar amount

Hagemeyer: question: Do we unluck line items and vote?

Linskey: yes, it required the majority vote to unlock

Gfatter: second

Gaurav: voting time

15/2/2

Motion to passes

PROS

Hagemeyer: should I amending the open up line item?

Hagemeyer: Motion to amend that line items to O

Neal: Second

Gfatter: Can Hagemeyer explain why he is making this amendment and which line item he is referring to?

Gaurav: He will clarify in a minute in a minute at his opening statement

Opening statement

Hagemeyer: Proposing to 0 fund new departments to increase to travel grant. Department are in all of nothing deal. We want to keep increase travel grant by 66,000 for presentation grant. We want graduate student to be able to go out to fund and represent our university. I also want to increase unallocated for \$9000. MSC needs to be cut \$15000 because the need for travel grants is prominent right now.

PROS

Gaurav: Want to give time to non-rep to speak as well.

Linskey: how much money in resolution 8 was not committed to travel?

Hagemeyer: \$500,000

Courtney Beck: Thanks to everyone to allow me to speak.

Proposing an amendment: coming from the department of sport management because we were not a RSO at time of funding. We are now a RSO with executive members called women of sport management and we would like to replace the departmental funding request for departmental funding in sport management.

Regarding the amendment for justification for funding

Linskey: thank you, unfortunately you may not propose any amendment, only a member of COGS can.

CONS

Linskey: I understand that we want to increase travel fund. However, we need to be supportive of new department who comes to COGS. I will be voting against this amendment.

R: I have some questions and concerns after Courtney statements, I agree we should be supportive for new RSO and not completely zeroing this budget categories.

Lesanmi: I am also in support of this organization, since this is a new RSO, starting them with \$30,000 as an RSO might be a bit reckless. We would need to reduce this RSO considerably

Young: I echo all of your concerns, I do understand that we would need to compromise on that and make deduction.

Mustafa: I agree with all of you. Questions: about LSC and MSC, how much have we funded them in the past?

Creigh: yes, please look the financial package in reference for that

CreighL PDF page 132 in the package for reference of past funding

Gfatter: motion for second round of Pros

Mustafa: Second

SECOND ROUND PROS

Ryan: I am in support of allocating 0 dollar to the department and allocate the new RSO for starting \$7000

Gfatter: cutting funding is hard for me is hard, because it would in fact benefit graduate students

Neal: I agree that we need to lowering funding to department, and since this RSO is new perhaps funding for \$3000 for this new RSO within this department

Llesanmi: I am in support with everything that is benefit graduate students. We also need to give each other grace and allocate some funding for the new RSO. About MSC and LSC allocation can be reduced. Addition we can also reduced funding for the GLOBE as well

Vaughn: point of clarification, do we vote for this amendment as it is

Linskey: Point of information, we might not be able to change the funding recipient.

Vaughn: point of information to the new RSO, even if you don't get funded tonight you can still come back and ask for money for event in this coming year

Gfatter: motion to move to cons

R: Second

CONS

Linskey: I am proposing and amendment to this amendment. \$15,000

R: Object, I motion to just fund line items

Hagemeyer: don't I need to agree to an amendment of my amendment

Creigh: information, we are not funding for the RSO here, if we move forward in voting for this amendment, this would be voting for the department. We cannot allocate money for the RSO at this moment.

Llesanmi: we can not fund line items 6

Gfatter: I am agreeing to the propose lesser amount

R: We cannot fund line items 1 and 7, can I amend line items 3

Delva: Are we funding the department? Or the RSO? We cannot mix both.

Creigh: Department have the ability to distribute those funds to their RSO if they chooses.

Courtney Beck: We are working on the website development and we definitely would appreciate funds to work on the website.

R: I will redraw my amendment

Llesanmi: Amendment to change the request to 0 fund to \$9000

Hangameyer: I do not that motion friendly.

Linskey: we need to vote to hear the new motions at this point

Gfatter: Once we vote on this, are we done with this department decision

Linskey: No, we would go back to another amendment

Laurel McKinney

Clarification: you guys are talking about line items for the department. Again you are not voting in the line item, you are just voting on funding the department.

Hagemeyer: I want to propose an amendment with no

Gfatter: Clarification, if we don't fund this department, remember that the RSO can come back and request fund later on.

