



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

Calendar: June 23, 2025

Location: Senate Chambers

Time: 6:30 PM

### Call to Order

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

### Reading and Approval of the Minutes

- COGS Meeting 4-7-2025 Meeting Minutes

### Petitions into the Assembly

- Luis Morales Guemarez- Anne Spencer Daves College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences Seat 2

### 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 Communications
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Advocacy

### Advisor Announcements

### Committee Report

- Internal Affairs
- Student Advocacy
- Outreach

### Funding Requests

### Unfinished Business

- Bill #21: COGS Double-Dipping Bill

### New Business

- Resolution #5: Off-Campus Approval
- Resolution 6: Congrats Resolution

### Round Table

### Closing Announcements

### Adjournment

**THE THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS  
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Date: April 7, 2025 at 6:30 PM  
Location: Senate Chambers**

Call to Order

The Call to Order was issued at 6:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker Rowan: We will now have Representative Wyckoff lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The quorum was met and verified at 6:46 PM.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Speaker Rowan called for a motion to approve the minutes from COGS General Assembly held on 03/31/2025

Deputy Speaker Stokes made a motion to approve the minutes.  
Representative Judson made a second to the motion.  
No objections were made.

**Minutes stand approved.**

- COGS Special Session 3-31-2025 Meeting Minutes

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Petitions into the Assembly

Special Introductions and Student Comments

There were no special introduction and student comments.

Messages from Student Government

There were no messages from Student Government.

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs

There was no report from the Office of Governmental Affairs.

Report of Officers

- Report of the Speaker
  - Speaker Rowan:

- Will send out info soon on AI committee and potential visit to childcare center.
  - Summer attendance survey will go out soon, please fill it out ASAP so we know how many members will be here. We can get credit hour waivers for members. Summer COGS will be hybrid, with members out-of-town having the ability to appear by Zoom.
  - Deputy Speaker for Finance Elections tonight. Will have more to say thanking Jared at next meeting.
  - Bill #21 is back on the agenda tonight, strong debate is encouraged.
  - Spring Events:
    - Spring Social 4/18 6-9:30pm in the Union Basement
    - Taqueria Miranda Food Truck on Landis 4/22 2-4pm
    - Frother's Daughter on Landis 4/24 12p-2p
  - Budget Report being printed over next weeks, hope to have copies ready by next meeting.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
    - Deputy Speaker Bethke: It's been a pleasure serving as you Deputy Speaker over the last 8 months. Very grateful for your work on the budget. (DS Bethke reviewed the financial report).
  - COGS Financial Report April 7th Meeting
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  - Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications
    - Deputy Speaker Baez was not present so they did not give a report.
  - Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs
    - Deputy Speaker Balogun was not present, so they did not give a report.
  - Report of the Deputy Speaker for Advocacy
    - Deputy Speaker Stokes had no announcements

#### Advisor Announcements

Advisor Austin: Leadership Awards Night is tomorrow, Shahin is nominated for an award. LeadFSU, a conference for RSO leadership, is coming up. People should attend, reps from Truist will be there to show RSOs how to set-up off campus bank account, among other things. It's from 10-3:30 on Friday.

#### Committee Report

- Internal Affairs
  - Chair Mederev: No Update. IA will meet next week at the regular time.
- Student Advocacy
  - Chair Hussain: We last met on the 23rd, we will meet again next week. It is in person in the SGA project room.

- Outreach
  - Rep. Vaughn: Meeting next week, discussing final details for spring events.

## Funding Requests

## Unfinished Business

- Bill #21: COGS Double Dipping Bill

- **Speaker Rowan:** Sponsored by Aboulhosn. You have 3 minutes for your opening statement whenever you're ready.

**Rep. Aboulhosn:** Defer to DS Bethke

**Deputy Speaker Bethke:** This bill seeks to address an admin issue with the COGS Grants. There is no rule preventing someone from applying for a presentation and attendance grant for the same conference. This causes issues because some people apply for both, but don't realize that doing so uses up all of their grants for the year. Currently, I reach out to applicants who apply for both to inform them of the grant cap. This will be more straightforward and it ensures clarity in the Code. It doesn't make sense for the ambiguity to exist.

