



THE THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Calendar: March 3, 2025

Location: Senate Chambers

Time: 6:30 PM

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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- Meeting Minutes From 2/17/2025

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Round Table

Closing Announcements

Adjournment

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**THE THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Date: February 17, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Location: Senate Chambers**

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Call to Order

The Call to Order was issued at 6:46 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker Rowan: We will now have representative Strickland Lead us in the pledge

Roll Call

The quorum was met and verified at 6:47pm

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Speaker Rowan called for a motion to approve the minutes
Representative Strickland made a motion to approve the minutes.
Representative Stokes made a second to the motion
No objections were made.

- 02/03/2025 Meeting Minutes



Petitions into the Assembly

- Fahad Hasan - College of Engineering, Graduate School and Special Student Advocate

■ **Petitioner Hasan's Opening Statement:**

Hello, I am pursuing a Ph.D. in engineering. As a dedicated researcher, I believe that COGS is the perfect place to advocate for graduate students, ensuring they feel supported throughout their academic journey. COGS serves as a bridge between students and administration, contributing to enhanced funding and research opportunities, as well as better financial support for research and professional development. A key focus of mine is improving health insurance, particularly dental and medical coverage. Additionally, I want to address the challenges faced by students with children, such as the need for daycare assistance. My primary role is in advocacy, and I recognize that some groups are underrepresented. I want to work on these issues to create a more equitable experience for all graduate students.

Move to Questions:

Representative Bethke: Are you available at this time on Mondays?

Petitioner Hasan: Yes.

Representative Balogun: What specific plans do you have regarding daycare support?

Petitioner Hasan: I am not entirely sure how to approach this issue yet, as I do not fully understand all the challenges involved.

Representative Ojelade: What are your specific plans?

Petitioner Hasan: I currently do not have a concrete plan, but if given the opportunity, I would like to work on understanding and addressing the issue.

Representative Hussain: Do you have any specific plans regarding insurance for international students?

Petitioner Hasan: I do not fully understand how the system works yet, but if given the chance, I would like to explore ways to improve it.

Move into Debate on the Petitioner:

Representative Balogun: They seem to have background knowledge about the issues with the childcare center and could be a valuable resource in addressing and maintaining these concerns.

Representative Ojelade: Since Hasan is aware of the problems, this means they have a foundational understanding of the issue.

Representative Alleyne: They seem very committed to their advocacy work.

Representative Hussain: They have some ideas, and I believe they would be a great addition to COGS.

**Motion to call to question by Representative Sabbagh.
Seconded by Representative Strickland.**

Vote for an at-large seat:

- **Yes:** 22
- **No:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

Special Introductions and Student Comments

There were no special Introductions or student Comments.

Messages from Student Government

There were no messages from the Student Government.

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs

There were no reports from the Office of Governmental Affairs.

Report of Officers

- Report of the Speaker
 - Received requests from tabling at a conference.
 - Requests from the Senate Budget Committee for a second seat on the Budget Committee.
 - Meeting with graduate student leaders.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
 - - 15954 in unallocated
 - moved leftover funding
 - last cycle of the fiscal year having a lot of applications
 - attendance grants same thing of moving

applications for requests are now open and are starting to receive them
make sure rso's are aware

 - COGS Financial Report as of Feb. 17th
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- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications
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- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs
 - Currently working on the COGS code. If you have any ideas, please let Noah, Jack, or myslef know. Also, let us know if you have any thoughts or suggestions for changes.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Advocacy
 - Wanting to table more—there is a survey that advocacy is working on. If it's not ready by the time we table, we can still talk to them. Would anyone be interested in tabling?

Volunteers:

- Jared
- Madeline
- Familia
- Lauren
- Evelyn
- Ridwan
- Jade
- Shezin
- Jack
- Angelique

Advisor Announcements

Advisor Austin:

- **Careers in Public Service Conference:** 12:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- **Budget Training:** February 26th, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Committee Report

- Internal Affairs
 - Representative Mederev: Clarifying definitions and ensuring accuracy in Sections 112-113 of the codes.
- Student Advocacy
 - Representative Hussain:

Met on the 10th to review the survey, made changes, and added everyone as collaborators. Once the survey is published, discussed how it will be distributed to graduate students beyond tabling.

Also discussed housing and nearby properties, aiming to complete this by March 2.

For transportation and parking, they are still identifying available spots and ensuring they are assigned to TAs, GAs, and the School of Social Work. Looking into whether additional assignments can be made.

Reviewed the Movement app and noticed that it does not provide live location tracking.
- Outreach
 - Representative Strickland: Met last week and are pursuing preliminary dates for the end-of-year event. Preparing for more information on visitation days for prospective master's and doctoral students.
- Budget
 - Chair Bethke: skipped
- Strategic Planning
 - **Speaker Rowan:**

Met on Super Bowl Sunday to discuss the mission statement. Hopefully, a resolution will be presented next week.