R: Can RSO submit can submit funding request anytime?

Lynskey: yes, if the RSO did not have a change to request money during the budget request. They can request from the unallocated amount over the next year.

Llasanmi: propose to fund line items 5 for \$5000

Vote 12/5/2

Yes:

No: W,G,H, N,S,M,P

A: C,D

The amendment fails, not a 3/2 vote

SECOND ROUND OF CONS

Linskey: we need 2/3 majority for this to pass and, we need a compromise. I amend to fund the department for 5000

Gfatter: I want to hear Hagemeyer amendment

Linskey: I redraw my amendment

R: motion to call a questions

Neale: second

Hagemeyer: I want to propose to 0 fund the department. And allocate those funds to the RSO. Need to keep the department off our books. The department can come back and request the next fiscal year and take their chances then.

R: motion to have Courtney Beck speak

Hegameyer: second.

Courtney: How can the RSO come back to request funds?

R: you have a change to get you funding request approved. You can do so as soon as tonight.

Hagemeyer: if their anniversary event needs funding, that's next fiscal year therefore it should be fine to acquire funding.

Neal: yes, supporting that if they come right now its for the current fiscal year.

Vouzas: This matter that are being discussed right now is about department funding. if you come back to request fund you have better control of those fund as an RSO.

Lynskey: it would be better to make those decisions tonight than

Mustafa: motion for Courtney to speak

R: second

Courtney Beck This is a bit disappointing. This whole process might set us back if not funded to get access to what we need. I appreciate everyone time tonight.

Mustafa: She is here representing the department. I would support giving them this money tonight.

Hagemeyer: Motion to 0 fund the department of sport management

Wilson: second

Voting in process:

Vote: 9/7/3

Amendment fails

Laurel McKinney: you guys need to decide on this bill tonight because it is due in 3 days.

Motion to enter for 10 minutes recess:

Llesanmi: motion for a recess

Vaugh: Second

14/2/3

Recess start at 9:30pm

Order again at 9:41pm

Linskey: I move to amend this line item to \$6000 in the expenses department

Susan R: Second

Lynskey: I submit that \$6000, although is not enough. It would be a proof of principle that they can be responsible and pull off their events.

Susan R.: Move to call a question?

Gaurav: you can not

PROS

Gfatter: This will be a good amendment to support organization

Creigh: if we approve this department for funding, the department will be ineligible to be for funding for PAC funding.

Gaurav: what is the percentage of graduate students?

Flanagan: we have 200 master students, 30 PhD students. as per the PAC funds, I have no idea what they are.

Gfatter: motion to instinguish CONS

Gaurav: motion to call a question

Susan R: motion to call a question

Lynskey closing statement: this is important that the committee stay engage in the process for an extended amount of time.

Amber Second:

Vote

13/3/3

amendment passes

Lynskey: I move to unluck the travel grant

Mustafa: second

Opening statement Lynskey: use the money that we just cut to put in the travel funding.

PROS

Mustafa: I agree with this need to increase the travel fund

CONS

Vaughn: we need to cut all that we need to cut and then decide

Lynskey: retract statement

Vaughn: motion to unluck the law school funding

Second: ??

Opening statement: I believe that has been some issues with the law school and their budget can be cut

Lynskey: how much money that the law school generate.

Vaughn: I don't know.

Lynskey: the law school generate 300,000 in ANS fees, the med school generate more than 400,000 in ANS fees. So I am adamant in reducing their funding. Those group has more than 30 RSO under their umbrella. We just fund a department for \$6000.

Ryan: LSC and MSC are not department and they have multiple RSO under their umbrella

Wilson: I will echo what was just said. MSC has multiple organization under their wing

Vaughn: I understand your arguments, just wanted to bring that to the table to discussion

Vote on that motion:

0/13/6

Motion fails

Creigh: we will have to uncluck MSC because it is not an even number

Gfatter: Motion to uncluck MSC funding

Wilson: second

Opening statement: this is an important matter let's get it done

Beatright: call a questions

Vaughn: second

Closing comment: I yield my time

Voting:

17/0/2

Motions passes

Llesanmi: motion to uncluck the unallocated

R: seconded

R: should we adjust everything else first?

Boatright: object

Llesanmi: I don't want to take my motion back.

