FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



**THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Assembly Meeting

February 6, 2023

6:30pm

Agenda

**Call to Order:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Representatives Present:**

**Representatives Absent, Excused:**

**Reading and approval of the Minutes:**

**Petitions into the Assembly:**

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:**

**Messages from Student Government:**

**Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:**

**Report of Officers:**

* Report of the Speaker:

- COGS Retreat on February 11th

* Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance:
* Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs:
* Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications:

**Committee Report:**

* C-SAC:
* Internal Affairs:
* Student Advocacy:
* Student Affairs:

**Funding Requests:**

*Bill #2: League of Graduate Artist (Rep. Beavon)*

*Bill #3: Indian Student Association of Tallahassee (Rep. Vouzas)*

*Bill #4: Art History Association (Rep. Lenchitz)*

*Bill #5: Student Art Therapy Association (Rep. Burns)*

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

*Resolution #1: Medical Wilderness Society*

**Round Table:**

**Adjournment:**

Next Meeting: **Feb 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Senate Chambers (3rd floor New Student Union)**

**COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

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| **ACCOUNT** | **ALLOCATION AMOUNT** | **DESCRIPTION** | **BALANCE** |
| UNALLOCATED | $24,593.00 | For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings | $21,629.65 |
| 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 | $23,033.92 |
| MSC | $84,817 | Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations | $36,903.47 |
| PRESENTATION GRANTS (Jul-Oct) | $66,250 | Presentation Grant balance for the July-October funding period | $25,417.74 |
| PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb) | $75,000 | Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period | $34,593.49 |
| PRESENTATION GRANTS (Mar-Jun) | $58,750 | 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 | $3,759.63 |
| ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Nov-Feb) | $9,000 | Attendance Grant balance for the November-February funding period | $6,450.01 |
| ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Mar-Jun) | $7,500 | Attendance Grant balance for the March-June funding period | $7,500.00 |

**\*\*Funding from July – Oct period needs to be transferred!**

**Allocation, Revision, or Transfer**

**31st Congress of Graduate Students**

**Bill #:** 2

**Sponsored by:** Representative Beavon

**Date:** 02/06/2023

**Amount:** $145

**From (account name):** COGS Unallocated

**To (account name):** League of Graduate Artists

**Purpose & Description:** The League of Graduate Artists (LGA) is seeking funds for a love-themed art exhibition opening at Working Method Contemporary, a gallery space for Masters of Fine Art students, in the month of February. The exhibition accepts work from the FSU student body and Tallahassee community. An estimated 75-100 people will be in attendance, and it is free and open to all FSU students. Funds are requested for food items provided at the event.

**Itemized Expenditures:**

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| **Quantity** | **Description** | **Unit Price** |
| 1 | Food | 144.52 |

Total: 144.52

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**Allocation, Revision, or Transfer**

**31st Congress of Graduate Students**

**Bill #:** 3

**Sponsored by: Representative Vouzas**

**Date: 02/06/2023**

**Amount:** $700

**From (account name):** COGS Unallocated

**To (account name):** Indian Students Association of Tallahassee

**Purpose & Description:**

Name of Event:   Holi 2023  
   Location of Event:   FSU-Rez  
   Date(s) of Event:   March 4, 2023  
   Time(s) of Event:   11:30AM - 3:00PM  
   Estimated Attendance   275

Holi is a festival of colors celebrated in Spring all over India. It is an important festival that preserves the Indian culture. In this far-off land, the main purpose of celebrating this festival is to get a taste of the event here. We would like to arrange for colors and serve a sumptuous lunch for the students who join us. The goal is also to encourage other students from FSU join us who want to know more about our culture.

In this mission, we would like to place order for colored powder on Amazon, get authentic Indian cuisine from Persis Indian Restaurant and pick up some cutlery items such as disposable plates, spoons, tissues and hand sanitizers from Publix. The rest of the costs will be covered by a fundraising event from the Fall.

