



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

Calendar: June 2, 2025

Location: Senate Chambers

Time: 6:30 PM

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### Call to Order

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

### Reading and Approval of the Minutes

- COGS Meeting 05/19/25 Meeting Minutes

### Petitions into the Assembly

- Arezoo Bakhshizadeh, At-Large Seat 1

### Special Introductions and Student Comments

### Messages from Student Government

### Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs

### Report of Officers

- Report of the Speaker
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for 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

### New Business

- Bill 23: The Congressional Organizational Session Act of 2025
- Resolution #7: Congratulating the Student Body President on Being Elected Chair of the Florida Student Association

### Round Table

### Closing Announcements

### Adjournment

WEBVTT

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Jack Rowan: So we'll now proceed to roll. Call. Jake.

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Jake Aboulhosn: Here.

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Jack Rowan: Raheem

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Jack Rowan: Noah's here red one.

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Balogun Ridwan: Yeah.

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Jack Rowan: Data.

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jayda: Here.

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Jack Rowan: George Diego, the chief, has absent, excused Shazine.

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Shezin Waziha Hussain: Here.

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Jack Rowan: Isaiah.

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Isiah Maxey's iPhone: Here.

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Jack Rowan: Or Luis Islamia.

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Jack Rowan: I'm here seema deshawn.

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DaSean Stokes: Here.

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Jack Rowan: Taylor.

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Taylor Torres: Yeah.

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Jack Rowan: And Angelique.

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Angelique Tran: Here.

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Jack Rowan: And William, we have a quorum

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Jack Rowan: when I proceed to the reading and approval of the minutes for our meeting on April 21st 2025. Are there any corrections to the minutes?

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Jack Rowan: Wonderful?

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Jack Rowan: Oh, did I?

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Jack Rowan: Sorry we'll back up real quick. Oh, yeah.

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Jack Rowan: oh, that's right. And that's right? Because I didn't. I didn't have your response from the survey. Let me push it on here real quick.

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Jack Rowan: Is there anyone else whose name I didn't call.

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Jack Rowan: Okay.

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Jack Rowan: So we have 16 members present, and we we do still have quorum

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Jack Rowan: so is a reading approval of the minutes from April 21st 2025. Are there any corrections to the minutes.

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Jack Rowan: seeing none? Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

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Jack Rowan: Steven

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Jack Rowan: Steven moves to approve the minutes. Is there a second to the motion seconded by William. Is there any objection to approving the minutes?

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Jack Rowan: Seeing none, the minutes stand approved. We have no petitions into the Assembly tonight. Are there any special introductions and student comments?

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Jack Rowan: Messages from student government? There are none for the office of governmental affairs, none. Report of the officers. So I only have a couple of things tonight. One is for those who are. Those are in person have received their copy of the I gotta grab one.

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Jack Rowan: Have received their copy of the cogs budget report. If you are in Tallahassee you could get, you can come, get your copy of it. Just reach out to me, or I will have more copies at the rest of our meetings for coming in person. If

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Jack Rowan: I from kind of like after this meeting, I would hope that my hope is is that if you're in Tallahassee, please do try to come out, because we would love to see you all. But I know this meeting in particular was a bit weird because we got moved and because of that I do in our mind that apparently we got kicked out of the chambers for the next few meetings. So for this meeting and the 2 meetings in June. We are here in

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Jack Rowan: Ssb, 2 0, 8, so as you guys can, as anyone can see from the wide shot online. We have a cozy little environment here. But we'll also have a zoom option for those who aren't in town.

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Jack Rowan: I'm trying to think if there's anything else

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Jack Rowan: we have a short agenda tonight we might do so. We would have time for roundtable if y'all want to. And then for those who are in person. Unfortunately, Publix has stopped taking Fsu purchase orders, which is why there isn't food tonight. We're going to try to figure out what the situation is with that, and we hope to have food in our next meeting. If Publix decides to start taking our purchase orders again. So we'll see how that goes. But I think that's all I

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Jack Rowan: have. So we'll now move to the report of the deputy Speaker for finance, Steven.

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Jack Rowan: There you go. No, no, major updates for me other than I finished my onboarding and updated

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Jack Rowan: our profile on the website. So we can see that information if you're interested, for whatever reason.

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Jack Rowan: But I'd like to also add that if you have any questions for me or any input, now as deputy Speaker of Finance. Please come up to me at any time, or reach out to me via my email. But I'd be more than happy to have a conversation with any of all of you, and I will also have my office hours coming to which are hosted online.

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Jack Rowan: That's all for me. Thank you. Thank you, Steven. We don't have any. Or Noah had to step away for a moment. So he doesn't have a report. Oh, sorry, Jake.

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Jake Aboulhosn: Do you know who we got bumped for.

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Jack Rowan: Orientation.

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Jake Aboulhosn: Okay. Gotcha.

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Jack Rowan: So both the freshmen are enjoying the.

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Jake Aboulhosn: It is what it is. Yeah.

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Jack Rowan: New Senate chambers with the brand new AV equipment in it that I had spent time, and I I spent my Friday testing.

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Jack Rowan: You got it? Okay? We we have basically, I think we were only missing 2 people by the end of it.

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Jack Rowan: but I will say, since while. No, it's not here. I will say that. That he is an outreach committee. You guys have met with him and talked about merge stuff. Please get any notes to him you have on that very soon, because we do need to get our merch order in and you'll also hear more from him in the coming weeks about orientation. So we hope to have some more info about that coming up.

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Jack Rowan: Report the deputy Speaker for judicial judicial affairs. Ridwan.

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Balogun Ridwan: Hi, everyone! I I hope you're starting this summer on a good note.

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Balogun Ridwan: So for now we're still planning on. What's to bring next. So for now I don't have any report, and I wish to update you whenever we have one or 2 things to to bring up most, especially at the ongoing assignment by the internal affairs, to review to revise some of the quotes.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you very much, Ridwan. We'll now move to the report of the deputy Speaker for advocacy. Sean.

