



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

THIRTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting
Monday, August 29th, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Agenda

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and approval of the Minutes:

Petitions into the Assembly:

- *Cameron Gerhold, College of Medicine Seat 1*

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:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- *Resolution 6: Adjusting COGS Code to Reflect Budget Increase for Travel Grants*
- *Resolution 7: Adjusting COGS Code to Remove Expired Line Items*

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: **September 12th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m**

COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2022-2023

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
UNALLOCATED	\$24,593	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$24,593.55
ORGANIZATIONAL (C-SAC)	\$3,000	RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year	\$3,000.00
LSC	\$61,000	Funding allocations from Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations	\$54,599.09
MSC	\$84,817	Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations	\$81,993.00
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$66,250	Presentation Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$37,453.39
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$66,875	Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$66,875.00
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$66,875	Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$66,875.00
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$9,000	Attendance Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$7,800.00
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$8,500	Attendance Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$8,500.00
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$8,000	Attendance Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$8,000.00



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Resolution

30th Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution #: 06

Primary Sponsor: Representative Delva

Date: August 29, 2022

Whereas: In 2018, COGS Code Chapter 207.5 stated that, “No student shall receive more than \$2,500 in grants in any five- (5) year period as a student at Florida State University. Students are limited to no more than \$500 in total grants per fiscal year”;

Whereas: In 2018, COGS Code Chapter 208.2 stated that, “Any conference (more than 100 miles) within the Continental United States shall be eligible for a grant of up to \$200.00 of appropriate conference-related expenses. Any conference outside the Continental United States shall be eligible for a grant of up to \$500.00 of appropriate conference-related expenses”;

Whereas: In 2018, COGS Code chapter 208.2(D) stated that, “the Speaker shall be authorized to permit a single \$300.00 grant for students traveling to a conference over 300 miles from Tallahassee until June 30, 2011”;

Whereas: On February 11, 2022, the COGS Budget Committee voted to adopt the attached budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year;

Whereas: On March 7, 2022, COGS passed Bill 7: The Annual Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year with the proviso of increasing COGS International travel grants from \$500.00 to \$600.00, COGS Domestic Presentation Grants from \$200.00 to \$250.00, and COGS Domestic Attendance Grants from \$100.00 to \$150.00;

Be it resolved by the 30th Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that: In August 2022, the current amounts approved in the 2022-2023 budget should be reflected in the current COGS Code.

Be it further resolved that: Chapter 207.5 will be amended to state that, “No student shall receive more than \$3,000 in grants in any five- (5) year period as a student at Florida State University. Students are limited to no more than \$600 in total grants per fiscal year.”

Be it further resolved that: Chapter 208. 2 will be amended to state that, “Any conference within the Continental United States shall be eligible for a grant of up to \$250.00 of appropriate conference-related expenses. Any conference outside the Continental United States shall be eligible for a grant of up to \$600.00 of appropriate conference-related expenses.”



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Be it further resolved that: Chapter 209.1 (D) will state that attendance at any conference shall be eligible for up to \$150.00 of appropriate conference-related expenses.

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

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
Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President
Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President
Abril Hunter, SGA Senate President
Sarah Nemeth, SGA President Pro-Tempore



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Resolution

30th Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution #: 07

Primary Sponsor: Representative Collins

Date: August 29, 2022

Whereas: In 2018, COGS Code Chapter 108.3 regarding COGS committees was adjusted to include line E, indicating, "Committee leadership elections shall be held before February 19th, 2018 for any COGS Committee not existing prior to February 5th, 2018";

Whereas: In 2018, COGS Code Chapter 108.3 regarding COGS committees was adjusted to include line F, indicating, "On February 5th, 2018, the membership and leadership of the COGS committees listed here, shall be dissolved, at which point this provision 108.3(E) shall be stricken from the COGS Code: Internal Affairs Committee, Academics & Student Life Committee and Ways & Means Committee";

Whereas: Chapter 108.3 Line F indicates Chapter 108.3 Line E shall be stricken from COGS Code upon February 5, 2018;

Whereas: Active representatives within COGS in 2018 included expiratory language that represented a time-sensitive remediation to adjust the representation of committees;

Be it resolved by the 30th Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University

that: Language that has thus expired shall be stricken from the COGS Code as of August 2022 to reflect current standing committees.

Be it further resolved by the 30th Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State

University that: Chapter 108.3 now reads as follows, with the removal of lines E and F:
108.3 The following are the standing committees of COGS:

- A) The Student Affairs Committee
- B) The Student Advocacy Committee
- C) The Internal Affairs Committee
- D) The Budget Committee.