## **General Questioning Period:**

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

- DS Stokes: Is there anything that hurts them if they apply for both? Bethke: It leads to confusion if the applicant tries to apply a third time.
- Rep. Ebuara: DaSean asked my question. Is there a way to make a rule that requires applicants to check a box before being able to apply for both grants in the same conference? Bethke: Worried that making it clear in the app would make more people double-dip, potentially causing funds to run out faster.
- Rep. Ebuara: We haven't run out before? Bethke: Yes, we have in recent years.
- Rep. Holdrum: What are we increasing the grants to? Bethke: Conference presentation 300→ 350, attendance 180 → 200, international presentation 600 → 700.
- Chair Mederev: I agree with the main point, but could the reason be that some students only go to one big conference each year? Bethke: It's definitely an attempt to maximize funding. There isn't something inherently wrong with that, but it does create administrative hurdles. Once we have clear rules, we can consider further increases to grants in the future budget.
- Rep. Vaughn: Would it be possible for some students to get one lump sum grant if they only go to one conference? Bethke: We have been experimenting with ways to create more flexibility in the application. Maybe there could be a clear grant if the person states that they are only going to one conference, based on utilization.
- Rep. Vaughn: Could this be considered for next FY? Bethke: It could be done before that.

- Rep. Alaim: Is the West Coast counted as international? Bethke: No.

Stokes moves to extend by 2 min. Vaughn seconds. No objections.

- DS Stokes: Of the last 5 years, do you know how many times we went over? POI Vaughn: WE ran out before COVID, as well as last FY. Bethke: Also, when someone double dips, they are implicitly breaking the rules since we don't discuss it in the Code. It makes sense to have clear rules for people to abide by. This will help to avoid running out of money in the future.
- DS Stokes: How many options are there? Bethke: Attendance, Domestic Presentation, International Presentation.
- DS Stokes: There isn't a presentation & attendance? No, attendance is counted in presentation.
- Chair Hussain: To clarify, you can apply for two grants per fiscal year, with a max of \$600 total? Bethke: That's correct.
- Chair Hussain: So double dipping exhausts their grants for the year? Bethke: Yes, that's been the point of confusion for application.

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### **Pro Debate Period:**

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

- Rep. Hasan: Maybe once we give more flexibility, we could help others who don't get university funding to go to conferences.
- Rep. Punch: Been going back and forth. I agree that it will be difficult to track if we allow double dipping explicitly and could cause us to run out too quickly.
- Chair Mederev: This brings up a good conversation. This is a loophole that is being taken advantage of and needs to be fixed.

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### **Con Debate Period:**

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

- DS Stokes: If we want to fix the bill, we should just make the double-dipping rule more explicit. Some departments are very limited in their conference funding, so a fourth option for people to combine would be useful as an alternative.
- Rep. Ebuarra: Most in my department plan on going to one large conference per year. These conferences are very expensive and our grants have strong controls over its use. The money will go to conference travel. Setting this hard rule will hurt those in departments that only go to one conference per year. A possible rule could be to get the \$600 for the year and let it be used more flexible

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

- DS Bethke: To Rep. Ebuara's point, we clearly say that there is a 2 grant limit each year. Double dipping is not super prominent. Maybe 20 cases out of nearly a thousand. (Advisor Austin: It has occurred under previous DSFs.) It was never an explicit opportunity for additional funding. This is a step towards a fairer system that gets as many grad students funds as possible. This clarifies the rules, this covers a small issue right now but it could become worse if others take advantage of the loophole.