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DaSean Stokes: Hi! Everybody happy summer! The only thing I have is that I will be meeting with Kiana hopefully next week.

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DaSean Stokes: pending her availability. And

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DaSean Stokes: we'll start brainstorming some things for advocacy to tackle in the New Year. Looking forward to it.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you to Shawn. Which, speaking of advisor announcements, Kiana, okay, welcome back. That was a very short

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Jack Rowan: right? It's saying

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Jack Rowan: so so welcome back into the meeting. I don't think I have anything I was trying to remember

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Jack Rowan: you already told them. I'm sure that Ssb is, gonna be our home.

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Jack Rowan: Yeah. Oh, I'm sure you told them very happily.

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Jack Rowan: yeah, I don't think I have anything. If anything comes to mind, I'll definitely know, but as of now, just welcome back.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you, Anna.

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Jack Rowan: I actually do so with committee report because the committees haven't met since our last meeting I will take the opportunity to talk about the committees for the summer. In lieu of the actual report of the committees.

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Jack Rowan: Traditionally for summer cogs. We actually don't have our committees meet. We just meet as the full body, and if we have any committee work kind of do it. In the whole, there are enough members this time around. We have 20 members that we can still have committees meeting this summer, and after talking with the Executive Board. We do believe that there is some work for the committees to do this summer.

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Jack Rowan: I, as it stands right now. The Internal Affairs Committee is expected to continue to meet on during the committee weeks. So in the off weeks in the off weeks, the Internal Affairs Committee is still expected to meet the Outreach committee is expected to meet likely next week with a brief hiatus for the month of June, and then probably picking up its meetings in mid July.

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Jack Rowan: And then the Advocacy Committee schedule is Tbd, app pending. I I'm pending further conversations with Shazine and deshawn about the about how often advocacy will need to meet this summer.

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Jack Rowan: I also want to flag for everyone, because you all probably got an email about this in your student email, the University. It is considering a proposal to increase what's called local fees

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Jack Rowan: at the June board of trustees meeting the local fees are comprised of the activity and service fee which makes up our budget as well as the budget of all of Sga. The health fee which pays for a myriad of things, but mainly it pays for Uhs operations, and the athletic fee which helps to cover some of the cost of the athletics or the operation of the Athletics department.

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Jack Rowan: Each of those fees are being proposed to be increased. This year I sat on the local Fees committee. I was one of the appointees of the student body president. And there was also another law student who was appointed to that committee.

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Jack Rowan: and we recommended an increase because none of these fees have been increased in 13 years, which has caused some budget constraints for a lot of our University departments. I'd be more than happy if you have any questions about the local fees increase. If you want to come, talk to me either here or give me a phone, give me a call email me, I'd be happy to talk with you about it.

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Jack Rowan: but yeah, it's going. It's going up with that. I'm in support of the of the increase, especially because we have had constraints on places like camps. Recreation, the Union Uhs, and the good news is that with the proposed increase. It should only be, on average about a hit of about 30 bucks, 30 to \$40 a year. In exchange for having our services kind of be on back on par

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Jack Rowan: but again happy to answer any questions about that in the off time, if y'all have any

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Jack Rowan: which now takes us to my agenda will start working again.

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Jack Rowan: We have no funding requests. We have no unfinished business, so we're so we move straight to our one piece of business tonight. Bill 22 the the bill on Law School Council electing its leadership. It is a bill that I'm sponsoring, so I will have to pass the chair over to Steven Steven. The chair is yours.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you. Well, you have 5 min for your opening statement. We're done. Go ahead and get that.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you very much. So I I unfortunately, I had to run this bill because both of our law, our law school representatives have had to. I've had to leave I'm because they're getting very busy with their work at the law school and also their summer job.

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Jack Rowan: So this bill is basically covering an issue that arose in the Law School Council's elections this past spring. Typically under the way the code is written, there are 6 at large members of the Law School Council. They are elected on a single giant ballot, and the top 6 vote getters are elected with the top vote getter becoming the vice chair of the Lsc.

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Jack Rowan: And the second most the person gets second most votes, becoming the treasurer of Lsc. This past spring there were only 6 candidates for the at large positions. So they were all elected on unopposed. Because of that there was no vote that was able to happen to determine who's the vice chair and the treasurer? This bill? 22 would basically create a

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Jack Rowan: an off ramp for that. That in in the weird case that this happens again, and also this would affect them right now. The board would be able to elect their own vice chair and treasurer from amongst the at large members, so it still be at the at large. Members who are elected by the Law School student body, who would serve as vice chair secretary. It's just in the case that there is no vote they're able to elect their officers internally, and that's the bill.

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Jack Rowan: Great. Thank you. So now, in a period of general questions for the sponsors, though. So if anyone has any questions

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Jack Rowan: any, I can't see the zoom. Is there any other?

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Jack Rowan: Alright

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Jack Rowan: with no questions. We need a motion to go forward, or can we now, in a period of pro? So we'll now do a period of pro. Does anyone have anything to say in favor of this bill

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Jack Rowan: and then on Zoom.

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Jack Rowan: So now we'll do a period of com. So does anyone have anything to say in com of this bill.

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Jack Rowan: In the call question we have to call the question, and then we need a second sorry.

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Balogun Ridwan: London.

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Jack Rowan: Great. Thank you. And then so you have 5 min for closing statement. Right?

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Jack Rowan: Yeah, I'll be brief with it. I'll just say that we time that this bill has been run past the president of the Student Bar Association, as well as the current chair of the Law School Council. No comments were, I know comments were received from either of them. It's a pretty simple bill there might be, some more conversations about the about how Lsc. Is structured in the coming months. But that's a conversation, probably for fall. This is just a quick fix to get them through this next year.

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Jack Rowan: and I I yield well, thank you, sponsor, and now time for the vote.