The next meeting is this upcoming Sunday at 4 PM via Teams.

Funding Requests

Unfinished Business

New Business

- Bill #12- CEEGSA

■ **Speaker Rowan:**

This bill is sponsored by Representative Shehin.

Representative Shehin:

One of the major organizations is trying to host a conference and is working with the College of Engineering students at FSU. All master's and PhD students can attend. They've secured \$9,000 from the college dean, which will be used for three poster presentations. They are also providing a prize for the best essay and are looking to table at the conference. They are asking for \$574 for additional funding.

General Questioning:

Representative Francis:

Is the \$9,000 just for the posters? Can students from other colleges present?

Representative Shezin:

It's just for engineering.

Speaker Rowan:

We are now in a period of Pro.

Representative Ridwan:

The College of Engineering is a wealthy college and has one of the highest awards they've ever seen. Considering that, having to give only \$574 for refreshments is really fortunate.

Speaker Rowan:

We are now in a period of Con.

No comments were made during the period of Con.

Speaker Rowan:

I will entertain a motion to call the Question.

**Motion to call the Question by Representative Jamila.
Seconded by Representative Isaiah.**

Closing Statement by Representative Shezin:

We are trying to develop leadership and provide insight into what COGS is doing. It's a great opportunity for everyone.

Vote:

- **Yes:** 21
- **No:** 0
- **Abstain:** 2

Round Table

Motion to call to waive the round table by Representative Strickland.

Seconded by Representative Judson.

No objections to the motion.

Closing Announcements

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Representative Alleyne.

Seconded by Representative Stokes.

No objections to the motion.

The COGS meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as of February 26th, 2025

*Leftover funds from the previous conference funding periods were transferred to current period.

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AVAILABLE
UNALLOCATED	\$51,942	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$15,380
LSC	\$105,000	Funding allocations from Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations	\$5,073
MSC	\$110,000	Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations	\$0
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$78,248*	Presentation Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$238
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$87,752*	Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$883
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$134,000	Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$96,000
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$11,619*	Attendance Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$18
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$11,380*	Attendance Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$972
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$49,000	Attendance Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$45,465



33rd Congress of Graduate Students Legislation Cover Sheet

COGS Bill/Resolution #: 13

Sponsor(s): Representative Hussain

Short Title: A Bill to Fund the ISA's 2025 Nowruz Celebration on March 20, 2025

Summary of Legislation:

The Bill allocates \$4,894 from the COGS Unallocated account to the Iranian Student Association for their annual Nowruz event. The Bill allocates \$3,481 in Food and \$1,413 in expenses.

Background Information:

Expected Attendance: 300.

The FSU Iranian Student Association is planning to host a Nowruz Celebration at Student Union Ballroom E to share the rich cultural heritage of Iran with the Florida State University community.

Nowruz, also known as the Persian New Year, marks the first day of spring and the beginning of the year in the Iranian calendar. Falling on the vernal equinox, which occurs on March 20th or 21st, Nowruz is a celebration of nature's rebirth, symbolizing new beginnings, renewal, and the revitalization of life. This ancient festival, which has roots in Zoroastrianism, is one of the oldest and most cherished festivities celebrated by Iranians and many others around the world.

The Nowruz Celebration aims to:

Educate: Provide insights into the history, significance, and rituals associated with Nowruz, promoting a deeper understanding of this ancient celebration.

Unite: Bring together students, faculty, staff, and the broader Tallahassee community to foster cultural exchange and mutual respect.

Showcase Art: Highlight the rich cultural tapestry of Iran through traditional music, dance, and visual arts.

Build Community: Strengthen the sense of community among Iranian students and those interested in Iranian culture through shared experiences and celebrations.

Celebrate Key Themes: Focus on themes of renewal, hope, and the joy of life, which are central to the spirit of Nowruz.

The Nowruz Ceremony is more than just an event; it's a deep dive into the culture that has celebrated the Iranian New Year for thousands of years. At the heart of Nowruz, which is the most important celebration for Iranians, lies the Sofreh Haft Seen. This is a special setup with seven items, each starting with the letter "Seen" (س) in Persian. These items represent important wishes for the new year, like happiness, health, and wealth. ISA's goal is to create a space that not only showcases the tradition of Nowruz but also spreads its messages of renewal and togetherness.

The ISA will advertise this event via various channels including our Facebook page, Instagram account, email, and our Telegram group to ensure widespread awareness and participation.

Effect of Proposed Legislation:

The Bill allocates \$4,894 from the COGS Unallocated account to the Iranian Student Association for their annual Nowruz event. Other legislation is expected to be introduced to replenish the Unallocated account in order to prepare the Congress for the end of the fiscal year.

