



## **THE THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Calendar: March 31, 2025

Location: Senate Chambers

Time: 6:30 PM

### Call to Order

Pursuant to Rule 3.1 and the Memorandum of the Speaker issued February 3, 2025, the Congress is being called into a Special Meeting for the purpose of considering the Annual COGS Budget and any bills conforming COGS Code to the budgetary decisions made in the Annual Budget.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

### Reading and Approval of the Minutes

- Meeting Minutes from 03/17/2025

### Special Introductions and Student Comments

### Messages from Student Government

### Advisor Announcements

### Report of the Budget Committee

Deputy Speaker Bethke, as chair of the Budget Committee, will report the activities of the Budget Committee to the Assembly and detail how the Committee reached its recommendations for the Annual COGS Budget.

### Consideration of the Annual Budget

The Congress will hold debate on the Annual Budget bill. Members have the opportunity to ask questions of the sponsor, debate the budget, and hold a final vote on approval of the budget.

- COGS Budget Submitted Amendments
- Bill #22: COGS Budget Bill

### New Business

- Bill #18: Amending Chapter 201 of COGS Code
- Bill #19: Amending Chapter 207 of COGS Code
- Bill #20: Grant Value Change Bill

- Bill #21: COGS Double Dipping Bill

Round Table

Adjournment

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

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Call to Order

The Call to Order was issued at 6:39 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker Rowan: We will now have representative Siegel lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The quorum was met and verified at 6:40 p.m.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Speaker Rowan called for a motion to approve the minutes from COGS General Assembly held on 03/03/2025  
Representative Alleyne made a motion to approve the minutes.  
Representative Holdrum made a second to the motion.  
No objections were made.

**Reading and Approval of the Minutes is approved.**

- Meeting Minutes from 03/02/2025



Petitions into the Assembly

- William Wyckoff- At Large Seat 5

- **Petitioner Wyckoff Opening Statement:** Hello, everyone. I'm a master's student in the School of Business. I didn't know that much about COGS at first, but I'm really interested in the budget and finance side of things, which I think will be beneficial since COGS deals with a lot of financial matters. I'm really excited to meet new people through this process. I like all the committees, but I'd say I have a preference for Student Affairs.

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**Move to Questions:**

**Representative Stokes:** Are you free at this time on Mondays?

**Petitioner Wyckoff:** Yes, I am.

**Speaker Rowan:** Are you financially certified?

**Petitioner Wyckoff:** Not yet

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**Move into Debate on the Petitioner:**

**Representative Aboulhossn:** I'm always happy to see someone from the business school here—it's awesome that we'll have a full-time student on board.**Deputy Speaker Bethke:** I know him, and I think it's great that we're getting someone who's excellent with finances.

**Representative Vaughn:** I'm all for having more people from the business school in COGS. We haven't had that many in COGS history, so I think it's a great addition.

**Motion to call to question by Representative Punch.  
Seconded by Deputy Speaker Stokes .**

**Vote for an at-large seat:**

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

**Petition was approved**

Special Introductions and Student Comments

None

Messages from Student Government

None

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs

None

Report of Officers

- Report of the Speaker
  - Speaker Rowan: Good evening, everyone! I hope you had a great spring break. We'll be discussing the budget bill later. I was in attendance at the opening session of collective bargaining, and the inauguration is coming up. Also, budget night is on March 31st.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance

- Deputy Speaker Bethke: Hey, everyone, we'll talk more about the budget later, but here's the COGS Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as of March 14th, 2025. Leftover funds from previous conference funding periods have been transferred to the current period. The **Unallocated** account has \$51,942, with \$19,541 available for RSO funding requests at COGS meetings. The **LSC** account, which receives funding allocations from the Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations, has \$105,000, with \$5,073 available. The **MSC** account, which receives funding allocations from the Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations, has \$110,000, but there are no funds currently available.

For the **Presentation Grants**, the July-October funding period has \$78,248 allocated, with \$238 available; the November-February funding period has \$87,752 allocated, with \$883 available; and the March-June funding period has \$134,000 allocated, with \$74,080 available. For the **Attendance Grants**, the July-October funding period has \$11,619 allocated, with \$18 available; the November-February funding period has \$11,380 allocated, with \$972 available; and the March-June funding period has \$49,000 allocated, with \$25,605 available.

- COGS Financial Report March 17th Meeting
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- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications
  - None
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs
  - Deputy Speaker Balogun: It is great to see everyone again. The COGS code is currently under review. We would love your suggestions.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Advocacy
  - Deputy Speaker Stokes: I hope everyone is doing well, nothing to report.

#### Advisor Announcements

Advisor Kyanna: Welcome back from Spring break and inauguration on the second.

#### Committee Report

- Internal Affairs
  - Chair Mederev: We did not meet but will next Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- Student Advocacy
  - Chair Hussain: We have not met as well, but we will be meeting next Monday.
- Outreach
  - Deputy Speaker Baez: No new updates

- Strategic Planning
  - Speaker Rowan: We did not meet and will be meeting on next Monday.

### Funding Requests

- Bill #17: League of Graduate Artists
  - **Speaker Rowan:** Since I am the one sponsoring this bill, Deputy Speaker will be acting as the speaker for the discussion.

**Deputy Speaker Bethke:** Thank you, Jack. You have 5 minutes for your opening statement whenever you're ready.

**Chair Rowan:** This bill is sponsored by myself. It's a fairly basic bill that involves representatives and coincides with their gallery opening. This is an event they do annually. The bill also includes normal food from Publix, and we want to implement this as part of their program. It's an initiative that helps us become more connected to the community.