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Jack Rowan: so please raise your hand. If your vote is for for yes, for this bill.

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Jack Rowan: Oh.

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Jack Rowan: yeah. So if you, if you're a favor of the bill, just hit the raise hand button on on Zoom.

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Jack Rowan: or you can put it in the chat.

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Jack Rowan: 7 in person. Yes, I have. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, I have 7 on zoom. So 14. Yes.

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Jack Rowan: then, now raise your hand, for now

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Jack Rowan: 0 knows. And then anyone abstaining

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Jack Rowan: no abstentions. So with about 14 yes, 0 nos and 0 abstentions, this passes. Thank you. Again. Sponsor. Thank you. Guys.

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Jack Rowan: So that is, that was actually our only piece of business tonight. We'll hopefully have more, probably next, and probably next month next meeting

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Jack Rowan: would, but we are now in our roundtable.

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Jack Rowan: So we do have time, for it's only 6, 54 and I don't see any hands going up for a motion, so we'll kick off Round table you were here for you. Well, you're here for a weird, modified version of the roundtable, where we where we we let where we just like let people go. We usually we go around and we give everyone a chance. So I'll actually start us off with the zoom.

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Jack Rowan: I'm just gonna go by the list of who I have on here. Angelique.

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Angelique Tran: Hi, everyone. So last Round Table I shared that I was applying to

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Angelique Tran: grad for another master's program, and I'm happy to say that I'll be attending University of Colorado, Denver, in the fall

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Angelique Tran: for a master's in environmental science. So I'm really excited about that. And

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Angelique Tran: yeah, hopefully, next meeting. I can come in there in person with you all too.

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Jack Rowan: Congratulations, Angela. We're all really proud of you.

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Angelique Tran: Thank you.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you so much.

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Jack Rowan: Bird. Want you got anything.

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Balogun Ridwan: Yes, I think I I have more than anything.

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Balogun Ridwan: It's been a long time, you know.

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Balogun Ridwan: and the last time we met I was still discussing with you, Jack.

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Balogun Ridwan: but I don't know if I will be traveling to Nigeria for my field work.

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Balogun Ridwan: But I think I made a decision in the last minute

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Balogun Ridwan: of the old thing, so I just have to travel. I booked my flight on Tuesday. Then I traveled on Saturday.

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Balogun Ridwan: So, as I'm speaking to you, I'm in Nigeria

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Balogun Ridwan: trying to face the double eat of renewing my visa

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Balogun Ridwan: because I need to renew it before coming back going to for to to field to collect more data.

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Balogun Ridwan: Then you know some family stuffs. I still have to deal with those things as well. So presently

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Balogun Ridwan: I'm in a very tough situation, so I just hope

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Balogun Ridwan: I will hear from the Us. Embassy here in Nigeria about the renewal of my of my visa

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Balogun Ridwan: because the new thing for international students now is to place them on administrative procedure.

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Balogun Ridwan: and once the Department of State confirms that you are good to go, then that is, when the

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Balogun Ridwan: issue you a visa, or they renew your visa.

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Balogun Ridwan: And I hope that I hear a very positive result from that. Then another thing which is on a good note

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Balogun Ridwan: just last week I was informed.

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Balogun Ridwan: though not officially informed, or at least the committee in my department told me that I've been selected for the Dean award for doctoral excellence.

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Balogun Ridwan: and that goes with the funding the 2 years of funding for my program, so that I'm very excited to be selected for this

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Balogun Ridwan: outstanding award. And I hope

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Balogun Ridwan: that I will be able to do well in the next years of my program.

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Balogun Ridwan: So it's good to see everyone again. We are still trying to build

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Balogun Ridwan: the foundation that has been, you know. In a way challenge not defeated.

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Balogun Ridwan: So I hope by the time we resume in fall.

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Balogun Ridwan: Then everything will go back to normal, and then we'll still have the kind of community we always have, you know, every 2 weeks.

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Balogun Ridwan: So it's good to see everyone again, and hope we shall see you soon, you know. When the fall semester starts.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you, Ridwan. Congratulations on the award.

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Jack Rowan: Nashawn

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Jack Rowan: drives all of us.

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Jack Rowan: I'll come back around to him, Isaiah.

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Isiah Maxey's iPhone: Hello! Can you hear me?

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Jack Rowan: Yes, we can hear you.

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Isiah Maxey's iPhone: Okay, I'm doing well. I am in my trying to be Abd very soon. So just trying to get my prelims in, that's really on my mind. I'm trying to get up out of here.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you much. Jake.

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Jake Aboulhosn: Hey, everyone I'm in my kitchen. I'm cooking. I took the time to

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Jake Aboulhosn: multitask here, but I've had a you know, a very long, busy spring semester in the in the President's office, and and with my classes. So I'm really happy. That summer's right around the corner. Gonna find some time to take off and and figure some things out. But

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Jake Aboulhosn: few people have reached out to me recently about joining cogs and petitioning into the assembly, so I've been

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Jake Aboulhosn: letting them know about that. And I'm calling it passive advocacy. People are going to to join soon, hopefully, and when they do, I'll call them out, but that's all from me.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you. Drake. Jada.

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jayda: Hello, okay. You guys can hear me. Everybody. I hope you guys are having a great summer. It's been starting off pretty productive, pretty busy for me. I have 2 classes. I have an internship

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jayda: actually like 2 internships, one where I'm doing a lot of

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jayda: work, as far as being the leader, and the second one being more of like a mastery program of being underneath a business consultant and meeting with him weekly on the businesses that he's been having to consult. So just kind of being under his wing. So that's been really exciting. And then the other internship, where I'm more sort of like the marketing coordinator.