Attachment(s):

- Attachment #1: Proposed Bill
- Attachment #2: ISA Proposal



Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

33rd Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 13

Sponsored by: Representative Hussain

Date: March 3, 2025

Amount: \$4,894

From (account name): COGS Unallocated

To (account name): Iranian Student Association

Purpose & Description: A Bill to Fund the ISA's 2025 Nowruz Celebration on March 20, 2025

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
1	Food	\$3,481
1	Expense	\$1,413

Total: \$4,894

Proposal for Funding Support: Nowruz Ceremony 2025

Amount Requested: \$4893

From (account name): COGS Unallocated

To (account name): FSU Iranian Student Association

Event Date: 03/20/2025 (Thursday)

Estimated Attendance: 300

About the organization:

The Iranian Student Association at Florida State University aims to enrich the campus community with Iranian culture, traditions, and heritage. A wide range of events and activities are organized by the association to educate and create a sense of community among Iranian students and those interested in Iranian culture. The Iranian Student Association has seen significant growth recently, with their Facebook membership increasing from 440 to 483 and Instagram followers growing from 243 to 264. This surge of interest demonstrates a desire among students to engage with Iranian culture and become part of the community. The overarching goal of this Association is to foster cross-cultural connections and understanding between diverse groups at the university.

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Advertisement:

We will advertise this event via various channels including our Facebook page, Instagram account, email, and our Telegram group to ensure widespread awareness and participation.

Funding Request:

We kindly request a fund of 4892.14\$ to support the Nowruz Celebration organized by the FSU Iranian Student Association. The funds will be used to cover expenses such as food for the participants and supplies for activities like poetry recitals.

The celebration of Nowruz allows us to highlight an important part of Iranian heritage and promotes cultural diversity and inclusiveness at FSU. Your contribution will help create a meaningful event that brings people together.

We appreciate your consideration and support. Please let us know if you need any additional information.



Expense Details:



Zephyrhills Natural Florida Spring Water

101.4 fl oz · \$0.02/fl oz

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\$1.97

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Planters Deluxe Mixed Nuts

27 oz · \$0.70/oz

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Gala Apple

About 0.53 lb each · \$2.97 / lb
Final cost by weight

\$1.57 each (est.)

Price estimate: \$15.70 (\$2.97/lb x 5.3 lb)*

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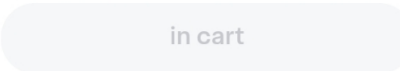
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Garlic

1 each

\$2.77

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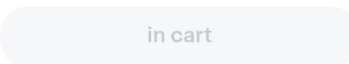
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Spray Rose Bunch


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Publix Thirsty Cups, Foam, 16 oz

16 fl oz · 20 x 16 fl oz

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Publix Plasticware, Everyday, Combo

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\$10.99 ~~\$13.29~~ 17% off

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Publix Bakery Chocolate Chip Cookies, 24ct

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6 x 8 oz \$4.41 13 ct \$7.19 14 oz \$6.97

16 oz \$5.87 each \$14.39 2 ct \$4.31 18 ct \$18.79



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Directions ▾

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Directions ▾

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Item	Price (\$)	Counts	Total Price (\$)
Gala Apple	1.57	10	15.7
Spice World Garlic	2.77	1	2.77
Spray rose bunch	4.43	21	93.3
Publix Deli Fresh Fruit Platter Large Serves	43.99	10	439.9
Publix Paper Cups, Cold, Decorated, 9 OZ	2.43	10	24.3
Planters Deluxe Mixed Nuts	18.79	10	187.9
Publix Plasticware, Everyday, Combo	10.99	2	21.98
Publix 100% Juice, Original	8.85	10	88.5
Zephyrhill natural Florida spring water	1.97	20	39.4
Publix bakery chocolate chip cookie	5.87	25	146.75
18 ct eggs	9.63	1	9.63
Total			1080.03


Venue (FSU Student Union Ballroom E):


Room charge	\$300
3.5 hr. additional fee over 6 hrs	\$700
CES Tech	\$73.17
Overtime Event Fee	\$300
Total	\$1373.17


Amazon:
Shopping Cart


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Price

 **PARAND Senjed / Oleaster, 6 oz** by PARAND **\$9.99**
Only 11 left in stock - order soon.
Shipped from: PersianBaZZar
FREE delivery Mon, Mar 10
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 **Smlpuame 40 inch Number Balloon 0-9 Gold Large Number 4 Balloons, Digital Balloons for Birthday Party Celebration Decorations Supplies, Helium Foil Number B...** **\$4.99**
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Subtotal (6 items): **\$38.94**