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### **General Questioning Period:**

**Speaker Bethke:** We are now in a period of General Questioning.

- No questions were raised during this period.

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### **Pro Debate Period:**

**Speaker Rowan:** We are now in a period of Pro.

**Deputy Speaker Stokes:** "This sounds like an amazing event, and I can't wait to support it."

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### **Con Debate Period:**

**Speaker Rowan:** "We are now in a period of Con."

- No comments were made during this period.

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### **Motion to Call the Question:**

**Deputy Speaker Bethke:** "I will entertain a motion to call the Question."

**Representative Vaughn:** "I motion to call the Question."

**Representative Judson:** "I second the motion."

**Speaker Bethke:** "The closing statement by the sponsor was waived."

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**Vote:**

- **Yes:** 21
- **No:** 0
- **Abstain:** 1

Unfinished Business

New Business

- Discussion of the Budget Bill
  - **Speaker Rowan:** I wanted to give you all time to digest the bill and allow for any questions.

**Deputy Speaker Bethke:** Thank you to all the members of the Budget Committee. We've offered more guide rails for funding. The hope is that this will help us gain a better understanding of what the RSOs are doing. This is also a way for the incoming board to have a greater understanding. One change I hope for is that we can hire a graduate assistant to support with COGS duties. We also have grants in place to ensure our graduate students can get their funding. We did have a sweeping fund that came through, and we have \$41,000 that needs to be accounted for—\$30,000 for presentations and \$10,000 from CAD. COGS gets a say in how the funding is being spent.

There are two types of amendments you can make: one is a money amendment, and the second is proviso language.

Round Table

- **Motion made by:** Representative Ojelade
- **Seconded by:** Representative Holdrim
- **Objection raised by:** Representative Torres

**Vote:**

- **Yes:** 18
- **No:** 4
- **Abstain:** 1

**Round Table was waived**

### Closing Announcements

Deputy Speaker Stokes: April 15th 7:30pm is their doctoral recital

Representative Punch: We need to recognize that Jack got editor and chief of law review

### Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn** by Representative Alleyne.

**Seconded** by Deputy Speaker Balogun.

No objections to the motion.

The COGS meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.



COGS Budget Submitted Amendments  
(Placed in Order of Recognition)

1. Jared Bethke - Strike the amount for Swept funds and insert \$176,528.
2. First Priority (Submitted prior to noon Thursday)
  - a. Ashley Judson - Strike the amount in Expense for LSC and insert \$115,000.
  - b. Jake Aboulhosen - Strike the amount in OPS Wages for the Childcare Center under “Student Workers” and insert \$300,000.
3. Second Priority (Submitted prior to meeting start)
4. Third Priority (Amendments not submitted before the meeting)
5. Technical Amendments (Each to be moved by Jared Bethke)
  - a. Strike the line item “New Graduate Student Orientation Social” from the GSRC and insert the same line item in the same amounts as a new line item under COGS Administration.
  - b. Strike the proviso language for the GSRC.
  - c. Insert a new “Conference Grants” section of the Proviso, which shall read: “For the 2025-2026 FY, the grants shall be allocated over three periods in which the following amounts are set aside for each period: Presentation Grants: \$100,000 between July 1 and October 31, \$100,000 between November 1 and February 28, and \$100,000 between March 1 and June 30; Attendance Grants: \$24,000 between July 1 and October 31, \$24,000 between November 1 and February 28, and \$24,000 between March 1 and June 30.”
  - d. Strike the amount in Expense for COGS administration under “NAGPS Membership” and insert \$600.
  - e. Insert a new “Severability” section of the Proviso, which shall read: “Any line item or proviso, or any part thereof, of this Bill is severable. The Congress shall be informed during their next regular meeting if any person deems any part, provision, or representation of this Bill prohibited, void, or unenforceable at any time.”

- f. Strike the amount for COGS Reserves and insert \$[Number determined after all floor amendments are considered].
- g. Motion to authorize the COGS Executive Committee to make conforming changes to the totals in line with the amendments taken by the Congress.



# 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Graduate Students Legislation Cover Sheet

**COGS Bill #: 22**

**Sponsor(s):** Deputy Speaker Bethke

**Short Title:** *(Include a short title explaining what the legislation does. This text will appear on the COGS agenda and agenda packet, so it should be kept as brief as possible. For example: "Amending Chapter 104, COGS Code, to Create a New Deputy Speaker for Advocacy" or "Recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month.")*

**Summary of Legislation:**

*(Provide a 2-3 sentence summary of the legislation that provides more detail to your fellow Representatives and other interested parties as to what the legislation changes. Example: "This bill would amend Chapter 104, COGS Code, to create a new Deputy Speaker for Advocacy." The bill also clarifies the duties of each member of the Executive Committee to account for the new position.)*

**Background Information:**

*(Provide as much information as needed regarding the background and context of this issue. Explain why this legislation is being presented to COGS for consideration. Include any relevant history and discuss any student groups, campus partners, and/or any other stakeholders that may be impacted by the legislation.)*

**Effect of Proposed Legislation:**

*(Discuss exactly what this legislation would accomplish or change if enacted by COGS.)*

**Attachment(s):**

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



**COGS Bill #: 22**

**Sponsor(s):** Deputy Speaker Bethke

Co-Sponsor(s): Representative Aboulhosn, Representative Alam, Deputy Speaker Baez, Representative Ebuara, Representative Guerra, Representative Holdrum, Representative Judson, Representative Punch, Representative Vaughn, and Speaker Rowan

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**AN ACT**

Adopting the COGS Fiscal Year 2025-2026 A&S Budget

1 ***Be it enacted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Graduate Students at Florida State University that:***

2 **Section 1. Adoption of the FY 2025-2026 COGS A&S Budget.**

3 Pursuant to Chapter 105, COGS Administrative Code, the funds described herein, totaling  
4 \$1,464,768, are appropriated from constitutionally-apportioned Activity & Service Fee revenues for Fiscal  
5 Year 2025-2026 to the entities indicated.