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jayda: I've been really excited about that, because I just created a marketing strategy to try to get 20 people to enroll into our Guatemala immersion program, which I'll be dropping more details about later on. Once we finish up some flyers. But basically it's a social innovation and entrepreneurship immersion program in Guatemala that focuses on helping out

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jayda: the women and girls of Guatemala when it comes to providing them with economic

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jayda: stability. And you know financial growth with the the small projects or the work that they do to provide for themselves and their families, whether that be through sewing or painting and cooking. So just being there, it's going to be a 10 day trip, and it's during spring break of 2026. So this summer, that's 1 of my major projects is really finalizing that marketing plan, getting a lot of people enrolled. It's not only confined to Fsu students. I'm going to be reaching out to the Tallah community as a whole.

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jayda: And so I'm excited about that. It's been a pretty pretty good summer so far. So. And then I'm graduating this summer hopefully. So I'm just trying to get A's in my remaining 2 classes and finish off strong.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you very much. Jada Shaheen.

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Shahin Alam: Hello, everyone.

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Shahin Alam: Oh, I think this summer is really kind of a lot of things I need to achieve.

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Shahin Alam: On top of that, I'm applying for the job. I already have couple of interview interview.

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Shahin Alam: Although I'm not optimistic to get the job, I think I did tremendously bad in the interview.

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Shahin Alam: And I I'm I'm going to almost like bi-weekly. I'm going for

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Shahin Alam: my sampling. So I'm planning to graduate in December.

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Shahin Alam: and I'm planning to take my engineering exam.

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Shahin Alam: This summer.

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Shahin Alam: and I became the president of civil and graduate civil and Environmental Engineering Graduate Student Association. So that's good news.

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Shahin Alam: And that's it. That's it, I guess.

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Shahin Alam: And happy summer everybody.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you very much. Shahim.

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Shezin Waziha Hussain: Hi, good evening, everyone happy. Summer.

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Shezin Waziha Hussain: I'm just hanging by doing continuing with the teaching, and I was expecting less students this summer, but turns out to be a really large class. And yeah, coping with that working on my data collection since I finished my prospectus.

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Shezin Waziha Hussain: And what did I do. Yeah, I went to Universal and Island of adventure. So that was fun. It was just for a day, like 2 days to Orlando, and because I've been waiting to go there. I, Nick, I also want to go to Disney, but I don't know if that will work out. But yeah, universal was fun and just catching up with work. And yeah, that's all I have from my end. Thank you.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you. Shazine Taylor.

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Taylor Torres: Hello! Yeah, I don't really have too much I

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Taylor Torres: I guess I just finished my 1st year as a master's student. So I'm now halfway done

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Taylor Torres: with my master's degree.

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Taylor Torres: I don't intend on doing much this summer.

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00:26:39.840 --> 00:26:42.279

Taylor Torres: So yeah, I don't really have too much to say.

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Taylor Torres: just looking forward to a good summer semester.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you, Taylor. We'll take it over to the room. Then I'll come back around for Noah and deshawn. So we do wanna kick us off in the room, hey? Everyone

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Jack Rowan: mean. I went to Puerto Rico last week, the last. Sometimes in the last 2 weeks I'm losing track of time. But I got to see my family after a year. So that was nice.

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Jack Rowan: And this summer I'm gonna be working with Tsc as a liaison for Fsu and Tsc, just working with strengthening those connections with aspire and just transfer students overall to see what else? Yeah, I'm working just 2 jobs with Tsc, and then here and then working with you guys which I'm really excited about, I'm really, really happy that I get to be here with you guys and getting to know all of you and then doing research

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Jack Rowan: hopefully. Next week, we're gonna submit for publication with a literature review. So hopefully, that's gonna get done. And that's what what this is gonna look like, this research and lots of work. And hopefully, every now and then I go out and make sure. Take a deep breath. This is, gonna be stressful. We're gonna do.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you very much, William.

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Jack Rowan: Yeah. It's it's been a good also summer so far last week I finished up my round one interviews with Ernst and young and local firm here in town so hopefully next week I'll have my second round of interviews. And hopefully, I'll get

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Jack Rowan: a job after I graduate. So yeah, it's it's been good so far.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you, Steven.

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Jack Rowan: And no major update for me. This summer's been a nice transition, and I just got back from a conference in Baltimore 1st time going up to that city. For me.

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Jack Rowan: It's an interesting experience being down at the inner harbor, but it was definitely a fun experience, to say the least, and very productive at the conference as well, and then came back and

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Jack Rowan: luckily won the award for Fsu's Institute of successful longevity as well, which came with a nice little cash prize, and on top of the toaster competition. Place. Second place on that. So

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Jack Rowan: yeah, nice little bonus going into the summer as well with some of the rewards with that. But besides that just getting ready, for I got my comments back from my F. 31. Fortunately I didn't get funded, but I got some good scores and some good feedback, so I'm looking forward to reapplying in the next application cycle. That's all. I'm looking forward to congrats on the award man. Thank you. Seema.

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Jack Rowan: So I have my proposal. Okay, my successful package.

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Jack Rowan: Yeah, I know, for you have fun, and I'm back fresh out of

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Jack Rowan: perfect congrat congrats on, I successfully defending.

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Jack Rowan: Wow!

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Jack Rowan: I have my filling exam, I would say 5

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Jack Rowan: hope so. I submitted a manuscript to the Channel, but he got rejected.



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Jack Rowan: So I'm working on that. And in the summer

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Jack Rowan: it's it's kind of slow. I'm I'm playing a lot of soccer

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Jack Rowan: hopefully staying hydrated. It's hot out here, man.

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Jack Rowan: I it's been a busy few weeks. I started my job today on my summer job today, which is why I've been just sitting here squeezing the stress on the stress ball because they they have like branded like branded stress ball. And I was like, I have to take at least one, but this summer has been an interesting one already. Between this law review and life.

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Jack Rowan: Got fairly sick. Yeah, I got fairly sick the other week. So now it's still catch up from all of that. But happy to be back happy to see you all happy to even see that all y'all who are online.

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Jack Rowan: Oh, hey, Noah's back. So we can actually go straight to him. Noah.