Item	Price (\$)	Count	Total Price (\$)
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Parand Senjed / Oleaster	9.99	1	9.99
Smlpuame 40 inch Number 4 balloon	4.99	2	9.98
Smlpuame 40 inch Number 1 balloon	3.99	1	3.99
Smlpuame 40 inch Number 0 balloon	4.99	1	4.99
Fusion Pure Sumac Spice	1	9.99	9.99
Total			38.94

Catering: Chef Muneera's Mediterranean Food Truck

Item	Price	Quantity	Total Cost
Lamb with Rice	\$9	150	\$1350
Chicken with Rice	\$7	150	\$1050
Fresh Salad	-	300	Included
Falafel	-	300	Included
Dessert	-	300	Included
Soda Drinks	-	300	Included
Food warmers and delivery	-	-	Will be provided
Total Cost			\$2400

Total Expenses:

Item	Total Price (\$)
Catering	2400
Publix	1080.03
Venue	1373.17
Amazon	38.94
	4892.14

Sincerely,

Iranian Student Association



33rd Congress of Graduate Students Legislation Cover Sheet

COGS Bill/Resolution #: 14

Sponsor(s): Representative Bethke

Short Title: *Transferring \$15,000 from the March-June Attendance Grant account to the Unallocated account.*

Summary of Legislation: This bill will transfer \$15,000 from the March-June Attendance Grant account to the Unallocated account. This will increase the total in the unallocated account to \$30,380. The March-June Attendance Grant account will have \$30,465 in the account, if this legislation passes.

Background Information: The unallocated account is highly utilized by organizations, and there is an expectation of multiple requests to use unallocated funds. This transfer would move money from the March-June Attendance Grant account, which has ample funds, to the unallocated account.

Effect of Proposed Legislation:

Transferring \$15,000 from the March-June Attendance Grant account to the Unallocated account.

Attachment(s):

- Attachment #1: Proposed Transfer Bill



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

33rd Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 14

Sponsored by: Representative Bethke

Date: March 3, 2025

Amount: \$15,000

From (account name): Attendance Grants March-June

To (account name): Unallocated

Purpose & Description: To transfer funds from the March-June Attendance Grant account to the unallocated account.



33rd Congress of Graduate Students Legislation Cover Sheet

COGS Bill #: 15

Sponsor(s): Representative Guerra

Short Title: A Bill Allocating \$5,945 to Indian Students' Association at Tallahassee (INSAT) for Holi 2025

Summary of Legislation:

This bill allocates funding for the Indian Students Association (INSAT) at Florida State University to host Holi 2025, a cultural event celebrating the Festival of Colors. The funding will support event supplies and catering, ensuring a successful and inclusive celebration for the FSU community.

Background Information:

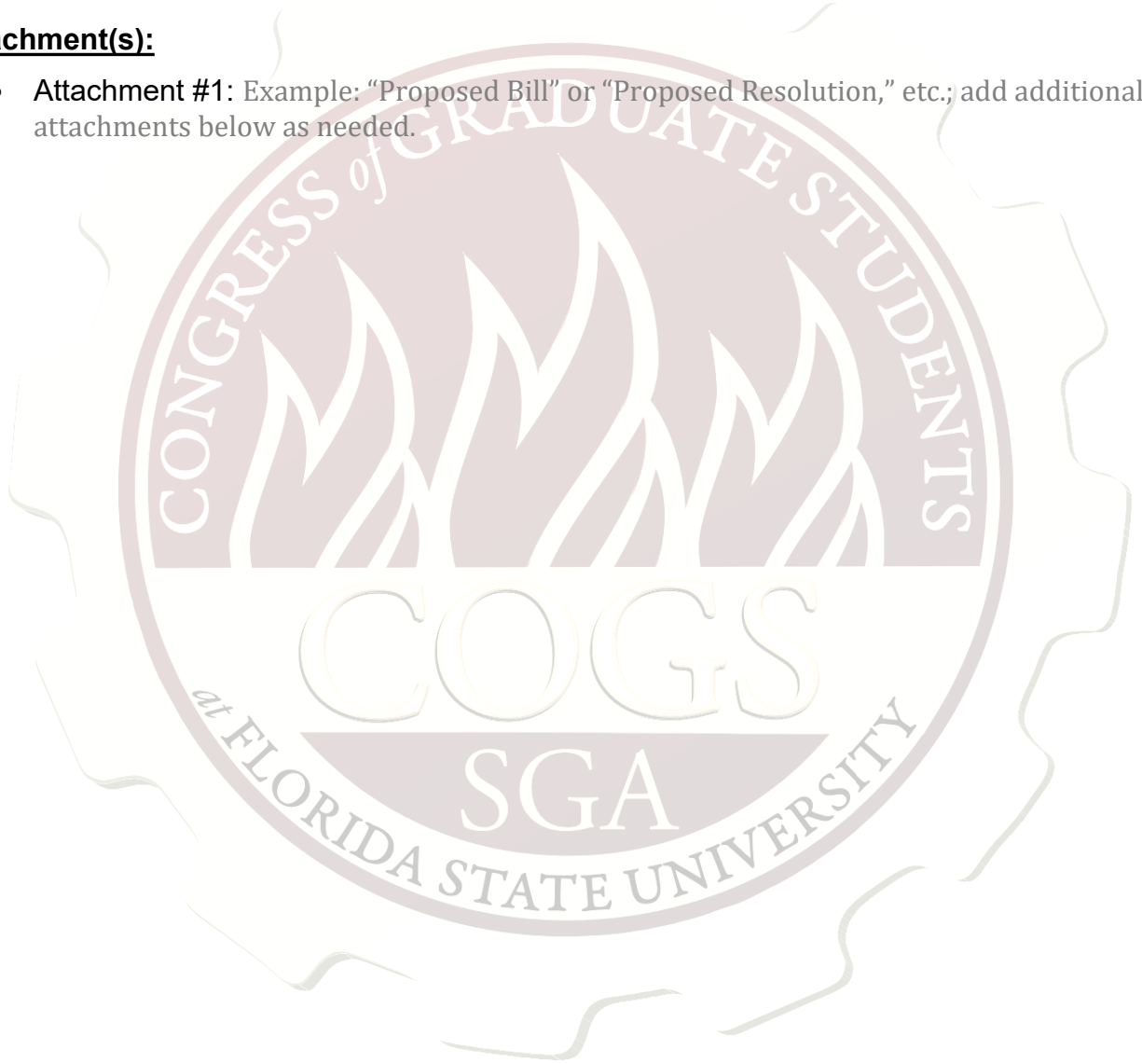
The Indian Students Association (INSAT) at Florida State University is dedicated to preserving and promoting the rich and diverse Indian culture on campus through various individual and group activities. By fostering an environment that celebrates India's traditions, arts, and values, INSAT provides a space for students to connect with their heritage and share it with the larger FSU community. The association also supports incoming Indian students by offering a welcoming and inclusive network to help them transition smoothly to life at FSU. Through mentorship, cultural events, and social gatherings, INSAT ensures that new students have the resources and connections they need to thrive academically and socially. INSAT will host Holi 2025, the Festival of Colors, with a vibrant afternoon of joy, music, and community. Rooted in Indian tradition, Holi marks the arrival of spring with a dazzling display of colors, symbolizing love, unity, and new beginnings. The FSU student community is invited to celebrate through lively music, festive energy, and the tradition of playing with colors. The event will also feature a specially curated selection of Indian cuisine, catered by Persis Indian Grill. Holi 2025 will take place at FSU Lakefront Park & Retreat Center on March 23, 2025, from 11 AM - 3 PM, with an estimated 500 attendees. The event has already been promoted at the International Bazaar, organized by CGE, and will continue to be shared widely through Instagram, Facebook, and GroupMe. The event is free and open to all FSU students, with no charge for non-students to attend.

Effect of Proposed Legislation:

If enacted, this bill will provide \$5,945 in funding to the Indian Students Association (INSAT) at Florida State University to cover costs associated with hosting Holi 2025, including event supplies and catering. This funding will ensure a well-organized and engaging cultural event that fosters diversity, inclusion, and community engagement among FSU students. By supporting Holi 2025, the legislation will help INSAT continue its mission of promoting Indian culture on campus and providing a welcoming space for students to connect, celebrate, and learn. Additionally, this investment will strengthen FSU's commitment to cultural awareness and global engagement by making the event accessible to all students free of charge.

Attachment(s):

- Attachment #1: Example: "Proposed Bill" or "Proposed Resolution," etc.; add additional attachments below as needed.



Response Summary:

Qualtrics

To be used when requesting an organization support grant from the Congress of Graduate Students, Law School Council, or Medical School Council.

*** = Required Field**

Q3. * Organization Information

Recognized Student Organization Name:	Indian Students' Association at Tallahassee (INSAT)
Director/President Name:	Sriya Chakraborty
Director/President FSU Email:sc20ho@fsu.edu	sc20ho@fsu.edu
Director/President Phone Number:	8509800672
Treasurer/Officer Name:	Ishitha Yarlagadda
Treasurer/Officer FSU Email:iy23b@fsu.edu	iy23b@fsu.edu
Treasurer/Officer Phone Number:	4482139328

Q4. * Funding Source:

- Congress of Graduate Students

Q5. * How many active members are in your organization?

515

Q6. * What is the mission of your organization?