\* How will you advertise the event?  
   We have a flyer ready and once we get a budget approval, we would circulate the flyer on social media. We also plan to put up a few posters around the campus.   
\* Is the event free and open to all Florida State University Students?  
   Yes  
\* Is there a charge to attend for non-FSU students?  
   No

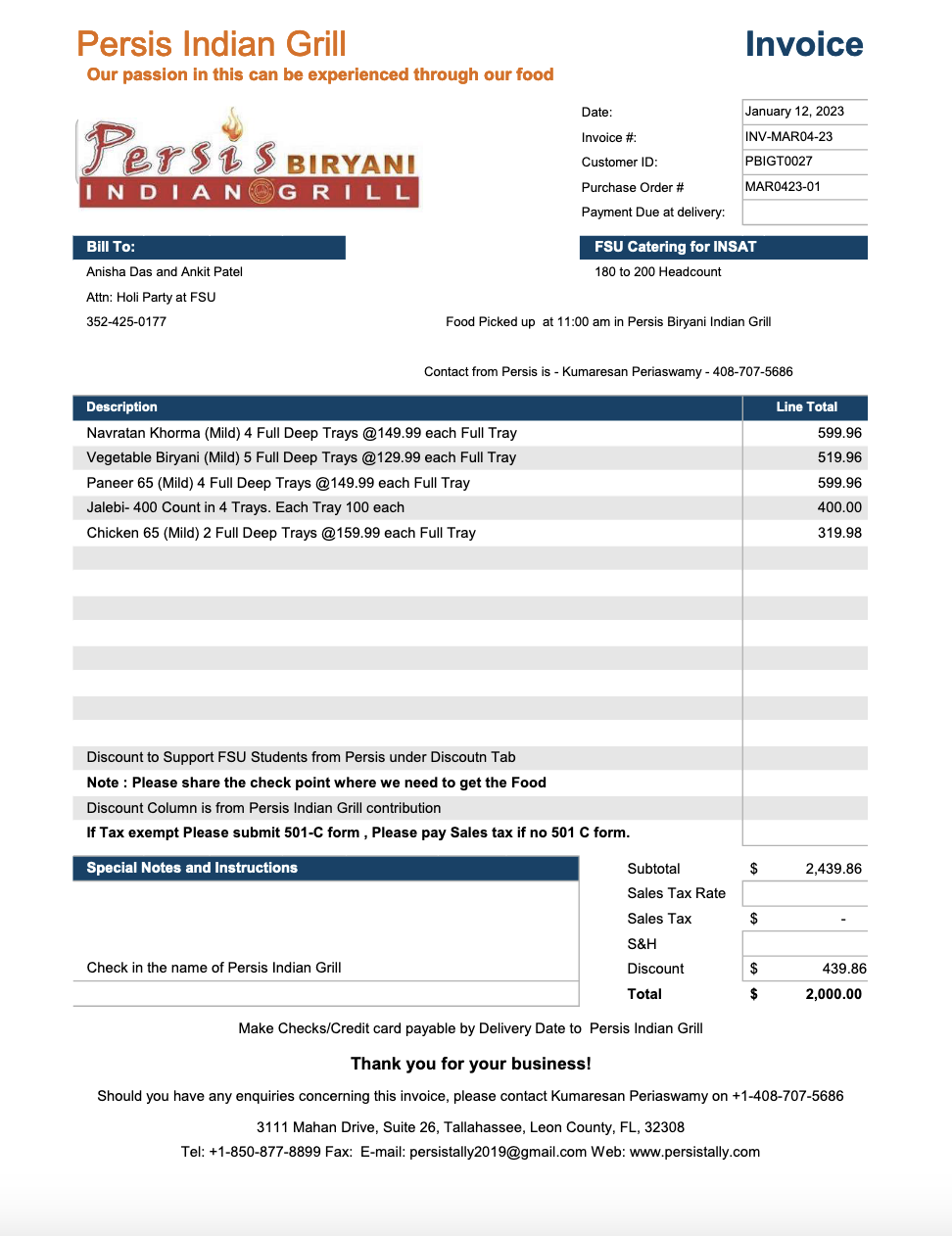
**Itemized Expenditures:**

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| **Quantity** | **Description** | **Unit Price** |
| 1 | Food | $700 |

Total: $700

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**Allocation, Revision, or Transfer**

**31st Congress of Graduate Students**

**Bill #:** 4

**Sponsored by: Representative Lenchitz**

**Date: 02/06/2023**

**Amount:** $2,109

**From (account name):** COGS Unallocated

**To (account name):** Art History Association

**Purpose & Description:**

Name of Event: Art History Graduate Symposium

Location of Event: William Johnston Building/Student Union

Date(s) of Event: Friday March 3rd and 4th

Time(s) of Event: 9am - 8pm

Estimated Attendance: 70

This event invites art history graduate students throughout the country to FSU to participate in a symposium hosted by the Department of Art History. A leading scholar from another university has been invited to attend as the keynote speaker. At this conference, the students both presenting and attending engage with art historians and receive feedback from these individuals. This event comprises various sessions of paper talks, as well as a dinner with all of the participants on Friday evening. This event brings together alumni, art history students, and professors to network and share new research. Funding will cover both a coffee reception and a dinner.