6 These allocations may be altered or amended only by the prescribed procedures as contained in  
7 the Florida State University COGS Administrative Code and as approved by the Congress of Graduate  
8 Students of Florida State University.

9 **Section 2. Adoption of the Proviso to the FY 2025-2026 COGS A&S Budget.**

10 Pursuant to Chapter 105, COGS Administrative Code, the proviso language described herein is  
11 adopted and is binding on the named entities.

12 Proviso language to this Budget shall only be amended by COGS bill, pursuant to Chapter 106,  
13 COGS Administrative Code.

14 **Section 3. Effective Date.**

15 The provisions of this bill shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

**DONE AND PASSED** by the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

- Budget Committee: Passed Unanimously March 6, 2025.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jack Rowan  
Speaker, 33<sup>rd</sup> COGS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andy Johnson, Program Director  
Student Governance & Advocacy

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jared Bethke  
Deputy Speaker for Finance, 33<sup>rd</sup> COGS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Amy Hecht  
Vice President for Student Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Proviso to the FY 2025-2026 COGS A&S Budget

### I. **Student Organizations**

- A. **Ecology & Evolution Research & Discussion Group (EERDG)**
  - 1. No funds in Expense shall be spent for trivia prizes.
  - 2. EERDG shall report on how the New Community Outreach funds were used in FY 25-26 during the FY 26-27 Budget Hearings.
- B. **Graduate Researchers of Geography**
  - 1. No funds shall be expended for social media or digital displays.
  - 2. GRG is strongly encouraged to use Student Publications for printing of flyers.
- C. **Higher Education Student Association**
  - 1. Funds in Clothing & Awards shall only be used for T-Shirts.
- D. **Masters of Applied American Politics & Policy Association**
  - 1. No funds in Contractual Services shall be spent on marketing.
- E. **Southeast Review**
  - 1. The Congress waives Section 201.9, COGS Administrative Code, insofar as necessary to allow Southeast Review to use the allocated funds to print copies of the Review.
- F. **The Cell and Molecular Biology Graduate Student Association**
  - 1. Funds shall not be expended on climbing events.

### II. **COGS Administration**

- A. **Executive Committee**
  - 1. The members of the Executive Committee shall be compensated at the following rates:
    - a) Speaker: \$14/hr over 44 weeks at a rate of 12 hours per week. (\$7,392 total)
    - b) Deputy Speaker for Finance: \$14/hr over 44 weeks at a rate of 10 hours per week. (\$6,160 total)
    - c) Deputy Speaker for Communications: \$14/hr over 44 weeks at a rate of 10 hours per week. (\$6,160 total)
    - d) Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs: \$14/hr over 44 weeks at a rate of 10 hours per week. (\$6,160 total)
    - e) Deputy Speaker for Advocacy: \$14/hr over 44 weeks at a rate of 10 hours per week. (\$6,160 total)
- B. **Graduate Assistant**
  - 1. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker for Finance are authorized to execute any agreements with the Department of Student Engagement to effectuate the hiring of a Graduate Assistant on a 0.25 FTE appointment. The Assistant's job responsibilities shall include, at a minimum, assisting the Deputy Speaker for Finance with administering the grants system and event planning. Should such a role not be hired by February 1, 2026, the funds allocated shall revert to COGS Reserves.
- C. **Speaker's Request**
  - 1. The Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students is authorized to use the Speaker's Request line-item to make emergency allocations that benefit the Graduate Student Body. Any allocations made by the Speaker from the Speaker's Request line-item shall be reported to the Executive Committee

within twenty-four (24) hours of the allocation and to the Congress at its next regular meeting.

**III. University Entities**

A. Graduate Student Research Center

1. If the New Graduate Student Orientation Social does not occur by September 15th, 2025, funds for the New Graduate Student Orientation Social shall become discretionary funds for the use of GSRC.

Commented [1]: Repeal

B. Center for the Advancement of Teaching

1. The Congress requests that CAT search for a long-term alternative for the funding of office toner.

**IV. CAD Fund Contribution**

- A. The Funds allocated to the CAD Fund shall be embargoed until the Speaker and Deputy Speaker for Finance are satisfied that the funds have been placed in an interest-bearing account and that the placement of COGS funds in the account would not violate U.S. or Florida law. Upon being satisfied of the aforementioned, the Speaker shall write to the Assembly, Student Body Treasurer, Student Senate President, Student Engagement Business Manager, and COGS Advisor that COGS has contributed to the CAD Fund and is entitled to representation on the Budget Committee in all CAD matters, pursuant to SBS § 422.4(c).