The purpose of the Indian Students Association (INSAT) at Florida State University is to preserve and promote the rich and diverse Indian culture on campus through a variety of individual and group activities. By fostering an environment that celebrates the traditions, arts, and values of India, INSAT creates a space where students can connect with their heritage and share it with the larger FSU community. The association is also committed to supporting incoming Indian students by providing a welcoming and inclusive network that helps them transition smoothly to life at FSU. Through mentorship, cultural events, and social gatherings, INSAT ensures that new students have the resources and connections they need to feel at home and thrive in their academic and personal lives at FSU.

Q7. * Does your organization charge dues?

- No

Q8. If your RSO charges dues, how much per person per year?

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Q9. * Is this request for:

- On-campus event (*general expense, food, contractual services, Clothing & Awards*)

Q20. * On-Campus Event

Name of Event:	Holi 2025
Location of Event:	FSU Lakefront Park & Retreat Center
Date(s) of Event:	March 23, 2025
Time(s) of Event:	11 AM - 3 PM
Estimated Attendance	500

Q29. * Please provide a description of the event.

INSAT will celebrate Holi, the Festival of Colors, with a vibrant afternoon of joy, music, and community. Rooted in Indian tradition, Holi marks the arrival of spring with a dazzling display of colors, symbolizing love, unity, and new beginnings. We invite the FSU student community to join us as we embrace this spirit through lively music, festive energy, and the tradition of playing with colors. The celebration will also feature a specially curated selection of Indian cuisine, catered by Persis Indian Grill.

Q21. * How will you advertise the event?

We promoted the event already at the International Bazaar, organized by CGE. We will also share the poster and other information widely through our social media -- mainly Instagram, Facebook, and GroupMe.

Q22. * Is the event free and open to all Florida State University Students?

- Yes

Q23. * Is there a charge to attend for non-FSU students?

- No

Q24. * How much and how do you plan to collect those funds?

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Q25. * Funding Request Breakdown by Budget Categories

Expense (such as office supplies, rentals, promotional items that cannot be worn)	1056
Food (such as prepared/catered food, grocery store purchases)	4889
Contractual Service (such as speaker Honorarium, DJ)	0
Clothing & Awards (such as t-shirts, plaques, trophies)	0
Total	5,945

Q26. ***Please use the box below to upload as much detailed information as possible including multiple quotes from vendors to verify your request. **Quotes are required.** Requests are due 21 school days prior to the beginning date of your event or purchase. Any funds not spent on the requested programming or promotional items, or not submitted in the timeline outlined by SGA Accounting, will be returned to the allocating board. **Please merge all quotes and information into one document/file and submit below.****

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Q28. *** By initialing the box below, you acknowledge that you request is complete and you are prepared to participate in the COGS/LSC/MSC funding process as outlined in the SGA Financial Manual and the COGS policies and procedures**
S.C.

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PERSIS BIRYANI GRILL

1818 WEST 23RD STREET
PANAMA CITY, FL 324052933
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Online Order Pick Up

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Cashier: Uber

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9	Persis Chicken Biryani Bone In Biryani - Catering	\$719.91
	Medium Spice	\$0.00
	Full Tray	\$810.00
9	Paneer Tikka Masala - Catering	\$719.91
	Medium Spice	\$0.00
	Full Tray	\$630.00
9	Persis Vegetable Biryani - Catering	\$629.91
	Medium Spice	\$0.00
	Full Tray	\$630.00
1	Rasmalai @500 count	\$750.00
Total		\$4,889.73

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Number	Item Detail	Quantity	Rate	Amount	More Detail
1	Cutlery Plates	5	\$19.49		\$97.45 Each pack contains 100 count (Official public price)
2	Cutlery spoons	10	\$3.97		\$39.70 Each pack contains 48 spoons count (Official public price)
3	Cutlery Napkins	2	\$7.09		\$14.18 Each pack contain 200 count (Official public price)
4	Persis Indian Grill	1	\$4,889	\$4,889.00	Invoice with details attached through mail
5	Trash bags	1	\$9.57		\$9.57 one pack contains 45 count of bags (Official public price)
6	Colors	9	\$60.00	\$540.00	One pack contains 50 packs
7	Water	200	\$1.47	\$294.00	Rough estimation per person 0.7 gallon (Official public price)
8	Cups	5	\$12.19		\$60.95 100 cups in each quantity.
Total					\$5,945