Advertising has occurred via email and flyers throughout the department, as well as to other Art History Departments throughout the country.

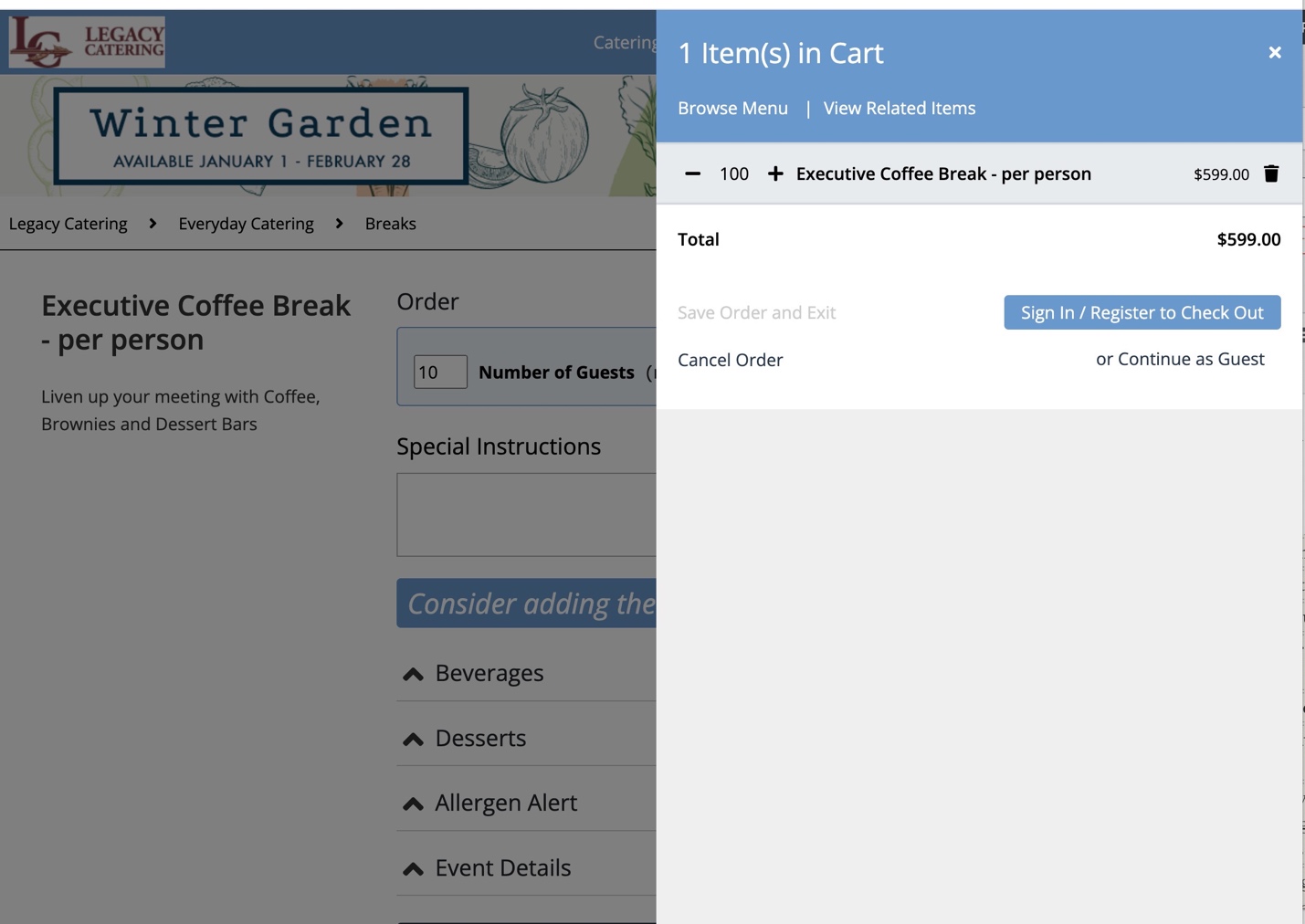
Admission to the event is free and open to the public.