Boatright: take back is objection

Opening remark: yielding my time

PROS

Lynskey: can't vote for any cents

Neale: point of clarification, are we voting for the cents

No CONS

Gfatter: motion to call a question

R: second

Vote:
18/0/1
Motion passes

Llesanmi: motion to reduce COGS unallocated .27 cents to 0
Lynsky: second

Boatright: motion to call a questions
Wilson: Second
Vote: 18/0/1

Motions passes

Llesanmi: motion to add .27 cents to expenses under MCS
Second: Parker

No PROS
No CONS

R: motion to call a question
Wilson: second

18/0/1

Motions passes

Llesanmi: do I need to close up the line items?

Susan R: motion to unlock department of education line items
Neal: second

Opening statement: motion to open this up to make decisions

Linskey: motion to call a question
Vouzas: second

Mustafa: what are we doing right now, things are bit vague

No CONS
NO Pros

Linskey: motion to call a question
Neal Second:

Vote
15/1/2

Motion passes

CONS:

Vaughn: I am making an amendment food \$4000 and contractual services for \$2000 for the speaker and all other categories to move to 0

Second: Mustafa

Wilson: How much can we spend for contractual services per speaker?

Creigh: max \$2000

Creigh: objection, statue 807.6 is prohibiting this department for acquiring those funds

Susan R: what exclude the department from acquiring those funds? Does that mean even when approve, they won't get funding?

Creigh: yes, that's what is stated?

Linsky: Unfortunately, that was there to prevent double dipping. Basically, they are receiving money from other places and it's a way to regulate funds.

Vaughn: our department has never ask funding for this.

Gaurav: what is the demographic of your department?

Mustafa: 100 face-to-face students and a little over 100 online

Creigh: resending my motion.

Opening statement: This funding is important for the return of student to the sense of normalcy.

PROS

Mustafa: tonight, is about increase travel and this would great for the

Susan R: this says a lot for the student from that department and moving this money for the department grants

Llesanmi: all of this is based of compromised. I'm glad to see how the students from the department of education is ready to compromise.

Linsky: I was ready to speak against it but hearing the student of education and how they are ready to compromised. This is a department has a lot of graduate students

Linsky: move to call a question

Neal: second

Vaughn closing statement let's get this done!

Voting

17/0/1

The motion passes

Creigh: currently, we have more than 47,000 left

Susan R: motion to increase the presentation grant to \$40,000

Gfatter: second

Creigh: Increase \$40, 000 will be \$250 for 800 for presentation grants and 50 inc

Susan R opening statement: this is a great opportunity to make positive changes, at the beginning it was alarming that presentation grant hasn't been increased in 3 years.

PROS:

Gfatter: this is

Linskey: move to call a question

Neal: Second

Vote:

17/0/1

Motions passes

Gfatter: do we need to motion to close all line items?

Mustafa: motion to transfer 1,400 out unallocated

Gfatter: Second

PROS

Gfatter: it's a great idea to make the number work let's do it

SECOND ROUND CONS

Susan R: I am worried that too much money out of the unallocated if we do this move

Wilson: motion to call a question

Boatright: second

Vote

17/0/1

Motions passes

(Representative Luis Left)

Mustafa: motion to move \$8500 to the conference attendance grants
Linskey: second

Opening statement: Let's vote on this

Parker: Motion to call a question
Boatright: second

Vote:
17/0/1

Motion passes

Creigh: we need to change provisor language. We need to first unlock it and then vote on it.

Linskey: Motion to unlock this provisor language
Neal: second

Opening statement: Let's hang in there and get this done

Parker: motion to call a question
Boatright: second

Vote:
17/0/1

Amendment passes

Creigh: I have the number ready for the provisor language

Gfatter: motion that presentation grants 20,000 and attendance grants 25,500
Second: Neal

Opening statement: I support this and

Boatright: call a question
Neal: second

Voting
17/0/1
Amendment passes

Linskey: motion to call a question on the Bill 7
Gfatter: second

Linskey: I move to luck to provider language

Vouzas: motion to call a questions
Second

Voting:
17/0/1

It passes

Linskey: move to luck travel allocation line item
Vaugh: second

Wilson: call a question
Mustafa: second

Vote
17/0/1
Passes

Wilson: motion to luck
Galeano: second

Vouzas: call a question
Mustafa: second

Vote
17/0/1
Motions passes

Wilson: motion to luck MSC
Boatright: second

Mustafa: motion to call a question
Boatright: second

Vote:
17/0/1

Motion passes

Wilson: motion to luck sport management
Boatright: second

Mustafa: call a question
Susan R: second

Votes
17/0/1
The motions passes

Boatright: motion to luck the department of education
Mustafa: second

Wilson: call a questions
Susan R: second

Votes
17/0/1

Motion passes

Mustafa: move to call a question in Bill 7
Gfatter: second

Closing statement

Greigh: Thank you for staying to make this decision for over 5 hours. This is a big decision that we had made, you all have a voice, and you make that known tonight.