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Noah Kirchmeyer-Baez: I I just got here so at this moment I don't know what where.

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Jack Rowan: We're in Round table. Okay?

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Noah Kirchmeyer-Baez: Thank you. Just got off of a shift from Ucf. Started at 7 am. So

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Noah Kirchmeyer-Baez: it's been. It's been a fun time.

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Noah Kirchmeyer-Baez: But hello to everyone. I hope you all are doing well. In terms of like position updates nothing, really at the moment. But besides that, I did get my chapter approved for a book that I'm co-writing. So that feels great.

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Noah Kirchmeyer-Baez: And really, that's it. This is my 1st semester, not taking summer semester, not taking classes. So I'm literally just

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Noah Kirchmeyer-Baez: trying to relax as much as I can at this moment.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you. Noah deshawn rounding us out.

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DaSean Stokes: Okay.

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DaSean Stokes: Hi, everyone.

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DaSean Stokes: I trying to think what I've been doing mostly. So I took a vacation. So I'm currently in Pennsylvania. I'm in Philadelphia.

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DaSean Stokes: and I was feeling much better because I got sick last week. But I'm feeling better, which is good. I'm getting to visit family and friends and travel a lot. I drove all the way up here from Tallahassee. I'm from the Midwest, so I'm used to driving so it's been really nice to relax and get out of Tallahassee and get some new perspective to take it to the Summer and New Year. Luckily I don't have any classes, but I

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DaSean Stokes: have a lot of music to learn. Which is a good thing, because that's what I do.

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DaSean Stokes: And I'm excited because we had a meeting for the conference that my organization is putting on.

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DaSean Stokes: So that's gonna be exciting because we're gonna submit money that we're gonna ask you all to fund the conference. The

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Jack Rowan: July 7th July in your calendars. That's when we're getting Bill.

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DaSean Stokes: Great so we'll we'll do that. And the Dean and the College of Music is very excited to support us. So yeah, I'm doing great. I'm enjoying the summer. I'm hoping everyone else is also enjoying the summer.

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Jack Rowan: Thank you to Sean. Well, that takes us through everybody on the Round Table. So that brings us to closing announcements. Does anyone have any closing announcements.

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Jack Rowan: any final things, final words of wisdom

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Jack Rowan: seeing none that brings us to the end of our the end of our business. Our next meeting is June second at 6 30 Pm. For those in Tallahassee. We will be back here in Ssb. 208 yippee and for those who are out of Tallahassee, of course we will see you all on the owl. Thank you all very much. Is there a motion to adjourn.

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Jack Rowan: Stephen Stephen moves to adjourn. Is there a second to the motion.

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Shezin Waziha Hussain: Weekend.

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Jack Rowan: Seconded by Fahad. Is there any objection to the motion? Hearing none, we are adjourned at 7 12 Pm. Good night. Everyone.

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Shezin Waziha Hussain: Hi! Good night!

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Noah Kirchmeyer-Baez: Good night. Y'all.



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

**COGS Bill #: 7**

**Sponsor(s):** Speaker Rowan

**Short Title:** The Congressional Organizational Session Act of 2025

**Summary of Legislation:**

The bill amends Chapter 111 of COGS Code to establish organizational sessions at the start of each Congress to elect officers. The bills makes conforming changes to Chapter 117 of COGS Code to relocate language establishing the order of seniority when necessary to assume the chair at COGS meetings.

**Background Information:**

During the 2024-2025 Constitutional Review Commission, discussions began about implementing a series of organizational sessions for the Student Senate and COGS to each elect their leadership prior to fall inauguration. The Commission approved a proposed amendment that would place the Senate's organizational session in the Student Body Constitution.

The Florida Legislature currently holds an organizational session within two weeks of a general election in order to elect the officers of each body, establish rules of procedure, and complete other housekeeping business.

**Effect of Proposed Legislation:**

The bill requires that, no later than two weeks after the Fall SGA elections, the Supervisor of Elections certify the results of all COGS elections that do not have outstanding violations or contests. The bill provides the form for such certifications.

The bill would require that the Speaker call an organizational session at least two weeks after the fall elections. At this organizational session, the Congress would elect a Speaker, as well as several of the Deputy Speakers.

The bill further lays out a more formalized process for the election of a Speaker, including a requirement that candidates declare their candidacy through written form submitted to the