**Itemized Expenditures:**

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| **Quantity** | **Description** | **Unit Price** |
| 1 | Food | $2109 |

Total: $2109

Coffee Reception



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**Allocation, Revision, or Transfer**

**31st Congress of Graduate Students**

**Bill #:** 5

**Sponsored by:** Representative Burns

**Date:** 02/6/2023

**Amount:** $2,514

**From (account name):** COGS Unallocated

**To (account name):** Student Art Therapy Association

**Purpose & Description:**   
   Name of Event:   Spring Art Therapy Workshop  
   Location of Event:   FSU WJB  
   Date(s) of Event:   March 4,2023  
   Time(s) of Event:   9:00AM-4:00PM  
   Estimated Attendance   150  
  
Active members: 30

SATA hosts an annual Spring Workshop for the community to hear from an experienced art therapist who specializes in a unique category. This year we will have Melissa Hedlund Nelson from Chicago, Illinois. Nelson specializes in trauma-centered and grounding art therapy for clients of all ages. She will be hosting a morning and afternoon workshop on March 4, 2023. The workshop will have an audience of art therapy students, program applicants, faculty, practicum supervisors, and any student or Tallahassee community member who wishes to attend. Lunch will be provided.

Adverting through social media (Instagram) and posters on campus. Free to all students. No charge for the event.

**Itemized Expenditures:**

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| **Quantity** | **Description** | **Unit Price** |
| 1 | Contractual Services | $2000 |
| 1 | Expenses | $170 |
| 1 | Food | $344 |

Total: $2514

Quotes for Art Therapy Spring Workshop

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| Lunch Catering from Costco | 6 Croissant sandwich platters x $40 each (each platter feeds 20) = $240 |
| Speaker | $2000 total  Includes her travel from Chicago to Tallahassee and hotel  Flight: $460 roundtrip  Hotel: $80/night for two nights = $160 |
| Art supplies | Thick watercolor paper- $50/pack (3 packs needed) = $150  Liquid watercolor bottles- $20 |
| Snacks | Goldfish- $14 for a box of 45  Pretzels- $15 for box of 60  GF Popcorn- $19 for 28  Rice krispies- $16 for 60  Fruit tray- $40 |
| Total cost | $2514 |

Price resources:

Costco catering

https://thekrazycouponlady.com/tips/store-hacks/costco-catering

Flight:

<https://www.google.com/travel/flights/search?tfs=CBwQAhooagwIAxIIL20vMDFfZDQSCjIwMjMtMDMtMDNyDAgDEggvbS8wZnR2ehooagwIAxIIL20vMGZ0dnoSCjIwMjMtMDMtMDVyDAgDEggvbS8wMV9kNHABggELCP___________wFAAUgBmAEB>

Hotel:

<https://www.booking.com/city/us/tallahassee.html>

Art supplies:

<https://www.amazon.com/Sax-Economy-Watercolor-Paper-White/dp/B0042SWP9U/ref=sr_1_1_sspa?crid=1CIRUL2DYMJ03&keywords=24x36+watercolor+paper&qid=1674320212&sprefix=24x36+watercolor+pper%2Caps%2C121&sr=8-1-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUExNENJMUw3NVFNSFg1JmVuY3J5cHRlZElkPUEwODU0Mjk5M0JaVUhRSlhHT1pQVSZlbmNyeXB0ZWRBZElkPUEwMDMxMjk3MjI3UEtESkRKNjNITSZ3aWRnZXROYW1lPXNwX2F0ZiZhY3Rpb249Y2xpY2tSZWRpcmVjdCZkb05vdExvZ0NsaWNrPXRydWU>=

<https://www.amazon.com/milo-Watercolor-Washable-Non-Toxic-Supplies/dp/B099DS7V3Y/ref=sr_1_2_sspa?crid=11L079QSGO2EO&keywords=liquid+watercolor&qid=1674320284&sprefix=liquid+watercolor%2Caps%2C125&sr=8-2-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEyS09KSUxNU1I1OEc3JmVuY3J5cHRlZElkPUEwMjA3MDc5M0dVSTQ3TkRSM1JJTSZlbmNyeXB0ZWRBZElkPUExMDE4MTc4MlBXWFlNN0ZWNDU2ViZ3aWRnZXROYW1lPXNwX2F0ZiZhY3Rpb249Y2xpY2tSZWRpcmVjdCZkb05vdExvZ0NsaWNrPXRydWU>=

Snacks:

<https://www.costco.com/pepperidge-farm-goldfish-crackers%2c-cheddar%2c-1-oz%2c-45-count.product.100371248.html>