Votes:
17/0/1

Round Table:

Wilson: motion to eliminate Round Table
Boatright: second
No PROS
No CONS

Votes
17/ 0/1
Adjournment:

Time of the meeting:
Adjourn the meeting: 11:49pm

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



THIRTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting
COGS Regular Session
April 4, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Agenda

Call to Order: 6:44 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Vaughn

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Adhikari, Amaraneni, Baffour-Awuah Junior, Basualdo, Boatright, Creigh, Delva, Galeano Cabral, Ilesanmi, Neale, Rogowski, Smith, Vouzas

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: Adhikari, Smith, Ilesanmi

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Collins, Hagemeyer, Mekala, Mustafa, Myhre, Wilson, Young

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Ryan

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

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Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes: N/A

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
 - Make sure to go to the Spring Inauguration, the banquet, the celebration. SGA has a retreat; make sure to sign up for that since there are not a lot of COGS reps going right now. I'm heading over to Lake Placid, so I won't make it, but look out for my emails about all these.
 - Vouzas: Question about Inauguration. In the Fall there was headshots. Have they gone out yet? Because I have not received them.
 - Neale: Someone has been sending them out, so I will get the email to you so that he may send you the photos.
 - Harshe: His name is Ben Young, and he is great, so I'm sure he will get that out. Also, Bill 7 was signed and completed, so everyone has been updated. All of it looks great.

- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
 - Wrapping up the year. We have a little over \$80k in Unallocated since the Presentation Grants from Nov-Feb were transferred.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs
 - I've had a rough day, starting with my computer crashing. I hope that I can recover my data. I wanted to encourage all the reps that can be present since I've noticed a trend. Graduate students have a lot of responsibilities, but we do have a lot of meetings and they are important, and especially important to keep present to have a great Thirtieth and Thirty-first Congress. There is more than just to be present. Reps have two unexcused absences. I want you to be involved; I want you to be a team. For those continuing during the summer, than I would encourage you to be a part of this. There's less responsibilities but greater chances to connect with each other. Depending on the Chair, the meetings will be a lot less, which is dependent on the Speaker. I want us to be more involved, especially since the situation with COVID is getting better. The other thing is that I did work with Ben [Young] and a women, and she is finalizing the COGS Guidebook. This book is great for learning the rules and so on.
 - Harshe: Things will be going on in the summer. Attendance during committees also count toward attendance, so make sure to reach out to the Chair about any absences.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications
 - [Absent-Excused]

Committee Report:

- C-SAC:
 - There were two requests that were sent in, but they did not get the approval for all the requirements being met, so I will talk with the Exec Board about the requests and especially with Laurel to get it ok'd.
 - Harshe: We need approval from SGA to get things approved, so we are waiting for that.
- Internal Affairs:
 - Linsky: We have not met due to last week's Bill.
- Student Advocacy:
 - Ragowsky: We also did not meet, but Resolution 4 for the Childcare passed, and rep. Galiano and Harshe have been getting in touch with the CGE to see how grads are benefiting from the CGE since they were a big part of the budget bill, so we are investigating that. We do need to talk with the GAU the young women [Iris Cheng] since I know that the GAU does bargaining in the Fall, so talking with them by August will get good. Christian [Gfatter] was investigating some scholarships, so we are all working away.
- Student Affairs:
 - Smith: Firstly, your nametags are here, so come get them from me. I am proud, they all look good. I am in William Johnson, and I will put my number in the chat, so keep in touch. We are also working on stoles, so you can get them by graduation. April 13 is when the social will occur, we will have swag bags, t-shirts as a committee so we will have the shirts in the swag bags. Shout out to Gaurav for the event tomorrow on the Green. I am proud of my committee.
 - Harshe: It is Grad Appreciation Week, so get involved with the events!