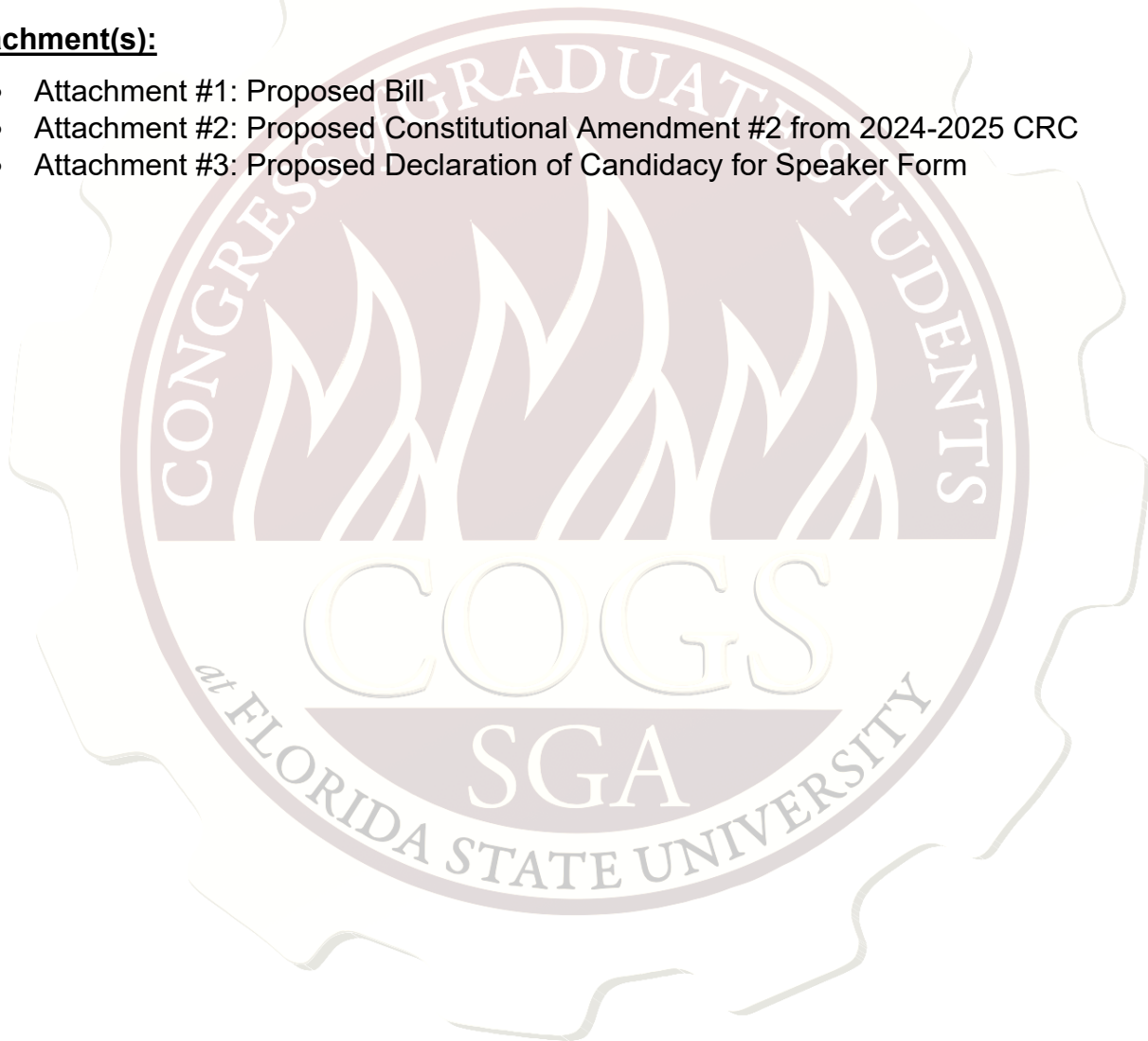
sitting Speaker and affirming that they intend to serve the entirety of their term. The bill provides the contents of such a form, which is attached (in final form) as Attachment #3.

The election process for Deputy Speakers will not change, as a result of this bill, except that the elections will take place at the organizational session.

Section 2 reinserts language from Chapter 111 into Chapter 117 that defines who the most senior member of the Congress is and how seniority should be tracked.

**Attachment(s):**

- Attachment #1: Proposed Bill
- Attachment #2: Proposed Constitutional Amendment #2 from 2024-2025 CRC
- Attachment #3: Proposed Declaration of Candidacy for Speaker Form





**COGS Bill #: 23**

**Sponsor(s): Speaker Rowan**

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## **AN ACT**

Establishing Congressional Organizational Sessions

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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. Short Title**

3 This act may be referred to as "The Congressional Organizational Session Act of 2025."

4 **Section 2. Amendment to COGS Code Chapter 111, "Elections".**

5 Chapter 111 of the COGS Code, entitled "Elections," is amended to read:

- 6 1. The SGA Supervisor of Elections shall be responsible for conducting elections for the  
7 Congress of Graduate Students. The Congress agrees that its elections shall be governed by  
8 the Student Government Election Code, as laid out in Student Body Statutes Title VII, except  
9 that the following procedures shall control for COGS elections, notwithstanding conflicting  
10 provisions of the Election Code:
- 11 a. COGS elections shall be non-partisan,
- 12 b. Candidates for COGS do not need to attend the Candidate Seminars,
- 13 c. Candidates for COGS shall file a combined Campaign Finance Statement by the Final  
14 Expense Statement deadline, as set out in Title VII, which shall include:
- 15 1. An itemized list of all campaign contributions and expenditures, or
- 16 2. A statement, under penalty of disqualification, that the candidate received no  
17 contributions, nor made any expenditures.
- 18 d. Any ties in a COGS election shall be resolved by a vote of COGS immediately upon the  
19 convening of the new Congress, taken by secret ballot, with the tied candidates being on  
20 the secret ballot.

- 21 e. No more than two weeks after election day, the Supervisor of Elections shall certify, in  
22 writing to the Speaker, the election of all COGS representatives whose elections are not  
23 under active appeal. This certification shall include, at minimum:
- 24 1. The date of the Supervisor's certification,  
25 2. The name of each Representative certified as elected and their seat,  
26 3. A statement of certification under the Elections Code and COGS Code,  
27 4. The signature of the Supervisor and a witness, whose name shall be listed in  
28 print as well as the signature, and  
29 5. The SGA seal.
- 30 2. COGS shall be composed of forty-three (43) seats with the following allocation:  
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- 32 a. Thirty (30) seats for the members of each college/academic unit, except for the College  
33 of Applied Studies and Special Students, apportioned annually through the D'Hondt  
34 Method, based on the most recent annual population data for each college, as provided  
35 by the University.
- 36 1. By the second COGS Assembly meeting of the Fall Semester, the SGA  
37 Supervisor of Elections shall provide the Assembly, by memo and personal  
38 appearance at the meeting, with a list detailing the number of seats apportioned  
39 to each college/academic unit, as well as an accounting of the calculations used  
40 to determine the apportionment. Should the list not be provided by this deadline,  
41 the COGS Executive Board shall be empowered to facilitate the apportionment in  
42 the Supervisor's place.
- 43 2. Should there be a discrepancy that results in the erroneous allocation of seats,  
44 the Assembly may move to reject the apportionment and request that the  
45 Supervisor (or COGS Executive Board, if providing the list under sub-subsection  
46 (1)) provide a corrected apportionment to the Assembly at their next meeting.  
47 Such motion requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote to pass and is debatable.
- 48 3. If no motion to reject is passed, the apportionment shall become official upon  
49 adjournment of the Assembly meeting in which it is presented.
- 50 b. Six (6) advocate seats under the following titles: Graduate Student Housing Advocate,  
51 International Student Advocate, LGBTQ+ Student Advocate, Minority Student Advocate,  
52 Veteran's Advocate, and Student with Disabilities Advocate. Any graduate student,  
53 regardless of college, may serve as an Advocate,
- 54 c. Six (6) At-Large seats, which may be filled by any graduate student, regardless of  
55 college, and
- 56 d. One (1) seat for the combined grouping of Special Students, the College of Applied  
57 Studies, and the Panama City Campus. Should this seat be filled, attendance by the  
58 representative will count towards quorum, but failure to attend will not count against  
59 quorum.
- 60 3. The Supervisor of Elections shall advertise the seat allocation information at least twenty-four  
61 (24) hours before the first day of the Declaration of Candidacy date, as specified by the Student