<https://www.costco.com/snyder's-of-hanover-mini-pretzels%2c-0.9-oz%2c-60-count.product.100113259.html>

<https://www.costco.com/skinnypop-popcorn%2c-0.65-oz%2c-28-count.product.100381415.html>

<https://www.costco.com/kellogg's-rice-krispies-treats%2c-0.78-oz%2c-60-count.product.100390360.html>

<https://www.costco.com/CatalogSearch?dept=All&keyword=fruit+tray>

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**Resolution**

**31st Congress of Graduate Students**

**Resolution #:** 01

**Primary Sponsor:** Karl Kramer, MSC President

**Date:** February 6, 2023

**Whereas:** COGS Code Chapter 201.6 regarding COGS General Restrictions on Spending states that “All events funded in whole, or in part, by COGS Funds or derivative resources must be equally accessible to all enrolled graduate students at Florida State University or serve a legitimate academic purpose. All purchases for events held off of the Florida State University campus require the approval of the Assembly by resolution in a majority vote”. This restriction included all RSO events on campus, requesting COGS funds.

**Be it resolved by the 30th Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that:** Upon the majority vote of this assembly, COGS Code Chapter 201.6 will then allow Wilderness Medical Society Shelter Skills and Exposure Training to take place.

**Be it further resolved by the 30th Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that:** COGS Code Chapter 201.6, solely allows for WMS to host an overnight outdoor event to expose attendees to survival and medical skills related to the risks of exposure and shelter building. The event will include a short hike to a campsite where attendees will be taught basics to shelter building and will be able to implement those skills, as well as understanding the importance of why shelter is necessary in emergency medical situations in the wilderness if medical care is not readily available. Other skills related to exposure will be taught such as methods to treat hypo/hyperthermia, providing sources of warmth, and heat stroke.

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| **Name of RSO** | **Event Information**  **Name, Date, Location, #of students impacted** | **Food** | **Clothing** | **Contractual Services** | **Travel** | **Expenses** | **Total** |
| Wilderness Medical Society | Wilderness Medical Society Shelter Skills and Exposure Training Lake Talquin State Forest 2/11/2023 8:00AM to 2/12/2023 10:00 AM  Attendance:  60 | $66.49 |  |  |  | ~~$319.04~~  $340.00  (Amazon 5% buffer for fluctuation) | **$406.49** |
| **Totals** |  | **$66.49** |  |  |  | **$340.00** | **$406.49** |

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

Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

Karl Kramer, MSC President

Frantz Flambert, MSC Treasurer

Laurel Mckinney, SGA Business Manager

**THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Assembly Meeting

January 23, 2023

6:30pm

Agenda

**Call to Order:** 6:37pm

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Rep.Ilesanmi

**Representatives Present:** Basulado, Beavon, Burns, Casseus, Delva, Galeano, Ilesanmi, Mostbauer, Rogowski, Vaughn, Vouzas

**Representatives Absent, Excused:** Lenchitz, Neale

**Reading and approval of the Minutes:** Vouzas, 2nd - Rogowski

**Petitions into the Assembly:**

Zeinab Elmi, Engineering Seat 1

- FSU PhD in Engineering, learned about us through our funding grants, wants to help to give voice to the Engineering students.

Q&A: Vaughn - Are you free on Mondays? Yes.

Rogowski - Do you know what committee you are interested in? Not yet, interested in helping with funding for Engineering students

Galeano - Are you in any other organizations?

Ilesanmi - Motion to extinguish the rest of the time. 2nd - Galeano

Katherine Gui, Medical School Seat 1

- First year med student. Has shadowed previous representatives. Help with medical students networking through conferences. Is financially certified and know the financial manual. Is interested in internal affairs.

Q&A: none

Joseph C. Risler, Medical School Seat 2

- In first year of Med School. Haven't been in student government since HS. Excited to work on COGS. Has been a Teaching Assistant in Undergrad. While on COGS, would like to be on Internal Affairs or Student Affairs.

Q&A: Rogowski - Free on Monday nights? Yes.

Delva - which committee would you like to be on more? Internal Affairs

Kevin A. Salimi, Medical School Seat 3

- Student government is new, but is very enthusiastic and has read the code and financial manual. Wants to help fellow students in the med school.

Q&A: Vaughn - what committee would you be interested in? Advocacy and Internal affairs.

Candidate Pros:

Galeano - Zeinab is good to finally fill in the engineering seat.