Funding Requests:

- *Bill 12: CARE Bridge to Graduate School Program*
 - Delva: I was wondering who is going to the retreat? I am, so I am encouraging everyone to go since we are all leaders in the Congress. We do think that these are geared toward SGA, but it is for us as well and can benefit us for what we all want to accomplish before the end of the year. We should be getting details tomorrow for the event; it is for us to connect and learn about leadership opportunities.

- Amareneni: Is it paid for by the university?
- Delva: Much of it is, but the email will go out to everyone, so make sure to bring money regardless. For the Bill for CARE, the request is for \$10,550. The purpose of this funding is for mentoring students with minority backgrounds. It is called the Bridge to Graduate School Program. It is for networking, info for education, financial matters. The \$10k will be for ten students for the year, so they will get \$500 a year and the \$550 is for Expenses like books and other things that will help with the mentoring of the students. The idea of this proposal is to incentivize undergraduates.
- Linsky: Are we in opening statement? Is anyone timing this?
- Delva: I yield my time.
- Linsky: How much has SGA given CARE for the upcoming year?
- Delva: I don't know the exact number, but they have supported them.
- Linsky: If I did say that we have already given them \$66k, would that sound accurate?
- Delva: Yes.
- Rogowski: I don't know if this question is for Delva or Creigh, but I know that this bill would be used for the next year? Or is this a summer program? Would they be able to use these funds for the next fiscal year?
- Delva: This is for the fiscal year of 2022-2023.
- Rogowski: This is going out of the Unallocated from this year for the next fiscal year. Is this something we are allowed to do?
- Harshe: As long as it is allocated by May 30 of this year, we are allowed to allocate funds for the next fiscal year.
- Rogowski: So is this a summer program?
- Delva: No, this would be for the Fall and Spring Semester:
- **Pros:**
 - Rogowski: It sounds like a great program, and it is important that we spend this money, so I'm for it.
 - Adhikari: It is a good investment, knowing where this money is going.
- **Cons:**
 - Linsky: This is an entity that receives a lot of funds from SGA already. I hear that the description is vague, like books. What are they being used for? I don't know what specific places this money is going. This is for hiring graduate students to benefit undergraduate students. So we are subsidizing funds for people that are not our constituents. I would like a more detailed report of what their funds are used for. They should know better by now that they should have more details.
 - Vaughn: I will echo Linsky's statements. It is a good program, but it seems that it is benefiting undergraduates more than graduate students.
 - Harshe: Point of Information. The books on PDF page 10 are listing the specific books.
- **Pros:**
 - Rogowski: This is for minority students and it is benefiting both graduate students and undergrads. This might bring minorities into graduate school. It also gives grads money.
 - Adhikari: I think we should look at the brighter side of this, which is how it benefits the graduate students.
 - Rogowski: I would rather see this money go to the program here than Sweepings.
 - Vaughn: Point of Clarification. This is for the next fiscal year, right?
 - Creigh: This also gives grads leadership, speaking, and other skills when they connect with undergrads.
 - Harshe: Where may I find information about the allocation of funds for CARE from Senate?
 - Linsky: You can follow the link in the chat. They got money from Sweepings for technology. We could find things for them and it was \$66k.
- **Cons:**
 - Linsky: I do recognize that COGS wants to use our funds rather than have it gone to Sweepings, but I think that \$10k is too much, since I want to know more information about the book that is used; it is the same book each year. I like them, but it is a lot of money that is ostensibly for graduate students, I'm just not going to vote for it.
- **Pros:**
 - Boatright (motion to call to question) and Vaughn (second)
- **Closing Statement:**