Government Election Code. The Deputy Speaker of Communications shall also advertise the seats up for election on the Congress's social media pages.

4. Elections will be held in conjunction with the regular fall semester Student Government elections.
5. All enrolled graduate students are eligible to vote in COGS elections.
6. Election appeals shall be made to the Student Government Elections Commission, as specified by Title VII. Appeals from the Elections Commission shall be to the Florida State University Student Supreme Court.
7. Regular elections to the Assembly shall take place only during the fall semester.
8. Elections of the officers for COGS shall take place at an organizational session in which all COGS members elected at the fall election may vote. Officers elected at the organizational session shall assume office upon being sworn in at fall inauguration. on the first meeting of the newly convened Congress. A Speaker and two other members of the COGS Executive Committee must be elected before the first meeting adjourns.
  - a. The organizational session shall be held at least one week prior to Fall Inauguration and shall be called by the Speaker, within twenty-four (24) hours of the announcement of COGS election results, by memorandum to the elected members and published electronically to the public. The organizational session must occur at least two weeks after the announcement of election results.
  - b. Upon the calling of the organizational session, the Speaker shall provide all elected members with a form for the declaration of candidacy to the office of Speaker. Candidates for Speaker must complete the form and return the form to the Speaker no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the organizational session. The form shall be created by the Speaker and shall include:
    1. The title "Declaration of Candidacy for Office of Speaker",
    2. The statement "I, [NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE], do hereby declare my candidacy for the office of Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students. I affirm, on penalty of impeachment, that I am an enrolled graduate or professional student at Florida State University, that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Student Body Constitution, that I will not graduate during the term I am seeking election for, and that I intend to serve the entire one-year term."
    3. A signature and date line for the candidate to sign and date,
    4. A signature, print name, and date line, entitled "Nominator", for the representative that intends to nominate the candidate,
    5. A signature, print name, and date line, entitled "Seconder", for the representative that intends to second the nomination of the candidate,
  - c. No later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the organizational session, the Speaker shall publish the names of all candidates for Speaker to the elected members.
  - d. The Speaker shall serve as Chair for the organizational session.

101 1. Should the Chair be a candidate in the election of a COGS officer, the Chair shall  
102 be assumed by the next eligible person in the Chapter 117 line of succession for  
103 the purpose of that election.

104 e. The Speaker shall begin by tabling the certificates of election of COGS Representatives.  
105 The Speaker shall then call the roll of Representatives-elect to determine whether a  
106 quorum is present. Should a quorum be present, the Speaker shall immediately proceed  
107 to the election of a Speaker for the next Congress. Upon the election of a Speaker, the  
108 Chair shall move to the elections of the Deputy Speakers for Finance, Communications,  
109 Judicial Affairs, and Advocacy, respectively.

110 1. If a quorum is not present, the Congress shall recess for fifteen (15) minutes and,  
111 upon reconvening, call the roll of Representatives-elect again. If a quorum is still  
112 not present, the Speaker shall adjourn the meeting and call another  
113 organizational session to convene no later than seventy-two hours after the  
114 noticed meeting time of the original organizational session.

115 f. A Speaker and two other members of the COGS Executive Committee must be elected  
116 before the organizational meeting adjourns.

117 g. The Chair shall then move to a period of closing announcements, followed by the  
118 adjournment of the meeting, upon the election of all members of the Executive  
119 Committee or upon a two-thirds majority vote of the members-elect to adjourn after the  
120 requirements of paragraph (f) are met.

121 9. COGS officer election procedures shall be the following:

122 a. Members of the COGS Executive Committee shall be elected from among the  
123 membership of COGS. Election shall be by secret ballot and shall require a majority vote  
124 in order to elect a candidate. Quorum of the Congress must be present for the election of  
125 each member of the COGS Executive Committee.

126 ~~b. The most senior member of COGS who was a member of the previous Congress, based~~  
127 ~~on date of swearing in (ties broken by alphabetical order of last name), shall act as the~~  
128 ~~Temporary Chair for the first meeting of the new Congress until the Congress elects a~~  
129 ~~Representative to the Office of the Speaker, at which time the Speaker shall be sworn in~~  
130 ~~and chair the Congress. The Temporary Chair shall have the right to cast a vote for~~  
131 ~~election of the Speaker in such cases where his/her vote would be decisive.~~

132 ~~1. The COGS Advisor shall, with the assistance of the Deputy Speaker for~~  
133 ~~Communications, maintain a list noting the order of seniority among members of~~  
134 ~~COGS.~~

135 ~~2. If all members who were a member of the previous Congress are candidates for~~  
136 ~~Speaker, the Student Body President shall act as the Temporary Chair.~~

137 c. Nominations for Officers shall be taken from the floor and shall require a second. Each  
138 candidate may accept or decline the nomination. After receipt of nominees, the Chair  
139 shall close the floor for nominations, only after ensuring that no other nominations are to  
140 be made. If only one candidate is nominated, that candidate shall be declared to be  
141 elected by acclamation. The elected officer shall then be allowed to make a brief  
142 statement to the Congress.