FY 2025-2026 COGS A&S Budget

	Salary	OPS Wages	Cont. Services	Expense	Food	Clothing & Awards	Total
<b>Student Organizations</b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,750.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$36,310.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$67,292.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$21,330.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$155,682.00</u></b>
<u>African Graduate Student Association</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$3,600.00</u>	<u>\$3,200.00</u>	<u>\$650.00</u>	\$7,450.00
<i>End-of-Year Beach Social</i>				\$3,000.00	\$900.00		
<i>African Gala Night</i>				\$200.00	\$1,000.00		
<i>Discretionary</i>				\$400.00	\$1,300.00	\$650.00	
<u>Bangladeshi Student Association</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,920.00</u>	<u>\$4,750.00</u>	<u>\$2,430.00</u>	\$9,100.00
<i>Eid Festival</i>				\$200.00	\$2,200.00		
<i>Cricket Tournament</i>				\$170.00	\$400.00	\$130.00	
<i>Soccer Tournament</i>				\$180.00		\$150.00	
<i>Badminton Tournament</i>				\$190.00		\$150.00	
<i>Fall Orientation Program</i>				\$100.00	\$400.00		
<i>Bowling &amp; Billiards Night</i>				\$350.00	\$350.00		
<i>Organization T-Shirts</i>						\$2,000.00	
<i>Discretionary</i>				\$730.00	\$1,400.00		
<u>Black Graduate Student Association</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>	<u>\$3,910.00</u>	<u>\$1,100.00</u>	<u>\$7,310.00</u>
<i>Black Excellence Week</i>			\$800.00	\$300.00	\$960.00		
<i>Student-Faculty Mixer</i>			\$700.00		\$650.00		
<i>Welcome Back Event</i>				\$300.00	\$650.00		
<i>End-of-Year Celebration</i>				\$200.00	\$650.00	\$200.00	
<i>Discretionary</i>					\$1,000.00	\$900.00	
<u>Cheminoles Graduate Student Association</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,250.00</u>	<u>\$5,200.00</u>	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	\$8,650.00



<i>Back to School BBQ</i>					\$900.00		
<i>Research Symposium</i>				\$400.00	\$500.00		
<i>Summer Lunch</i>					\$1,000.00		
<i>Holiday Party</i>					\$1,000.00		
<i>Community Science Programming</i>				\$400.00			
<i>Discretionary</i>				\$1,450.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,200.00	
<u>DURPSA</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,150.00</u>	<u>\$1,600.00</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>\$4,150.00</u>
<i>URP Film Series</i>				\$1,400.00	\$200.00		
<i>Semester Kickoff Events</i>					\$1,000.00		
<i>Marine Lab Visit on Coastal Resilience</i>				\$750.00			
<i>Discretionary</i>					\$400.00	\$400.00	
<u>Ecology &amp; Evolution Research &amp; Discussion Group</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,469.00</u>	<u>\$2,900.00</u>	<u>\$900.00</u>	<u>\$6,269.00</u>
<i>Student Seminars</i>					\$900.00	\$900.00	
<i>Research Symposium</i>					\$200.00		
<i>New Community Outreach</i>				\$400.00			
<i>Discretionary</i>				\$2,069.00	\$1,800.00		
<u>Graduate Researchers of Geography</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$2,200.00</u>
<i>Grant-Writing Workshop</i>			\$400.00		\$150.00		
<i>Alumni Panel</i>			\$400.00		\$150.00		
<i>Organization T-Shirts</i>						\$500.00	
<i>Discretionary</i>				\$300.00	\$300.00		
<u>Graduate Women in STEM</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,650.00</u>	<u>\$2,100.00</u>	<u>\$2,300.00</u>	<u>\$6,050.00</u>
<i>Art in STEM</i>				\$1,250.00	\$500.00	\$300.00	
<i>Galentines Day</i>					\$500.00		

Paint and Sip					\$500.00		
Bowling Event				\$400.00			
Discretionary					\$600.00	\$2,000.00	
Higher Ed Student Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	\$3,000.00	\$750.00	\$5,850.00
Beginning and End of Year Social				\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00		
New Student Orientation					\$600.00		
First Year Representatives Social				\$400.00	\$300.00		
Discretionary				\$700.00	\$600.00	\$750.00	
Hispanic Graduate Student Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,300.00	\$2,150.00	\$6,250.00	\$2,300.00	\$14,000.00
Market Wednesday				\$100.00	\$100.00		
Meet & Greet					\$600.00	\$200.00	
Fall Cinehassee			\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Fall/Winter Celebrations				\$250.00	\$650.00		
Membership Drive Boot Camp				\$100.00	\$300.00		
International Bazaar					\$200.00		
HIGSA Talks			\$1,800.00	\$200.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	
HIGSA Awards Gala					\$900.00	\$600.00	
History Graduate Student Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,600.00
HGSA Annual Conference			\$1,600.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
LEARN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,085.00	\$3,800.00	\$0.00	\$6,885.00
Hosting Mini-Conference			\$2,000.00	\$600.00	\$850.00		
New Student Orientation				\$100.00	\$900.00		
Alumni Event				\$100.00	\$400.00		
Panel Presentation					\$450.00		
Year-End Event				\$225.00	\$800.00		

<i>Discretionary</i>				\$60.00	\$400.00		
<u>Masters of Applied American Politics and Policy Association</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$1,600.00</u>	<u>\$3,200.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	\$6,300.00
<i>Graduation Handkerchiefs</i>						\$800.00	
<i>Monthly Events</i>				\$600.00	\$3,000.00		
<i>Signage</i>				\$400.00			
<i>Discretionary</i>			\$500.00	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
<u>Masters of Public Health Student Association</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,836.00</u>	<u>\$8,682.00</u>	<u>\$4,500.00</u>	\$17,018.00
<i>Public Health Professionals Conference</i>			\$1,000.00	\$1,546.00	\$3,582.00	\$3,000.00	
<i>Hooding Ceremonies</i>				\$490.00	\$3,360.00	\$500.00	
<i>Organizational T-Shirts</i>						\$1,000.00	
<i>Discretionary</i>				\$800.00	\$1,740.00		
<u>Nepalese Student Association</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>	\$4,800.00
<i>New Student Welcome Program</i>					\$350.00		
<i>Dashain and Tihar Program</i>					\$1,400.00		
<i>Holi Program</i>					\$500.00		
<i>Nepali New Year Program</i>					\$1,200.00		
<i>Organization T-Shirts</i>						\$500.00	
<i>Discretionary</i>					\$550.00	\$300.00	
<u>Neuroscience Graduate Student Association</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,250.00</u>	<u>\$4,250.00</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>	\$6,200.00
<i>Rushton Lecture Series</i>					\$1,000.00		
<i>Colloquium Series</i>					\$1,500.00		
<i>Distinguished Graduate Seminar</i>					\$250.00		
<i>James C. Smith Lecture</i>					\$250.00		
<i>Graduate Research Day</i>					\$250.00		