## **Con Debate Period:**

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

- Rep. Ojelade: As Rep. Ebuara says, there are many who only go to one conference per year. Those in the sciences tend to only go to one conference per year and we need as much help as possible. Getting a substantial amount from COGS would be extremely helpful. I think this could be a good thing if people apply for two grants. I feel like limiting grad students to one grant would not be helpful.
- Rep. Alaim: I understand DS Bethke's reasoning behind the bill. But I agree with those who have spoken in Con. When we go to a west coast conference, the expenses are even more. Maybe the rule for double dipping could be based on whether the conference is particularly costly. Additionally, there could be another option where someone could apply for the two grants, but they have to acknowledge that they hit their limit.
- POI DS Stokes: Do we have stats on how many people apply for the presentation grant v. the attendance grant? Bethke: Yes, we have had, in this cycle, a total of 321 presentation grants and 74 attendance grants.
- POPI DS Stokes: Is there a way to speak neutrally? Speaker Rowan: You can speak on one side and qualify your comments.

## **Pro Debate Period:**

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

- DS Stokes: This is a more neutral statement. If 74 people get \$180, that's a total of ~\$13k. For presentation, that's closer to ~\$102k for the funding cycle. Because we have more presenters than attendees, more people will double dip in presentation than attendance. If it was the other way, it might not be so bad. But because of how it goes, that dramatically increases the money that goes out the door. I'm not sure where I am now on the bill.
- POC Speaker Rowan: The double dipping tends to be presenters also getting attendance.
- DS Stokes: We need to make it clear either way.
- POI Rep. Punch: How many people attendance grants? Bethke: 71.
- Rep. Punch: There is a serious problem with the cost of conferences, but if we explicitly allow double dipping, we run the risk of people not being able to get any funding.
- Rep. Hasan: If we can make it more explicit, things would be better.

## Con Debate Period:

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

- Rep. Ebuarra: Giving \$300 to a student is grossly inadequate if they only go to one conference per year. People want the opportunity to go to conferences, but can't because of financial difficulties. There are issues with getting funds from the school to cover conference travel. I think putting in this limit is unfair. I hope you will vote no.
- DS Stokes: I don't think I have enough info to make the decision. Maybe requires further discussion.
- POPI Rep. Tran: If we say no, can we revisit this? Speaker Rowan: There can be further work and discussion.
- POI Chair. Fermin: Was there any fiscal impact statement? Bethke: Not formally, but there would definitely be some increased usage if the issue keeps going.
- POI Chair. Fermin: Do we have actual projections? Bethke: We have projections, just not based on the impact of increased double dipping.
- POI Chair. Fermin: Can those projections be shared with the Congress? Speaker Rowan: There were not specific projections about the impact of double dipping.
- POI Chair. Fermin: Was there a fiscal impact statement on the impact of double dipping? Bethke: No, but it could become a major challenge moving forward. The code is not written with the idea of double dipping, it is a loophole.
- POC Rep. Ebuara: It is not necessarily a loophole, I think it was intentional. Bethke: I would disagree. The transition documents imply that double-dipping was not intentional. Kyanna, do you have any insight on this? Advisor Austin: I don't think it is intentional, but it is a conversation that has been ongoing. The big issue is fixing the code. If you want to close the loophole, you can. But if you want double-dipping, we should be explicit in the code.
- POI DS Bethke: Maybe we should take it back to the drawing board? We can get more info and consider how to do things? This could be an opportunity to flush things out more.
- POC Speaker Rowan: Maybe we refer this to IA?
- POI Rep. Ojelade: Could we get more financial data? Bethke: Yes.

DS Stokes moves to refer the bill to the Internal Affairs Committee. Chair Hussain seconds. No objections.

**The bill is referred to the Internal Affairs Committee for further consideration.**

POI DS Stokes: Is it possible to survey how many people want to attend, in case it hurts the other committees' ability to get quorum? Speaker Rowan: I will ask Advocacy and Outreach to delay their meeting start times to 7:30pm to allow members to attend IA.

POI DS Stokes: Is there a way to see what students see? Bethke: The COGS Website has the Grant Rules under the "Finance" tab.

### New Business

- Elections for Deputy Speaker for Finance (Filling Vacancy Created by DS Bethke's Pending Graduation)



- Speaker Rowan explained the election process, as outlined in Chapter 111, COGS Code.