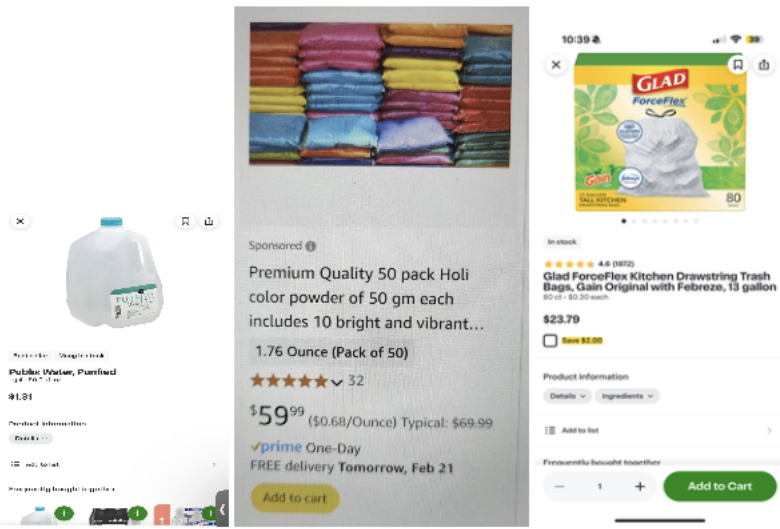
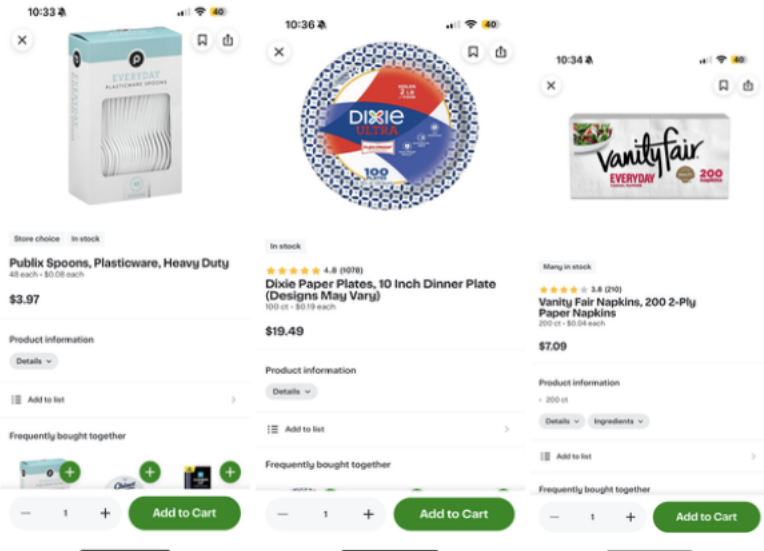




Best seller Many in stock

Hefty Assorted Colors Cups
16 fl oz - 100 x 16 fl oz

\$12.19





Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

33rd Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 15

Sponsored by: Representative Guerra

Date: 3/3/2025

Amount: \$5,945.00

From (account name): COGS Unallocated

To (account name): Indian Students' Association at Tallahassee (INSAT)

Purpose & Description: A Bill Allocating \$5,945 to Indian Students' Association at Tallahassee (INSAT) for Holi 2025

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
5	Cutlery Plates	\$97.00
10	Cutlery spoons	\$40.00
2	Cutlery Napkins	\$14.00
1	Persis Indian Grill Catering	\$4,889.00
1	Trash bags	\$10.00
9	Colors	\$540.00
200	Water	\$294.00
5	Cups	\$61.00

Total: \$5,945.00



33rd Congress of Graduate Students Legislation Cover Sheet

COGS Bill#: 16

Sponsor(s): Representative Bethke

Short Title: DURPSA Account Transfer

Summary of Legislation:

Would allow DURPSA (Department of Urban and Regional Planning Student Organization) to transfer FY 24-25 account funds from Food to Expense in order to obtain licensing for the film, One Thousand and One, as part of their planning film series.

Background Information:

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning Student Organization Association (DURPSA) wishes to obtain licensing rights to hold a showing of the film One Thousand and One at the FAMU Student Union. A movie licensor provided a \$450 quote to obtain rights to show the movie. The event will be open to the public and is the final of four planning-related film events hosted by DURPSA. Two films have already been shown, and the next film, Mountains, will be shown on March 25th at the Askew Student Life Center.

Effect of Proposed Legislation:

This transfer would allow DURPSA to move \$255 of its FY 24-25 COGS budget funds from the Food to the Expense account to purchase licensing for the movie One Thousand and One.

Attachment(s):

- Attachment #1: Proposed Transfer Bill



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Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

33rd Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 15

Sponsored by: Representative Bethke

Date: March 3, 2025

Amount: \$255.00

From (account name): DURPSA Food

To (account name): DURPSA Expense

Purpose & Description: To transfer \$255 in funds from the DURPSA FY 24-25 Food account to the DURPSA FY 24-25 Expense account. This will allow DURPSA to obtain movie licensing for the organization's Film Series.



