FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



**THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Assembly Meeting

April 3, 2023

6:30pm

Agenda

**Call to Order:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Roll call:**

**Reading and approval of the Minutes:**

**Petitions into the Assembly:**

*Francis Ebuara, Arts and Sciences Seat 1*

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:**

**Messages from Student Government:**

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

**Report of Officers:**

* Report of the Speaker:
* 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:

*COGS Spring Social - April 21st at 7pm*

**Funding Requests:**

*Bill #15: Association for Women in Mathematics*

*Bill #16: Anthropology Graduate Student Association*

*Bill #17: Graduate Women in STEM*

*Bill #18:* African Graduate Students Association

*Bill #19: Bangladeshi Student Association - WIP*

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

**Round Table:**

**Adjournment:**

Next Meeting: **April 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Senate Chambers (3rd floor New Student Union)**

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| **ACCOUNT** | **ALLOCATION AMOUNT** | **DESCRIPTION** | **BALANCE** |
| UNALLOCATED | $24,593.00 | For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings | $20997.65\*\* |
| ORGANIZATIONAL (C-SAC) | $3,000 | RSO funding for allocations less than $1000 for the fiscal year | $500 |
| LSC | $61,000 | Funding allocations from Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations | $12,151.57 |
| MSC | $84,817 | Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations | $25,063.18 |
| PRESENTATION GRANTS (Jul-Oct) | $66,250 | Presentation Grant balance for the July-October funding period | $0 |
| PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb) | $75,000 | Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period | $14,119.67 |
| PRESENTATION GRANTS (Mar-Jun) | $58,750 | Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period | $61,267.00\*\* |
| 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 | $55.01 |
| ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Mar-Jun) | $7,500 | Attendance Grant balance for the March-June funding period | $7,050.00 |

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

\*\*After March 6th Bills

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**Allocation, Revision, or Transfer**

**31st Congress of Graduate Students**

**Bill #:** 15

**Sponsored by:** Deputy Speaker Rogowski

**Date:** 4/3/2023

**Amount:** $245

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

**To (account name):** Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM) Student Chapter Food & Expense Account

**Purpose & Description:** This money will go towards funding food and reservation costs for the AWM Luncheon. AWM is planning a special luncheon for colloquium speaker Dr. Lisa Fauci. Dr. Fauci is a renowned researcher in biomathematics. We hope that during this luncheon, students can interact with Dr. Fauci in a casual environment and gain some advice about creating a highly successful career in mathematics as a woman.

**Itemized Expenditures:**

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| **Quantity** | **Description** | **Unit Price** |
| 1 | Legacy Catering | $210.00 |
| 1 | Student Union Reservation Costs | $35.00 |

Total: $245.00

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**Allocation, Revision, or Transfer**

**31st Congress of Graduate Students**

**Bill #:** 16

**Sponsored by:** Deputy Speaker Rogowski

**Date:** 4/3/2023

**Amount:** $250

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

**To (account name):** Anthropology Graduate Student Association (AGSA) Food Account

**Purpose & Description:** This money will go towards funding food for AGSA’s annual conference. AGSA and the Anthropology department invite university wide students (both undergraduate and graduate) to present their projects in a low-stress conference setting. AGSA welcomes all students from adjacent academic fields to share final class projects, preliminary research, thesis or dissertation findings, and more. Projects are shared in a friendly, collaborative forum that encourages research at all phases and in all fields. Posters are displayed all day on all floors, and presentations are held on the top floor where refreshments will be available. Teaching faculty with no direct affiliation with participating students will vote on 1st and 2nd place presentations and posters. AGSA presents the 1st and 2nd place posters and presenters with cash awards, obtained through fundraisers over the duration of the semester. Dependent on funds, a People's Choice award will also go to a poster presentation

**Itemized Expenditures:**

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| **Quantity** | **Description** | **Unit Price** |
| 1 | Catering for 40 People | $250 |

Total: $250.00



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**Allocation, Revision, or Transfer**

**31st Congress of Graduate Students**

**Bill #:** 17

**Sponsored by:** Representative Galeano

**Date:** 4/3/2023

**Amount:** $1192

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

**To (account name):** Graduate Women in STEM (GWIS) Food and Expense Account

**Purpose & Description:** This money will go towards funding food for GWIS’s End of The Year Social which will also be a celebration of the end of the Art in STEM exhibit. The People's Choice Award will be presented along with facilitation of the runner ups and all the participants. This event is one of the most important events to GWIS at FSU and it also marks as the last event by the current committee.

**Itemized Expenditures:**

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| **Quantity** | **Description** | **Unit Price** |
| 1 | Food for Event | $592 |
| 1 | Water Bottles (Swag for Event) | $600 |

Total: $1192

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**Allocation, Revision, or Transfer**

**31st Congress of Graduate Students**

**Bill #:** 18

**Sponsored by:** Representative Burns

**Date:** April 3rd, 2023

**Amount:** $1346

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

**To (account name):** African Graduate Students Association

**Purpose & Description:**

Name of Event:   End of Semester Beach Day  
   Location of Event:   St George Beach  
   Date(s) of Event:   May 13, 2023  
   Time(s) of Event:   11:00  
   Estimated Attendance   39

The plan is to have a beach day event on May 13th at St George Beach to create a space for members of the organization to unwind, release stress and prepare for the upcoming summer semester. We also plan to use this event to celebrate our spring graduates. We would like to request funds for contractual services. For contractual services: we plan to charter Annett Bus Lines bus to convene our members from campus to the beach and back. Their daily rate for local trips is $1,346 to convene up to 56 people.