TLH Science Festival				\$250.00				
N. FL Brain Bee				\$250.00				
FSU Brain Fair				\$250.00				
Socials					\$500.00			
Organizational T-Shirts						\$700.00		
Discretionary				\$500.00	\$500.00			
Philosophy Graduate Student Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$3,400.00	
Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference			\$3,000.00		\$400.00			
Physics Graduate Student Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Physics Family BBQ					\$2,400.00			
Organizational T-Shirts						\$1,000.00		
Discretionary					\$600.00			
Political Science Graduate Student Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,800.00	\$200.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$9,400.00	
FSU Research Methods Workshop			\$7,800.00	\$200.00	\$1,400.00			
Society for Musicology	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$5,800.00	
FSU Musicology Fall Symposium			\$2,000.00		\$400.00			
FSU Musicology Spring Symposium			\$2,000.00		\$400.00			
Discretionary					\$200.00	\$800.00		
Southeast Review	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	\$6,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,400.00	
Reading Event			\$3,750.00					
Review Printing				\$3,800.00				
Submittable Subscription				\$1,650.00				
Prison Writing Workshop Program				\$1,000.00				
Discretionary				\$200.00				

<u>The Cell and Molecular Biology Graduate Student Association</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,300.00</u>	<u>\$2,850.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$5,650.00</u>
<i>Departmental Symposium</i>			\$1,500.00		\$1,000.00		
<i>Outreach Experiments</i>				\$300.00			
<i>Discretionary</i>				\$1,000.00	\$1,850.00		
<b><u>COGS Administration</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$32,032.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$16,400.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,600.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$92,032.00</u></b>
<i>Meeting Supplies</i>					\$2,400.00		\$2,400.00
<i>Retreat Supplies</i>					\$1,200.00		
<i>Name Tags</i>				\$400.00			
<i>Event Fund</i>				\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00		
<i>Merch Fund</i>						\$15,000.00	
<i>NAGPS Membership</i>				\$500.00			
<i>Executive Committee</i>		\$32,032.00					\$32,032.00
<i>FSA Travel</i>				\$500.00			
<i>Graduate Assistant</i>	\$15,000.00						
<i>Speaker's Request</i>				\$10,000.00			
<b><u>Funding Boards</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$225,150.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$225,150.00</u></b>
<i>Law School Council</i>				\$110,000.00			\$110,000.00
<i>Medical School Council</i>				\$115,150.00			\$115,150.00
<b><u>University Entities</u></b>	<b><u>\$71,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$310,189.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,125.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,955.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,100.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$433,369.00</u></b>
<i>The Graduate School</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,300.00	\$8,900.00	\$10,100.00	\$42,300.00
<i>New Graduate Student Orientation</i>				\$2,100.00			
<i>Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence</i>				\$600.00	\$2,000.00	\$100.00	

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Graduate Student Success: Celebrating External Awards					\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00	
Three-MInute Thesis Competition				\$50.00	\$700.00	\$500.00	
Master's in Four Competition				\$50.00	\$700.00	\$500.00	
OGFA Workshops				\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Fellows Forum				\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	
Dissertation Research Grants				\$12,000.00			\$12,000.00
Graduate Student Op-Ed Competition				\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00
The Globe Facilities	\$71,000.00	\$27,300.00	\$0.00	\$2,020.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,320.00
Scheduler Salary	\$71,000.00						
Student Workers		\$27,300.00					
Discretionary				\$2,020.00			
FSU Childcare	\$0.00	\$282,889.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$282,889.00
Student Workers		\$282,889.00					
Graduate Student Resource Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,055.00	\$1,555.00	\$0.00	\$4,610.00
Orientation Promotional Items				\$2,456.00			
Graduate Student Resource Fair					\$117.00		
Monthly Workshops					\$616.00		
Coffee and Community Events					\$532.00		
Writing Retreat				\$599.00	\$290.00		
New Graduate Student Orientation Social					\$2,000.00		
Center for the Advancement of Teaching	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,250.00
CAT Reading Groups					\$1,200.00		
Teacher Dev. Program Socials					\$300.00		
Promotional Items				\$1,000.00			

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Printing				\$750.00			
<b>Conference Grants</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$390,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$390,000.00</b>
Conference Presentation Grants				\$330,000.00			
Conference Attendance Grants				\$60,000.00			
<b>CAD Fund Contribution</b>				<b>\$15,000.00</b>			<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>COGS Reserves</b>				<b>\$112,203.00</b>			<b>\$112,203.00</b>
TOTAL	\$86,000.00	\$342,221.00	\$30,750.00	\$825,188.00	\$92,847.00	\$46,430.00	\$1,423,436.00
						Swept Funds	\$135,196
						Allocated total:	\$1,288,240
						Total	\$1,423,436

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# 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Graduate Students Legislation Cover Sheet