Rowan: The floor is open for nomination.

Rep. Ebuara: I nominate Rep. Mederev.

Rep. Vaughn seconds.

Rep. Mederev accepts the nomination.

Rep. Holdrum moves to close the floor for nominations. Rep. Olejade seconds. No objections.

**Steven Mederev is elected by acclamation as Deputy Speaker for Finance.**

#### Round Table

Rep. Ebuara moves to waive roundtable. Rep. Tran seconds. No objections.

#### Closing Announcements

Rep. Judson: Follow up from LSC, Chair Siegel provided an update on where they plan to use the \$5k. They plan to help funding new RSOs and events.

This amendment ensures we can support the incoming 1Ls with their RSOs.

Thank you very much.

Rep. Vaughn: Reached out to Leach, they thanked us and look forward to working with COGS leadership in July.

#### Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn by Representative Aboulhosn**

**Second to the motion by Representative Fahmey**

No objections.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

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

**COGS Bill/Resolution #: 21**

**Sponsor(s):** Representatives Aboulhosn and Holdrum

**Short Title:** *Amending Chapter 207, COGS Code, to Create a Combined Grant for Graduate Students Attending One Conference Per Year.*

## **Summary of Legislation:**

The bill closes a loophole allowing graduate students to apply for a Presentation Conference Grant and an Attendance Grant for the same conference. The bill also creates a new category of grants for students who want the grant to only apply for one conference per fiscal year.

## **Background Information:**

Currently, the COGS Code is silent on whether graduate students who are applying for a Presentation Conference Grant can also apply for an Attendance Grant for the same conference. As a result, some graduate students applied for both a Presentation Conference Grant and an Attendance Grant for the same conference. This is referred to as "Double Dipping." These students, under the Code, were no longer eligible to apply for another conference grant in that fiscal year. Some of these students reached out to COGS officers, after being rejected for subsequent grants, unaware that they were no longer eligible for conference grants in that fiscal year.

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.

The bill was first debated at the March 31, 2025, special session of the Assembly. Due to time constraints, the bill was tabled until the April 7, 2025, meeting. At that meeting, the bill was strongly debated and the Assembly referred the bill to the Internal Affairs Committee for further consideration. At the Internal Affairs Committee, the bill was debated further and an amendment by Speaker Rowan and Representative Holdrum was adopted unanimously. Upon adoption, the committee voted to report the bill favorably, with amendment, to the Assembly.

## **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, presentation, or out of country. Students are not able to apply for attendance grants and presentation grants for the same trip.

The bill was amended in the Internal Affairs Committee to create a third category of grants, currently titled as the “Combined” grant. The grant is for up to \$600 and is only available to graduate students who are presenting at a conference and have not received any other conference grant funding from COGS. Recipients of the Combined grant will not be eligible to receive any further conference grants from COGS for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The bill also, in Section 2, provides a sunset date for the Combined grant on July 1, 2026. The section also requires that the Speaker appoint a committee in February 2026 to consider a motion of whether to remove the sunset date. The committee must include the Deputy Speaker for Finance, who shall chair, the Speaker, and four Representatives.

The bill is effective July 1, 2025.

The bill is expected to have a moderate fiscal impact on the Conference Grant account, though the extent of the impact is highly speculative as there is no certainty over how many students will opt for the Combined grant. Opting for the grant will have a larger cost to COGS than allowing double dipping, but will actually reduce the cost compared to a student that receives two domestic presentation grants or one international presentation grant. A significant increase in grant usage may necessitate additional funding for conference grants or the creation of a waiting list where applicants can be placed if grant funding for the funding period runs out.

**Attachment(s):**

- Attachment #1: Proposed Resolution



**COGS Bill #: 21**

**Sponsor(s):** Aboulhosn, Holdrum

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## **AN ACT**

~~Amending Chapter 207, COGS Code, to Create a One Grant per Conference rule.~~  
Amending Chapter 207, COGS Code, to Create a Combined Grant for Graduate Students  
Attending One Conference Per Year.