Ilesanmi - Good to expand the membership of COGS and get new members who are enthusiastic.

Vouzas - Point of Information - Asked about how many are in each committee. I think that each committee should have a diverse amount of people in it from each.

Rogowski - Excited to have new members.

Mostbauer - Good to have new people.

Zeinab vote - 11-0-0

Gui - 11-0-0

Risler - 11-0-0

Salimi- 11-0-0

Swearing in.

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:**

Medical School President, Karl Kramer - greeting/introduction

Master of Public Health Student Association President - greeting/introduction

**Messages from Student Government:** N/A

**Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:** N/A

**Report of Officers:**

* Report of the Speaker: Looking for a volunteer to be a liaison for SGA. We'd like to set up a team to rotate attendance. Email if interested. New member orientation to go over what we do. Working with SGA for a Mental Health Day for students. New members, please pick up t-shirts after the meeting.
* Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance: Budget committee needs to be confirmed later this meeting. Will have hearings later this week and early next week via Zoom and open to the public. 20 min per RSO. Welcome representatives to attend. Deliberations at the end of next week. Budget is the same as last year. The budget will be presented and made public. Will plan to vote on the budget February 20th. Please be respectful of the time that has been put in to decide the budget.
* Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs: N/A
* Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications: We will have our group communications through GroupMe. Wtch out for how-to guide on how to write a bill when requested coming soon. Office hours on Thursday from 9-2. Reminder of COGS code & SGA financial manual. If you are not financially certified, you can't vote on the budget item tonight.

**Committee Report:**

* Assignment of Committees for the 31st Congress and election of new chairs

Rogowski: Motion to Recess for 10 minutes for Committee meetings to elect new chairs. 2nd - Mostbauer

* Internal Affairs: The new chair is Rep. Delva.
* Student Advocacy: The new chair is Galeano; Vice chair is Saleni
* Student Affairs: Chair is Risler; Vice chair is Casseus
* C-SAC: This committee needs to be put together ASAP. Please email if you want to be a part of this committee.

**Funding Requests:**

*Bill 1: African Graduate Students Association (Rep. Galeano)*

Bill presented.

Q&A: Vouzas: Will this be open to everyone and how will it be advertised? Yes and it will be on NOLE Central.

Rogowski: Is this an event they have had in the past? Yes

Vouzas: How long as this organization been around and have you asked for money from COGS before? It's a new organization and they have never asked for funding before.

Ilesanmi: Point of information - has been around since COVID, but not official since last year. Has been funded by student contributions in the past.

Risler: Where are you getting the food? Publix and Walmart.

Pros:

Vouzas - great that we are funding new organizations. Hope to have more collaboration in the future.

Rogowski - Like the idea of having a general body meeting to organize all other events. Hope they have a great turn out.

Delva - Excited for them being a new organization. Great to recognize minority students on campus.

Gui - I like this event and it will help to reach those out in the community.

Rogowski - motion to extinguish the rest of the time. Risler - 2nd

Cons:

Vouzas - Motion to extinguish time; Rogowski - 2nd.

Closing statements: Brand new RSO organizing events for the semester. We should all be in favor of it. Yield rest of my time.

Vote: 13-0-0

**Unfinished Business:**

Election of Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs

- Nomination: Rep. Delva by Vousas; 2nd Galeano

5th year grad student. Held this position last year and has experience holding it. We need a strong executive board for budget cycle. Has passion for the position. Has fostered collaboration with the graduate school.

Q&A: Rogowski: Will you need to get permission from your department to work this position? It's not a problem.

Ilesanmi: How long do you plan to serve? Until someone is able to step up for the position. Planning to stay as long as necessary.

Pros: Vaughn - great to work with this past Fall, knows the code, and has experience.

Ilesanmi - Makes the exec board stronger, especially someone who knows the code.

Vouzas - We need people who not only know the code, but also someone who is willing to enforce the code and can say no to people. Need someone like Nella in this role for the budget cycle after last year's debacle. We need to put our best foot forward.

Galeano - Nella is willing to do the job.

Rogowski - motion to extinguish time; 2nd - Burns

Vote: 14-0-0

Swearing in.

Confirmation of the Budget Committee:

Names: Galeano, Vouzas, Salimi, Burns, Rogowski, Delva

Vote: 14-0-0

**New Business:** N/A

**Round Table:**

**Adjournment:** 8:09pm

Next Meeting: **Feb 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Senate Chambers (3rd floor New Student Union)**