**COGS Bill/Resolution #: 18**

**Sponsor(s):** Representative Bethke

**Short Title:** *Amending Chapter 201 of COGS Code to Define COGS Reserves and Discretionary Funding*

**Summary of Legislation:**

*This bill would amend Chapter 201, COGS Code, to define COGS Reserves and Discretionary Funds. The legislation states that COGS has the option to allocate funds to the Reserves account. These funds can be reallocated to RSOs, Official FSU Organizations, and internal COGS accounts via funding transfer bills approved by the majority of the COGS Assembly. The bill defines Discretionary Funds as funds set aside in the annual COGS Budget Bill that may be used by allocated organizations for purposes not defined in the initial budget request that fall within the set budget category.*

**Background Information:**

Previously, COGS utilized the Unallocated account for the purposes laid out above for COGS Reserves. This legislation changes the name of the Unallocated account to Reserves and defines the Reserves account. For the FY 25-26 COGS Budget Bill, a new line-item format was used to suballocate funds to specific events organizations requested funding for. Some organizations were allocated Discretionary Funds, which are not tied to a particular event.

**Effect of Proposed Legislation:**

Defines the uses and limits of the Reserves account and Discretionary Funds suballocations, which are both found in the COGS FY 25-26 Budget Bill.

**Attachment(s):**

- Attachment #1: Proposed Bill





**COGS Bill #: 18**

**Sponsor(s): Representative Bethke**

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## **AN ACT**

*Amending Chapter 201 of COGS Code to Define COGS Reserves and Discretionary Funding*

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1 ***Be it enacted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Graduate Students at Florida State University that:***

2 **Section 1. Amendment to COGS Code Chapter 201, “General Restrictions on Spending”.**

3 Section 201 of the Florida State University COGS Code, entitled “**General Restrictions On**  
4 **Spending**” is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 5 1. COGS and all entities within its jurisdiction, or which receive its support, shall promote accessibility to  
6 education, effective funding of RSOs, and support to Florida State University administrative functions or  
7 offices which contribute to the assimilation, organization, and professional development of graduate  
8 students at Florida State University.
- 9 2. All Funds allocated by COGS or its sub-allocation authorities, such as graduate funding boards, shall be  
10 offered in an effort to nurture the highest levels of scholarship, research, creativity, and social activities  
11 necessary to support a comprehensive graduate research university.
- 12 3. No RSO which receives funding from COGS will practice de facto or de jure discrimination against any of  
13 the individuals or classes protected in the Florida State University Student Body Equal Opportunity and  
14 Non-Discrimination Statement as determined by the Senate. Additionally, no entity which receives funding  
15 from COGS will engage in de facto or de jure differential treatment in membership or otherwise on the  
16 basis of race, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family status, or socio-  
17 economic status.
- 18 4. Funds may not be expended to support, in whole or in part, a candidate for political office, nor for  
19 contribution to a political party.
- 20 5. Activities funded must not conflict with the purpose and regulations of this code, the Florida State  
21 University Student Body Constitution, Statutes, and Board of Trustees’ policies, or with state or federal  
22 laws.
- 23 6. All events funded in whole, or in part, by COGS Funds or derivative resources must be equally accessible  
24 to all enrolled graduate students at Florida State University, or serve a legitimate academic purpose. All  
25 purchases for events held off of the Florida State University campus require the approval of the Assembly  
26 by resolution in a majority vote.
- 27 7. NO RSO shall incur more than \$15 per person on catering fees when using COGS Funds. No RSO receiving  
28 funding from COGS may charge Florida State University students for food purchased with COGS Funds.  
29 This section can be overridden by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the Assembly.
- 30 8. COGS Funds cannot be used to fund alcoholic beverages.

- 31 9. COGS shall enforce a \$1,000 aggregate limit on literature purchases per RSO. Requests for such funding  
32 shall be in support of academically and/or vocationally appropriate materials. Said materials must be  
33 provided to Florida State University students free of charge. If the allocated COGS Funds do not cover the  
34 entire cost of the materials, the RSO requesting funds may charge for the materials by using the following  
35 formula: total cost, less allocated COGS Funds, divided by the number of materials purchased.  
36 10. RSOs within the jurisdiction of COGS may only collect voluntary dues. This provision shall not require  
37 RSOs to pay state or national membership dues on behalf of members.  
38 11. RSOs within the jurisdiction of COGS may not charge Florida State University students admissions fees to  
39 any event subsidized or paid for by COGS Funds.  
40 12. RSOs may request, receive, and expend a reasonable amount not to exceed twenty percent (20%) as  
41 gratuity, for food purchases for events. Reimbursement shall not be granted on meals for individuals who  
42 are receiving a per diem in conjunction with travel. The gratuity must be recorded on the receipt and should  
43 be reflected in the total.  
44 13. Any RSO requesting single-item purchases totaling \$1,000 or more must have the approval of COGS by a  
45 majority vote. Proper inventory must be kept for all items and they must have a COGS inventory sticker  
46 prominently displayed.  
47 14. The COGS Assembly shall have the option to set aside funding to the “COGS Reserves” account. Requests  
48 to allocate COGS Reserves funds to other accounts shall be proposed as a COGS Funding Bill and must be  
49 approved by a majority of the COGS General Assembly. The COGS General Assembly may allocate COGS  
50 Reserves funds to Graduate RSOs, Official FSU Organizations, and internal COGS accounts throughout  
51 the fiscal year.  
52 15. Within the COGS Budget Bill, the COGS Assembly shall have the option to set aside “Discretionary  
53 Funding” for organizations requesting COGS funding for each budget category. Discretionary Funding  
54 may be utilized for approved purchases within the allocated budget category not defined in organizations’  
55 annual budget requests.