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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 and 207.9 of Chapter 207 of the Florida State University COGS Code, entitled  
4 "General Provisions of Grants," is hereby created to read as follows:

5 6. Students may elect to apply for a one-time Combined attendance and presentation grant up to  
6 \$600.00 for appropriate conference-related expenses for one (1) conference.

7 a. Eligibility for this grant shall be restricted to graduate students, who have not previously  
8 received any conference (Presentation or Attendance) grant funding from COGS, who are  
9 presenting at a conference.

10 b. Recipients of the Combined grant shall be ineligible to receive any additional individual  
11 Presentation or Attendance conference grants from COGS for the remainder of the fiscal year.

12 c. The application for such grant must include a warning to applicants that receiving the  
13 Combined grant makes them ineligible for any further grants in that fiscal year and shall include  
14 a space for applicants to acknowledge and accept that they will become ineligible for any further  
15 grants in that fiscal year.

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

17 **Section 2. Sunset and Study**

18 Section 1 of this act shall be repealed on July 1, 2026, unless the Assembly, by motion, votes to  
19 remove the sunset date. The motion shall be raised at the first COGS meeting of February, 2026, by  
20 the Deputy Speaker for Finance and the motion shall be referred to a committee appointed by the  
21 Speaker, comprising of the Deputy Speaker for Finance (who shall chair), the Speaker, and four

22 Representatives. The committee shall consider the effectiveness of this act, hear evidence from the  
23 Deputy Speaker for Finance about the usage of the Combined grant, and provide a recommendation to  
24 the assembly on whether to adopt the motion.

25 **Section 2 3. Effective Date.**

26 The provisions of this act shall take effect ~~upon signature of the Vice President for Student Affairs~~  
27 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:**

- Referred to Internal Affairs April 7, 2025. Reported favorably, with amendment, on April 14, 2025, by unanimous consent.

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 Resolution #: 5**

**Sponsor(s):** Speaker Rowan

**Short Title:** Waiving COGS Code § 201.6 for All Off-Campus Events Funded in Bill #2025

**Summary of Legislation:**

The bill waives COGS Code § 201.6 for All Off-Campus Events Funded in the annual budget, Bill #2025, as approved by the Congress on March 31, 2025.

**Background Information:**

All off-campus events funded by COGS must be approved by the Congress by resolution. This resolution provides blanket approval for off-campus events to events funded in the Annual Budget. The events funded in the budget were vetted by the Budget Committee and the committee believed that the proper amount of scrutiny has been applied to each event that is specifically line-itemed in the bill.

**Effect of Proposed Legislation:**

This resolution provides blanket approval for off-campus events to events funded in the Annual Budget. Adoption of this resolution allows the organizations to be in compliance with COGS Code while avoiding an avalanche of approval resolutions.

**Attachment(s):**

- Attachment #1: Proposed Resolution



## COGS Resolution #: 5

Sponsor(s): Speaker Rowan

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### A RESOLUTION

Waiving COGS Code § 201.6 for All Off-Campus Events Funded in Bill #2025

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- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Congress approved its annual Budget, Bill #2025, on March 31, 2025; and
- 2 **WHEREAS**, the line-items within the budget include several events that take place off-campus; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, COGS Code § 201.6 requires that all off-campus events be approved by resolution of the  
4 Assembly; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, the COGS Budget Committee heard from each organization that held off-campus events  
6 and were satisfied with the plans put forward by each organization;
- 7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Graduate Students at Florida**  
8 **State University that:** COGS Code § 201.6 is waived for each event funded in Bill #2025 and the  
9 organizations named therein are authorized to hold the events, that are specifically line-itemed  
10 within the bill, off-campus; and
- 11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:** Any events held off-campus which were not specifically mentioned  
12 in the bill's line-items are still required to be reported to and approved by the Assembly; and
- 13 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that:** The Deputy Speaker for Finance shall provide a copy of this  
14 resolution to each organization funded in Bill #2025 alongside the funding memo required by the  
15 proviso to Bill #2025.