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

Call to Order: 6:34 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Rep. Rogowski

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Basualdo, Collins, Delva, Galleano, Neale, Rogowski, Smith, Vaughn, Vouzas

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Noor Mustafa

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Amaraneni, Mekala, Young

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes: Vouzas

Second: Rogowski

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
 - Thank you and shout out to Dep Speaker Vouzas, who helped me pack up the COGS office to move to the Union.
 - Our office hours will switch to in-person office hours, however, there will likely be hybrid options to attend
 - New Graduate Student Orientation is on August 16th at 9:00am. I am going to reach out to the organizer to ask which time would be best to come. We plan to distribute merchandise and connect with new graduate students. It will be in Ruby Diamond

Auditorium. Please mark your calendars for this. I will be in touch with the best check in times. I will also send this in an email for everyone.

- I am working on updating the list of representatives and the open seats. You will be getting an email about your status in COGS.
- Our schedule in Fall: The first meeting will be August 22nd, followed by September 12th, September 19th, October 3rd, October 17th, November 7th, November 28th.
- We will be switching our meetings to in-person, as well, to work more hands on together.
- They will occur in the Senate Chambers.
- I have received a couple emails about switching committees – if the number of people in committees is less than 5, then we cannot switch around committees. Once we return in the Fall, then we can approve potentially movements in committees.
- I heard from a Senator that they would like to work more closely with COGS, especially with joint writing and legislation. As I meet with him, I will keep you updated on our communication.
- Another change that we are looking to do in the Fall is a rolling list of representatives attending to Funding Requests and Resolution bill writing.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
 - There isn't too much to report, since it is the beginning of the fiscal year.
 - We are going to be changing COGS code to update the amount of money available for presentation/attendance grants. In the spring, we discussed presentation and attendance grants will increase by \$50. The internal affairs committee will meet to reflect this change in COGS code.
 - If there is going to be any purchasing in COGS, please consult me and the accounting office to make sure that everything is ordered from the appropriate vendors.
 - If you remember, last time we passed a budget bill, we had the budget hearing deliberations in February, then we passed the bill in March. This is traditionally very late (Senate usually does this in the Fall). In previous years, it's more traditional that COGS budget hearing deliberations are conducted just before Christmas. We hope, this year, to have the bill passed before the holiday break.
 - When I joined the budget committee, I was unsatisfied with how ill prepared I was. What I'm planning to do is to start treating the budget committee the same way as we treat the other committees – we will discuss the history of the budget committee, the expectations, etc.
 - Questions
 - Collins: Will you select the budget committee members?
 - Vouzas: I will likely just ask who is interested since I don't want to exclude anyone.
 - Collins: Great, and do you have any idea of how many members you expect on the committee?
 - Vouzas: I would like good representation across colleges, but I do not know of the exact number I need.
 - Rogowski: I like the idea of appointing, to get good representation. But I'm not sure what it says in the COGS Code. Also, I wasn't sure how I felt about having this completed around the holiday. As a member in an organization, it feels overwhelming to have to prepare something to propose that quickly. This could potentially hinder RSOs. I wanted to email you and Nella because one thing I've been thinking about is that there is a lot going on, as an RSO member, I am interested in a workshop for RSOs.

- Vouzas: Thank you. These are good suggestions. The plan would be to move the entire process earlier, so every step of the process would come earlier. I would send emails to all RSOs and executives at the beginning of the semester so they have ample time to prepare. To address your comment about helping RSOs, prior Deputy Speaker Creigh did create a whole guide on helping RSOs. However, a workshop might be helpful to provide even more help to RSOs.
- Delva: I wanted to collaborate in coming up with those trainings. Also, I wanted to brainstorm a way to figure out how to transition a little better. Our prior Deputy Speaker of Finance did create a training for RSOs. We appreciate any help from representatives to help us out.
- Vouzas: The reason I want to have budget committee meetings is to share how people can apply for presentation and attendance grants, apply for funding, manage a budget. I don't believe people have a deep knowledge about how the entire financial system of COGS functions.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs
 - I am currently working on a mini training on COGS Financial Information
 - This will be useful especially for the budget hearings
 - I am working on a strategic plan, because it gives us more direction for attainable goals for the year
 - I will be taking the lead organizing our participation in Graduate Student Orientation, and we are working on potentially getting ice cream
 - I am hoping we can coordinate with another organization on campus, and we can share a table or flyers (e.g., food pantry, career resource center). I think it's important to collaborate more this academic year and getting to know them as an organization and letting them get to know us as graduate students
 - You will be getting an email from me regarding internal affairs meeting coming up.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications
 - I have created a training for bill writing, so you feel more comfortable producing these when it is your turn to write a bill.
 - I will be in touch about outreach events in August
 - Keep an eye out for emails regarding the status of your seat. Please confirm or deny if you still hold your current seat, so we can update our current seat list for our outreach materials.

Committee Report:

- C-SAC
 - Nothing to report, have not met
- Internal Affairs
 - Nothing to report, have not met. However, we will be meeting soon to discuss updating COGS Code.
- Student Advocacy
 - Nothing to report, have not met
- Student Affairs:
 - Nothing to report, however, I want you to know we will be electing a new chair in the Fall.

Funding Requests: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Round Table:

Adjournment: 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 22nd, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in person (Location TBD)