56 ~~1416~~ All funds shall be spent in accordance with the COGS Code and, the Florida State University Student Body  
57 Statutes, and the A&S Fee Guidelines.

58 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

59 The provisions of this bill shall take effect upon signature of the Vice President for Student Affairs

**DONE AND PASSED** by the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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, 33<sup>rd</sup> COGS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andy Johnson, Program Director  
Student Governance & Advocacy

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Amy Hecht  
Vice President for Student Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Graduate Students Legislation Cover Sheet

**COGS Bill #: 19**

**Sponsor(s):** Representative Bethke

**Short Title:** *Amending Chapter 207 of COGS Code to Establish Funding Periods and Funding Rollover Protocol for COGS Conference Grants*

**Summary of Legislation:**

*This bill would amend Chapter 207, COGS Code, to require that COGS Conference Grant funding periods of equal allocation to be defined in proviso language each year as part of the COGS Budget Bill. There shall be at least three funding periods. One month after the end of a funding period, leftover funds shall be swept over to the current funding period.*

**Background Information:**

Currently, conference grant funds are allocated into three equally sized funding period defined in the FY 24-25 Budget Bill proviso language. The proviso language also states that remaining funds shall be swept to the current funding period. This change would align code with current practices, providing guidelines for the administration of COGS Conference Grants.

**Effect of Proposed Legislation:** Yearly COGS Conference Grant allocations would be distributed into at least three grant funding periods defined in COGS Budget Bill's proviso language. Funds remaining one month after the end of a funding period would be moved forward to the current funding period.

**Attachment(s):**

- Attachment #1: Proposed Bill



**COGS Bill #: 19**

**Sponsor(s): Deputy Speaker Bethke**

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## **AN ACT**

*Amending Chapter 207 of COGS Code to Establish Funding Periods and Funding Rollover Protocol for COGS Conference Grants*

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1 ***Be it enacted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Graduate Students at Florida State University that:***

2 **Section 1. Amendment to COGS Code Chapter 207, "General Provisions of Grants".**

3 Section 207 of the Florida State University COGS Code, entitled "**General Provisions of Grants**" is  
4 hereby amended to read as follows:

- 5 1. The following restriction on requests for funding shall apply to all individual graduate students,  
6 student groups, and Recognized Student Organizations: presentation or conference support  
7 grant funding requests will not be heard by the Assembly. Individuals shall apply for funding  
8 through Presentation and/or Academic Conference Support Grant Programs. Funding shall be  
9 available on a first come first serve basis.
- 10 2. Any grant mentioned in Chapters 208 or 209 of this code shall be made available to students  
11 only as a funding source of last resort.
- 12 3. No student shall receive more than two (2) grants per fiscal year whether Presentation,  
13 Academic and Professional Conference Support, or any Combination thereof.
- 14 4. If a student has already received a grant from COGS in the current fiscal year, no additional  
15 grant shall issue without a letter from the department of which the graduate or professional  
16 student is a member or without a letter from the student's academic advisor. The letter must  
17 indicate any financial support for the conference that is provided by the department.
- 18 5. No student shall receive more than \$3,000 in grants in any five- (5) year period as a student at  
19 Florida State University. Students are limited to no more than \$600 in total grants per fiscal  
20 year.
- 21 6. Yearly COGS Conference Grant allocations shall be equally distributed into at least three grant  
22 funding periods defined in the yearly COGS Budget Bill's proviso language.
- 23 7. One month following the close of a conference grant funding period, the remaining funds shall  
24 be moved forward to the current funding period.

25 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

26 The provisions of this bill shall take effect upon signature of the Vice President of Student Affairs

**DONE AND PASSED** by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Graduate Students at Florida State University this DAY of MONTH, YEAR.

**FLOOR VOTE:** upon signature of the Vice President of Student Affairs

**COMMITTEE REFERENCES AND DATES OF PASSAGE:**

- Deputy Speaker to Add Committee References and Dates of Passage

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Jack Rowan  
Speaker, 33<sup>rd</sup> COGS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Andy Johnson, Program Director  
Student Governance & Advocacy

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Amy Hecht  
Vice President for Student Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Graduate Students Legislation Cover Sheet

**COGS Bill/Resolution #: 20**

**Sponsor(s): Representative Wyckoff**

**Short Title:** Amending Chapter 207, COGS Code, to modify max grant awards aligned with COGS FY 25-26 Budget Bill

## **Summary of Legislation:**

This bill would amend Chapter 207, COGS Code, to change the max value of domestic presentation grants from \$300 to \$350, attendance grants from \$180 to \$200, and international presentation grants to \$700. The maximum COGS grant funding would be increased to \$700 per fiscal year (July-June), and language regarding 5-year grant funding maximums, which is currently set at \$3000, will be removed from code.

## **Background Information:**

Following extensive research on previous COGS grant cycles and current priorities the COGS budget committee has proposed increasing the max values of COGS grants. These changes would align COGS code with the changes proposed by the Budget Committee.

## **Effect of Proposed Legislation:**

The maximum funding available to graduate students receiving conference grants increase for domestic presentation grants to \$350, for attendance grants to \$200, and for international presentation grants to \$700. The new max grant funding per fiscal year would increase to \$700 and there would no longer be a 5-year funding maximum.