**DONE AND ADOPTED** 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: \_\_\_\_\_





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

**COGS Bill/Resolution #:** Resolution 6

**Sponsor(s):** Speaker Rowan

**Short Title:** Congratulating Representatives Who are Graduating During Spring 2025 Commencement

**Summary of Legislation:**

The resolution congratulates several graduating representatives and celebrates their accomplishments.

**Background Information:**

The resolution congratulates several graduating representatives and celebrates their accomplishments.

**Effect of Proposed Legislation:**

The resolution congratulates several graduating representatives and celebrates their accomplishments.

**Attachment(s):**

- Attachment #1: Proposed Resolution



**COGS Resolution #: 6**

**Sponsor(s):** Speaker Rowan

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**A RESOLUTION**

Congratulating Representatives Who are Graduating During Spring or Summer 2025 Commencement

1 **WHEREAS**, several of the Congress's cherished representatives will be graduating during the  
2 Spring and Summer 2025 Commencement ceremonies; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Congress wishes to take the final meeting of its Spring 2025 session to reflect on  
4 and recognize the great work of these representatives; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Deputy Speaker Emeritus Dr. Laura Vaughn, Representative for Anne's College, has  
6 served with distinction as the Deputy Speaker for Communications in the 31st and 32nd  
7 Congress, fought vigorously for graduate students through her work with university  
8 administration, ensured that the Congress maintains perspective in all its discussions, been the  
9 force behind much of the Congress's outreach work and marketing, worked to build the  
10 Congress's reach by securing budgetary funding for one-time machine replacements in  
11 Campus Recreation, and successfully defended her doctoral dissertation relating to the  
12 experiences and challenges faced by international students in leadership positions; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Lauren Strickland, Representative for Anne's College, has enthusiastically served as  
14 the Outreach Chair for the 33rd Congress, served on the Garnet and Gold Votes Commission as  
15 the Congress's representative, and brought energy and passion to the Congress's work  
16 connecting with the Graduate Student Body as she pursues a Master's in Higher Education; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Jamila Alleyne, Representative for the College of Social Work, has brilliantly served  
18 as the Outreach Chair for the 32nd Congress as well as the Advocacy Vice Chair for the 33rd  
19 Congress, provided clarity and thoughtfulness to every debate she takes part in, and been a  
20 strong advocate for graduate communities that need to be heard as she pursued a Master's in  
21 Social Work; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Deputy Speaker Emeritus Jared Bethke, Representative for the College of Social  
23 Sciences and Public Policy, has dutifully served the Congress as the Deputy Speaker for Finance

24 for the closing months of the 32nd Congress and much of the 33rd Congress, led the Congress  
25 through an extremely successful Budget Week, modernized the conference grant system, and  
26 been an integral part in updating provisions of the COGS Code, all while working towards a  
27 Master's in Urban and Regional Planning; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Madeleine Guerra, Representative for the College of Communication and  
29 Information, served her college well as a member of the Internal Affairs and Budget  
30 Committees, carried several key allocation bills for student organizations, and provided  
31 valuable insights throughout discussions on bills and the reforms to the COGS Code, and is  
32 completing her Master's degree; and

33 **WHEREAS**, the graduating representatives have contributed to the success and progress of the  
34 Congress through their leadership, service, and commitment to the graduate student body;

35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Graduate Students at Florida**  
36 **State University that:** The Congress thanks the above-named members for their hard work,  
37 diligence, and advocacy throughout their time as a member of the Congress and the Congress  
38 will thoroughly miss them;

39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:** The Congress wishes the graduating representatives continued  
40 success in their academic, professional, and personal pursuits beyond Florida State University;  
41 and

42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:** The Speaker shall provide a copy of this Resolution to each  
43 named Representative and provide them with a COGS lapel pin, as a token of the Congress's  
44 gratitude.

**DONE AND ADOPTED** 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

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

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

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