Advertising through NOLE Central and all social media pages of our association. Free to all students. No charge for the event.

**Itemized Expenditures:**

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| **Quantity** | **Description** | **Unit Price** |
| 1 | Annett Bus Lines - Bus | $1346 |

Total: $1346



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Assembly Meeting

March 20, 2023

6:30pm

Minutes

**Call to Order:** 6:35pm

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Basualdo

**Present:** Basualdo, Beavon, Burns, Casseus, Delva, Gui, Risler, Rogowski, Salimi, Vaughn

**Absent, Excused:** Zeinab

**Absent, Unexcused:** Amaraneni, Galeano, Lenchitz

**Late:** Ilesanmi, Mostbauer

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

**Petitions into the Assembly:**

*Eric Wesner, Veterans Advocate Seat*

PhD student and a Veteran. Wants to advocate for veterans on campus.

Questions:

Rogowski - How many years until graduation? Around 5 since I'm a first year.

Basualdo - What is your availability on Mondays? I'm free.

Basualdo - Do you have a committee you are interested in? Not really at this time.

Pros:

Burns - having a veteran student is beneficial because they are an overlooked population, especially graduate students.

Salimi - could be here a long time which is good

Motion to extinguish time: Rogowski; 2nd - Delva

Vote: 11-0-0

Swearing in of Rep. Wesner

**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:**

* Report of the Speaker:

New point of contact for now is Dr. Williams

Dr. Williams report: Alumni is looking for students for a campus beautification project to repaint some of the logos around campus if we would like to participate as COGS.

Information Technology Governance Council - attended a meeting for this council and is acting as a student voice if there are any IT issues on campus. There are updates needed with cyber security.

* Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance:

We need to spend money before the end of the semester within our unallocated.

We don't want our funds to go into sweepings. Please spread the word. We might be able to fund events in May as well. We will be advertising it to our RSOs.

Catching up on travel grants and there are many for this funding period, please apply for the grants.

* Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs:

Working on a resolution that will presented today and we are working to clean up the Code.

* Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications:

COGS website updates are in progress. We will be having upcoming events headed by COGS, so look for that. Nametags are in progress. Please send me headshots for the website.

**Committee Report:**

* C-SAC: N/A
* Internal Affairs: Working on the Code.
* Student Advocacy: Have not met.
* Student Affairs:

*Graduate Student Bowling Social - April 21st at 7-11pm* with food from Proof.

**Funding Requests:**

*Bill #14: Masters of Public Health Student Health Association*

Event for hooding of semester graduates. This event is every semester and has been funded by COGS in the past including last semester. There will be a keynote speaker. Estimated attendance of 130 in the ballroom on May 5.

Questions:

Delva - How many of the 130 will be graduate students? There will be 30 students graduating and they expect other classmates to be there as well.

Rogowski - How many were in attendance last semester? Last semester was Fall which is smaller and there were around 50 in attendance.

Burns - What is the vendor for the food? Legacy catering and Publix as well as Mission BBQ.

Rogowski - Are they aware that if they are in the ballroom, majority must be Legacy catering? All food items are from Legacy.

Pros:

Vaughn - they've had this many times and we've funded it many times, so it's good to have

Rogowski - good because we need to use the money

Delva - Good way to celebrate graduation

Basualdo and Rogowski - It's a good way to honor the students who are Masters

Burns - I like events like this because it brings in community with graduate students

Burns - move to extinguish time; Delva - 2nd.

Cons:

Rogowski - motion to call to question; Delva - 2nd.

Closing statements:

Thank you for the support and we hope to have this event again and everyone is welcome to attend.

Vote: 12-0-0

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

*Resolution #2: MSC Travel Grant Allocations*

Motioning to change the COGS code and MSC constitution to help the underrepresented clinical students who do not get to take part in on campus organizations. Conference funding for this population would go through MSC instead of COGS. If you don't know, students in their Clinical years are not on campus, so they are not getting to use their A&S fees through on campus activities. Due to that, we are allowing access to conference travel funding through MSC's budget.

Questions:

Mostbauer - the resolution says 30th congress in the body instead of 31st.

Rogowski - Can you tell us about this population? They are located off campus and are still part of the Medical school. We are trying to use inclusive language with clinical students.

Mostbauer - does this have financial impact? No. This allows for MSC to work with travel and does not impact our funding or budget. We are currently working to change the code on group travel to make it more inclusive for everyone.

Point of information - Rogowski - They were in the past given money for travel, but the code did not allow it. We are now adjusting wording to meet their needs.

Pros:

Burns - Thank you for working on this resolution to solve an issue within the code. I appreciate the language to work on solving inequities. These students should benefit from the fees they paying.

Basualdo - I'm in favor in allowing the students to benefit from A&S fees since they aren't on campus.

Point of information - Delva & Rogowski - this is not a bill. This is more of a promise of action. It is a temporary solution so that we can then take action in the future on the code through a bill. This is our plan and roadmap for changing the code concerning travel.

Rogowski - lot of conversations about the code and this issue. This is a fair compromise.

Cons:

Vaughn - Motion to change the wording on the resolution from 30th to 31st. 2nd - Salimi.

Pro: Motion to call to question; 2nd - Delva

Vote - 12-0-0

Pros:

Rogowski - motion to extinguish time; Casseus 2nd

Cons:

Rogowski - motion to call to question; Delva - 2nd

Closing statements - Good step in the right direction to help the clinical students because we have been talking about group travel for a year and we want to move forward on this topic.

Vote: 11-0-0

**Round Table:**

**Adjournment:** 7:46 pm

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