- Delva: I support a bill for minorities and help for them early in their careers. We are not allowed to TA in our department, so this mentorship program is great for the sort of interaction. I was an adjunct professor before coming here. I support this bill because it is good for grads to put in our CV and so on.
 - **Vote:** 11-2-2 (pass)
 - *Bill 13: RISE Collaborative Space funding*
 - **Opening Comments:**
 - Delva: The amount requested is \$4,800 from the RISE Office (Representation, Inclusion, & Student Equity). This is for the next fiscal year. The purpose of this funding is to create a space for graduate students (communal space) with post-bac students, which meets on Thursday; it is called "Third-Floor Thursdays." This is an informal space for undergrads and grads to talk. It is for Food for two semesters. This is more of a space for grads to discuss with post-bac students on Thursdays.
 - **Non-Technical Debate Questions:**
 - Adhikari: How is this going to be allocated? And what department is associated with it?
 - Delva: Graduate students in any discipline can participate in this for coffee, drinks, snacks. They also add the packages of food that is involved.
 - Baffour-Awuah: How many students are expected to show up?
 - Delva: Estimated attendance is 35.
 - Galeano: I'm asking about the connection with FSU and Tallahassee. Is this for non-students as well?
 - Delva: I don't know if I have an answer to that, but from what I understand, it is a space for students.
 - **Pros:**
 - Linsky: This money would go towards grad students and post-bac students, which are all people that COGS represents.
 - Vaughn: This is great for graduate students. All they're asking for food, which is one of the best ways to bring people in.
 - Galeano: Cross-discipline events are great for this event.
 - Adhikari: Through COGS, we also focus on academic leadership, so I support this.
 - Boatright: Point of Clarification. Is the menu the food we would be paying for?
 - Delva: Yes, and it is for the two semesters (fall and spring).
 - **Cons:** N/A
 - **Pros:**
 - Rogowski (motion to call to question), Vouzas (second)
 - **Closing Statement:**
 - Delva: This would help for graduate students to meet each other and connect with each other, especially that COVID is almost gone, so we need to support these types of events.
 - **Vote:** 14-0-1 (pass)
 - Harshe: I pass to you, Delva, the Speaker roll while I sponsor bills.
 - Delva: I accept.
 - *Bill 14: RISE Lavender Graduation Ceremony*
 - **Opening Statement:**
 - Harshe: This event is for the RISE Office again. This is a first as far as the event goes. It is for grads and undergrads alike. Page 21 has the breakdown of the Expenses and Food. This is the first time they are doing this event.
 - **Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - Rogowski: I'm seeing that there are 50 participants that can sign up for it total. But it also lists that there will be more than 50 in attendance.
 - Harshe: It is for 115-120 for the 203 and 201 room, which can be invited guests of the graduates.
 - Vouzas: Has RISE requested or gotten funds from anyone else?
 - Harshe: Not that I'm aware, but the leader of this event has been looking for funds where they can get them, so I don't know what other fund sources they have asked for.
 - Vaughn: What is the estimated breakdown of grads and undergrads for the event?
 - Harshe: I don't know, but there is a sign up form, so I can ask Grace.
 - Galeano: Do you know how they asked for the number 50?

- Harshe: I don't know, but it is probably the maximum capacity for the room that it will be in. So 50 grads and undergrads, their plus ones, staff and so on.
 - **Pros:**
 - Rogowski: I remember hearing about this event when we had the resolution about the "Don't Say Gay" bill, so part of us in supporting that resolution against that bill is related to us supporting this RISE event. I think this is an important thing for us to support right now.
 - Rogowski: motion to relinquish pros time. Vouzas (second)
 - **Cons:**
 - Galeano: There is nothing stopping the event from having all undergraduate students and therefore no graduate students.
 - Rogowski: Motion to extinguish con time. Galeano (second).
 - **Pros:**
 - Vouzas: motion to call to question. Galeano (second).
 - **Closing Statement:**
 - Harshe: This is us putting our money where our mouths are with the Resolution against the "Don't Say Gay" Bill.
 - **Vote:** 11-1-3 (pass)
 - **Bill 15: OGFA Graduate Student Banquet**
 - **Opening Statement:**
 - Harshe: What this would do is send COGS Unallocated into the April 13 at the Alumni Center. This would be for \$7,500 for Food, \$300 for Contractual Services, and \$200 in Expense.
 - **Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - Rogowski: What is the contractual services for?
 - Harshe: Those are for professional headshots to use them elsewhere.
 - Boatright: motion to extinguish time. Vaughn (second)
 - **Pros:**
 - Rogowski: quick question. Who is eligible for this an receiving awards. Is this for just graduate students?
 - Harshe: The awards are all for professional and grad students. This event is for the awards that are already given out.
 - Linsky: This is the kind of the thing, for if we were better funded, then we would be supporting events like these. This is celebrating graduate students. We are so underfunded that this seems like a luxury, but it is standard and I would support this times two.
 - Rogowski: This office does great work. I've gone to an event of their recently and they do great work, so I am pro funding this.
 - Amaraneni: Coming to COGS by COGS for COGS, it is celebrating graduate students, so we should support this.
 - **Cons:**
 - Rogowski: Motion to extinguish cons. Vouzas (second)
 - **Pros:**
 - Vaughn: motion to call to question. Vouzas (second)
 - **Closing Statement:**
 - We are already underfunding the Graduate School, so it is a Catch 22 situation. Our next allocation for 2022-23 is fixed, but we can support them right now.
 - **Vote:** 14-0-1
 - **Bill 16: OGFA Summer Writing Workshop**
 - **Opening Statement:**
 - Harshe: This bill is for a summer writing workshop for this year. 15 students would be getting \$150 for an award application submission incentives, swag for \$1,500.
 - **Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - Amaraneni: Are these all graduate students?
 - Harshe: This is open for anyone who applies.
 - Rogowski: Is this only for the 15 students?
 - Harshe: I know that this would pay for 15 students to attend this, but others might attend.
 - Delva: It is a long process that helps the 15 students. It is for those students to be productive and incentivize the students for the process.
 - Galeano: The bill packet says \$12,500, so I am confused with the numbers.