## **Attachment(s):**

- Attachment #1: Proposed Bill



**COGS Bill #: 20**

**Sponsor(s):** Representative Wyckoff

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**AN ACT**

Amending Chapter 207, COGS Code, to Modify Max Grant Awards Aligned with COGS FY 25-26 Budget Bill

1 ***Be it enacted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Graduate Students at Florida State University that:***

2 **Section 1. Amendment to COGS Code Chapter 207, “General Provisions For Grants”.**

3 Section 207.5 of Chapter 207 of the Florida State University COGS Code, entitled “General  
4 Provisions For Grants,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 **Chapter 207 General Provisions For Grants**

6 5. ~~No student shall receive more than \$3,000 in grants in any five (5) year period as a student at~~  
7 ~~Florida State University. Students are limited to no more than \$600~~ \$700.00 ~~in total grants per~~  
8 ~~fiscal year.~~

9 **Section 2. Amendment to COGS Code Chapter 208, “Presentation Grants”.**

10 Chapter 208 of the Florida State University COGS Code, entitled “Presentation Grants,” is hereby  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 **Chapter 208 Presentation Grants**

13 1. Presentation Grants are given to encourage the presentation of graduate student research to  
14 other scholars at conferences. Eligibility for Presentation Grant funding shall require that the  
15 student be a currently enrolled graduate student who must be scheduled to make a presentation  
16 at the event for which they are applying for funding. Students shall apply for Presentation Grants  
17 using the designated application form established by the Executive Committee.  
18 a. The completed application must include an acceptance letter from the conference the  
19 student is attending. The completed application must be submitted to COGS two (2)  
20 weeks prior to travel. All original receipts are due to the COGS office within thirty (30)  
21 days after attending the conference. Receipts must include the date of purchase, an  
22 itemization of the purchase, and preprinted vendor name and address. Credit card



- 23 receipts which do not include the aforementioned items shall not meet the requirements  
24 of this provision.
- 25 2. The following criteria shall govern grant awards in this category:
- 26 a. Any conference within the Continental United States shall be eligible for a grant of up to  
27 ~~\$250.00~~ \$350.00 of appropriate conference-related expenses.
- 28 b. Any conference outside the Continental United States shall be eligible for a grant of up  
29 to ~~\$600.00~~ \$700.00 for appropriate conference-related expenses.

30 **Section 3. Amendment to COGS Code Chapter 209, “Academic And Professional Conference**  
31 **Support Grants”.**

32 Chapter 209 of the Florida State University COGS Code, entitled “Academic And Professional  
33 Conference Support Grants,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 **Chapter 209 Academic And Professional Conference Support Grants**

- 35 1. Academic & Professional Conference Support Grants are given to encourage attendance at  
36 academic and professional conferences by graduate students who are not making  
37 presentations. To be eligible to receive an Academic & Professional Grant, a currently enrolled  
38 graduate student must be attending a conference that is related to his or her course of study, or  
39 otherwise serves a legitimate academic and/or professional purpose. Students shall apply for an  
40 A&P grant using the designated COGS application form established by the Executive  
41 Committee.
- 42 a. The completed application must include confirmation of registration and other identifying  
43 material stating the date and location, as well as contact information for the conference  
44 the student is attending. A completed application must be submitted to COGS two (2)  
45 weeks prior to travel. Proof of attendance is due to the COGS office within thirty (30)  
46 days after attending the conference.
- 47 b. This grant shall be unavailable to any student who has received any funding for the  
48 same conference from another COGS budget line or any other entity funded by SGA.
- 49 c. This Chapter shall be reviewed by the General Assembly contemporaneously with the  
50 Annual Budget.
- 51 d. Attendance at any conference shall be eligible for up to ~~\$150.00~~ \$200.00 of appropriate  
52 conference-related expenses.

53 **Section 4. Effective Date.**

54 The provisions of this bill shall take effect upon signature of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

**DONE AND PASSED** by the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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, 33<sup>rd</sup> COGS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andy Johnson, Program Director  
Student Governance & Advocacy

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Amy Hecht  
Vice President for Student Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Graduate Students Legislation Cover Sheet

**COGS Bill/Resolution #: 21**

**Sponsor(s): Representative Aboulhosen**

## **Short Title:**

Amending Chapter 207, COGS Code, to Create a One-Grant-per-Conference Rule.

## **Summary of Legislation:**

This bill amends Chapter 207, COGS Code, to add language stating that students applying for conference grants can only apply for one grant per conference: attendance, presentation, or out of country. Students are not able to apply for attendance grants and presentation grants for the same trip.

## **Background Information:**

This bill eliminates “Double Dipping,” no longer allowing individuals to apply for two grants for the same conference. Previously, applicants were able to receive conference grants and presentations grants for the same conference. Prohibiting this ensures that the COGS is able to fund the most number of conferences.

## **Effect of Proposed Legislation:**

This bill amends Chapter 207, COGS Code, to add language stating that students applying for conference grants can only apply for one grant per conference: attendance or presentation.

## **Attachment(s):**

- Attachment #1: Proposed Bill



**COGS Bill #: 21**

**Sponsor(s): Representative Aboulhosen**

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## **AN ACT**

Amending Chapter 207, COGS Code, to Create a One-Grant-per-Conference rule.

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1 ***Be it enacted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Graduate Students at Florida State University that:***

2 **Section 1. Amendment to COGS Code Chapter 207, General Provisions For Grants.**

3 New Section 207.8 of Chapter 207 of the Florida State University COGS Code, entitled "General  
4 Provisions of Grants," is hereby created to read as follows:

5 8. No Student shall receive more than one (1) grant per conference attended.

6 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

7 The provisions of this bill shall take effect upon signature of the Vice President for Student Affairs

**DONE AND PASSED** by the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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, 33<sup>rd</sup> COGS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andy Johnson, Program Director  
Student Governance & Advocacy

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Amy Hecht  
Vice President for Student Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_