33rd Congress of Graduate Students Legislation Cover Sheet

COGS Resolution #: 5

Sponsor(s): Representative Bethke

Short Title: DURPSA Off-Campus Film Series Event

Summary of Legislation:

Would allow DURPSA (Department of Urban and Regional Planning Student Organization) to host the fourth and final film, One Thousand and One, in their planning film series at the FAMU Student Union.

Background Information:

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning Student Organization Association (DURPSA) wishes to obtain licensing rights to hold a showing of the film One Thousand and One at the FAMU Student Union. The event will be open to the public and is the final of four planning-related film events hosted by DURPSA. Two films have already been shown, and the next film, Mountains, will be shown on March 25th at the Askew Student Life Center.

Effect of Proposed Legislation:

This resolution would allow DURPSA to use its FY 24-25 COGS budget funds to purchase licensing for \$450 of the movie One Thousand and One for a showing at the FAMU Student Union.

Attachment(s):

- Attachment #1: Proposed Resolution



COGS Resolution #: 5

Sponsor(s): Representative Bethke

A RESOLUTION

DURPSA Off-Campus Film Series Event

1 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Urban and Regional Planning Student Organization Association
2 (DURPSA) wishes to obtain licensing rights to hold a showing of the film, One Thousand
3 and One; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the event is to be held on Tuesday April 22, 2025, at 7:00pm at The FAMU Student
5 Union and will be open to the public; and

6 **WHEREAS**, This movie showing is the fourth and final installment of the 2025 DURPSA film
7 series, which is a selection of films related to planning issues ; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the film series aligns with the mission of DURPSA by showcasing and spreading
9 planning ideas through film ; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the event is occurring off-campus and requires the approval of the Assembly as per
11 COGS Code § 201.6, therefore;

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 33rd Congress of Graduate Students at Florida**
13 **State University that:** That DURPSA is authorized, pursuant to COGS Code § 201.6, to hold
14 their film series on April 22, 2025, at The FAMU Student Union;

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:** That the Congress wishes DURPSA and its students the best
16 of luck as they continue to host their film series, and;

DONE AND ADOPTED by the 33rd Congress of Graduate Students at Florida State University this DAY
of MONTH, YEAR.

FLOOR VOTE: Deputy Speaker to Add Vote Count

COMMITTEE REFERENCES AND DATES OF PASSAGE:

- Deputy Speaker to Add Committee References and Dates of Passage

By: _____
Jack Rowan
Speaker, 33rd COGS

By: _____
Andy Johnson, Program Director
Student Governance & Advocacy

Date: _____

Date: _____



33rd Congress of Graduate Students Legislation Cover Sheet

COGS Resolution #: 6

Sponsor(s): Representative Judson

Short Title: A Resolution Waiving COGS Code § 201.6 for the Student Bar Association's Barrister's Ball

Summary of Legislation:

This Resolution will waive COGS Code § 201.6 to allow SBA to hold its Barrister's Ball event at an off-campus location. The event is to be held at The Monroe.

Background Information:

Every year, The Student Bar Association at FSU hosts the Barrister's Ball, which serves as a year-end celebration for law students. The event is funded through a combination of self-generated funds and COGS funds.

This year, the event is being held at The Monroe and is expected to be well-attended. As the event is happening off of campus, the Congress is being asked to waive the on-campus requirement.

Effect of Proposed Legislation:

Passage of the Resolution would allow SBA to hold the event and use COGS funds for the event.

Attachment(s):

- Attachment #1: Proposed Resolution



COGS Resolution #: 6

Sponsor: Representative Judson

A RESOLUTION

Waiving COGS Code § 201.6 for the Student Bar Association's Barrister's Ball

1 **WHEREAS**, The Student Bar Association at FSU serves as the primary student organization at the
2 FSU College of Law, primarily in the area of social events; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The Student Bar Association intends to host its annual Barrister's Ball on April 5, 2025, at
4 The Monroe; and

5 **WHEREAS**, COGS Code § 201.6 requires that all off-campus events funded, in whole or in part, by
6 COGS be approved by resolution of the Assembly;

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 33rd Congress of Graduate Students at Florida**
8 **State University that:** The Student Bar Association at FSU is authorized to host its Barrister's Ball
9 event at The Monroe on April 5, 2025; and

10 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that:** A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Allison Laudadio,
11 President of Student Bar Association.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the 33rd Congress of Graduate Students at Florida State University this DAY
of MONTH, YEAR.

FLOOR VOTE: Deputy Speaker to Add Vote Count

COMMITTEE REFERENCES AND DATES OF PASSAGE:

- Deputy Speaker to Add Committee References and Dates of Passage

By: _____
Jack Rowan
Speaker, 33rd COGS

Date: _____

By: _____
Andy Johnson, Program Director
Student Governance & Advocacy

Date: _____