- Harshe: That is on page 24 of the bill packet. \$3k for Workshop stipends, \$2.25k for AASI, \$1,5k for swag, and \$750 for honorarium, and then another \$5k which is the general swag requests.
 - Vouzas: motion to extend. Adhikari (second)
 - Harshe: The total amount is correct on the bill packet.
 - Creigh: Can you confirm the dates?
 - Harshe: Yes, it is in July 2022, which is in the next fiscal year.
 - Adhikari: Is it online?
 - Harshe: I don't know, but I can find that out.
 - Vouzas: motion to extinguish time. Galeano (second)
 - **Pro:**
 - Linsky: This is a significant amount of money and for a higher purpose, which is for the appreciation of graduate students. I am in favor of spending the money in this way.
 - Galeano: Students getting scholarships is something big and is a hard process for graduate students. At the end of the day it is an investment which leads to future funding from other programs.
 - **Cons:**
 - Vouzas: motion to extinguish time. Amaraneni (second)
 - **Pros:**
 - Galeano: motion to call to question. Vouzas (second)
 - **Closing Statement:**
 - Harshe: A lot of people sign up for these but do not attend them, so the motivation can be lacking. With this workshop, it may incentivize graduate students for the next year. The swag item for \$5k is something that is quite usable, which are all useful for post-bac and grad students. There was a lot of thought and intention on this.
 - **Vote:** 13-0-1 (pass)
 - [Adhikari left the meeting]
- *Bill 17: Department for Student Support and Transitions – Food for Thought Pantry*
 - **Opening Statement:**
 - Harshe: I was waiting to see what funds we had to fund something like this. This is for the Food Pantry, which is in the Department of Student Support and Transitions. They would go to LSC and MSC and give them food from local farmers. This is for students who may have issues with food, and for students during the summer at the end-of-year times of the academic year.
 - **Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - Vouzas: The bill packet says that it is incorporated for LSC and MSC. How will this organization connect with other RSOs across the university?
 - Harshe: They don't have enough staff to support volunteers to collaborate with other RSOs. Any other organizations that want this help will do it, but LSC and MSC are a start.
 - Vouzas: I understand that they don't have enough workers for all organizations in the university, but what can we do as a government to represent all the other organizations?
 - Harshe: When I reached out to the Pantry last year, they didn't have much support, so COGS representatives can help organize the facilitation of this.
 - Vaughn: motion to extend time. Vouzas (second)
 - Vouzas: Is there a way to advertise this for all the other colleges?
 - Harshe: Technically we can promote this on the COGS Instagram and Twitter. Advertising these things is manpower, which means that someone would have to do that.
 - Vaughn: So the food would for this be located in the LSC and MSC locations. Would other colleges close to these locations benefit from this?
 - Harshe: These were strategically located because of the two locations. And yes, we can send them out to all the other colleges, so that would need some people to do that, which can be worked on.
 - Boatright: The \$1,500 is going where?
 - Harshe: The Food Pantry. They would get the funds and then work with the local farmers to provide the food for the pantry. The Pantry would then be paying the local farmers.
 - **Pros:**
 - Linsky: It is hard for me to not support anything the Food Pantry does. Institutionally, no university wants to admit that they have a food problem. If you have a food problem, then that can be used by rival universities. Everyone is afraid that they don't eat enough because they don't have the

- funds. It is true with graduate students, and I would give ten times the amount for this, so I'll be voting "yes."
 - Vouzas: I was going to say something similar. For the things we provide to the school, we are vastly underpaid. If it were up to me, then I would have everyone fed three times a day.
 - Vaughn: I am in favor of this bill. I like increasing funding and access to the Pantry, so doing this is great.
 - Amaraneni: I do strongly agree with this bill. My friends and I use this pantry, so I am in favor of this.
 - **Cons:**
 - Amaraneni: motion to extinguish time. Rogowski (second)
 - **Pros:**
 - Baffour-Awuah: motion to call to question. Amaraneni (second)
 - **Closing Statement:**
 - Harshe: Since we did not fund this in the past, we can look at funding this in the future. We are food insecure because we are so busy that we eat trash food, which hurts our health, creating a vicious cycle. There are many problems that food opens up, but this Food Pantry is a spot fix. If it were on campus, then they could take this to their departments, which would help students. This also helps local farmers and businesses.
 - **Vote:** 13-0-1
 - [Smith left the meeting]
- **Bill 18: Arab Student Union (ASU)**
 - **Opening Statement:**
 - Harshe: Ramadan has already started, which means Muslim students are celebrating this. This is \$1,000 for Food. There is an event that the executive board has passed, and this bill is for April 22. This is helping them out with breaking fasts, all food of which is Halal-compliant food for the celebrations. This is mostly to help with Ramadan.
 - **Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - Amaraneni: motion to move to pros. Baffour-Awuah (second)
 - **Pros:**
 - Amaraneni: This is showing COGS support for this event and is wonderful for
 - Vaughn: This is showing COGS's support of diverse religions, which includes the difficulty of Halal food.
 - Amaraneni: motion to move to cons. Rogowski (second)
 - **Cons:**
 - Vouzas: motion to extinguish cons. Rogowski (second)
 - Vouzas: motion to call to questions. Rogowski (second)
 - **Closing Statement:**
 - Harshe: This is the poster for the event that we are paying for; tomorrow's Ramadan event. There is only one hour when they can get this food, so this is showing our solidarity for their religious event.
 - **Vote:** 13-0-0 (pass)
 - [Illesanmi left the meeting]

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- **Resolution 5: Graduate Student Appreciation Week**
 - **Opening Statement:**
 - Harshe: I wanted to get everyone's thoughts on this. This is about the Graduate Student Appreciation Week. This was started in 1993 and it has been appreciated and encouraged, but recently it hasn't been celebrated as much. So what this resolution states is that COGS would support that the first week of April would be Graduate Student Appreciation Week. I have also included all the Deans in the graduate schools, along with Natassia Janvier, the Student Body Vice President, and others that are a part of the graduate school to support this week.
 - **Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - Vouzas: motion to extinguish time. Rogowski (second)
 - **Pros:**

- Vouzas: This is non-controversial. I think that everyone here should be supporting this. I motion to extinguish pros. Amaraneni (second)
 - **Cons:**
 - Baffour-Awuah: motion to extinguish cons. Amaraneni (second)
 - **Pros:**
 - Linsky: motion to pass with unanimous consent. [no objections]
 - **Vote:** passes through unanimous consent i.e., 12-0-0 (pass)
- Delva: I hand the title of Speaker back to Harshe.
- Harshe: This means a lot to the graduate students to say that we support graduate students, and especially if this is just one week out of the year.
- Delva: I just wanted to say thank you to all the representatives for a smooth meeting. I just want to encourage all the reps to be leaders within their colleges to relay the information about the Food Pantry to see what you can do for your college. These meetings help give us opportunities to see how we can benefit our own colleges, so I would encourage initiatives for that. There is also Case Management which is helpful for graduate students, including housing in a case of an emergency, and so on. The information is online. It is important as leader of our colleges to look into this type of information to contact these departments and fulfill those gaps.
- Baffour-Awuah: Do we know how much we have in Unallocated?
- Creigh: I can come back to you on that. . . \$33,041.

Round Table:

Adjournment: 9:47 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.