143 1. At the organizational session, called pursuant to subsection (8), only those  
144 candidates for Speaker who have returned a completed form, as specified in  
145 subsection (8), to the Chair are eligible for nomination, unless no candidate

returns such form. The chair shall call upon the nominator and seconder listed in each candidate's form to nominate and second the candidate. If the nominator or seconder is not present, the Chair may take the nomination or second from any other member-elect.

- d. If there are two or more candidates who accepted their nomination, each shall be allowed, in alphabetical order, to address the Congress for no more than two (2) minutes. The Chair shall allow three (3) minutes of questions per candidate. No "con" debate shall be permitted during the election process. All nominees not addressing or taking questions from the Congress shall remain outside the COGS Chambers. Candidates shall not be present during debate on the candidates. Debate on the candidates shall take no more than five (5) minutes. Motions to extend time for opening addresses, questions and discussion of the candidates may be made by Representatives in the Chambers and pass by a majority vote of the Representatives in the Chambers. Once the question has successfully been called to vote on the position, all nominees may enter the Chambers and cast their own secret ballots with the rest of the Congress.

10. COGS Officers shall take the following oath prior to assuming office: "I, [NAME], do swear that I will support, protect, and defend the constitution and laws of the United States, the State of Florida, and the Florida State University Student Body; that I shall serve and protect the rights and interests of graduate and professional students; and that I shall carry out my duties, in the role of [POSITION] of the Congress of Graduate Students, to the best of my abilities; so help me God."

- a. Officers are entitled to request that the following alternate oath be administered: "I, [NAME], affirm, on pain of impeachment, that I will support, protect, and defend the constitution and laws of the United States, the State of Florida, and the Florida State University Student Body; that I shall serve and protect the rights and interests of graduate and professional students; and that I shall carry out my duties, in the role of [POSITION] of the Congress of Graduate Students, to the best of my abilities."

### **Section 3. Amendment to COGS Code Chapter 117, "Line Of Succession Of The Congress Of Graduate Students".**

Section 1 of Chapter 117 of the COGS Code, entitled "Line of Succession of the Congress of Graduate Students," is amended to read:

1. In the event of a vacancy in the Office of the Speaker for reason(s) of resignation, incapacitation, ineligibility under the Florida State Student Body Constitution, or for any other lawful reason, the Deputy Speaker for Finance shall act as Speaker until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Assembly. At this time, a new Speaker shall be elected to serve until the expiration of the Congress in which the vacancy occurred. If the Assembly does not elect a new Speaker, the acting Speaker will continue until the Speaker returns or a new Speaker is elected.
  - a. If the Deputy Speaker for Finance is unavailable, then the order of succession, in descending order, shall be:
    1. Deputy Speaker for Communication
    2. Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs
    3. Deputy Speaker of Advocacy

- 190 4. Chair of Internal Affairs
- 191 5. Chair of Outreach
- 192 6. Chair of Advocacy
- 193 7. The most senior member of COGS, as defined in COGS Code §111.9(b).
- 194 1. The most senior member of COGS shall be defined based on the date of
- 195 swearing in (ties broken by alphabetical order of last name). The
- 196 Temporary Chair shall have the right to cast a vote for election of the
- 197 Speaker in such cases where his/her vote would be decisive.
- 198 2. The COGS Advisor shall, with the assistance of the Deputy Speaker for
- 199 Communications, maintain a list noting the order of seniority among
- 200 members of COGS.
- 201 b. If the current acting Speaker is nominated for the office of Speaker, the next officer
- 202 willing, able, and eligible to serve as identified in § 117.1(a) of this code, in descending
- 203 order, shall immediately assume the Chair for the purpose of conducting the election. If
- 204 no officer is willing and able, the most senior member of COGS (as defined in COGS
- 205 Code § 117.1(a)(7) ~~§111.9(b)~~), who is willing and able, shall immediately assume the
- 206 Chair for the purpose of conducting the election.

207 **Section 4. Effective Date.**

208 The provisions of this bill shall take effect upon becoming law.

**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:**

- Internal Affairs

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

**COGS Resolution #: 7**

**Sponsor(s):** Speaker Rowan

**Short Title:** A Resolution Congratulating the Student Body President on Being Elected Chair of the Florida Student Association and Proposing a Revision to Chapter 607, Student Body Statutes

**Summary of Legislation:**

The resolution congratulates President Carson Dale on his election as Chair of the Florida Student Association and proposes an amendment to Chapter 607, Student Body Statutes, designating the COGS Speaker as FSU's representative on the Florida Student Association's Graduate Student Committee.

**Background Information:**

The Florida Student Association (FSA) is the official nonprofit organization representing the more than 400,000 students in the Florida State University System.<sup>1</sup> The FSA's board of directors is made up of the student body presidents of the twelve state universities, who elect a chair from among themselves.<sup>2</sup> The chair of the FSA serves as a member of the Florida State University System Board of Governors, which regulates the entire Florida State University System.<sup>3</sup>

On May 30, 2025, FSU Student Body President Carson Dale was elected Chair of the FSA by the FSA Board of Directors. In consultation with Speaker Rowan, President Dale proposed an amendment to the FSA constitution that created a Graduate Student Committee, comprised of a graduate student representative from each of the twelve state universities. The amendment was adopted by the Board of Directors. As a result, FSU SGA needs to designate, by statute, an official to serve on the Graduate Student Committee.

**Effect of Proposed Legislation:**

The resolution congratulates President Carson Dale on his election as Chair of the FSA.

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<sup>1</sup> § 1004.26(5)(a), Fla. Stat. (2024).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

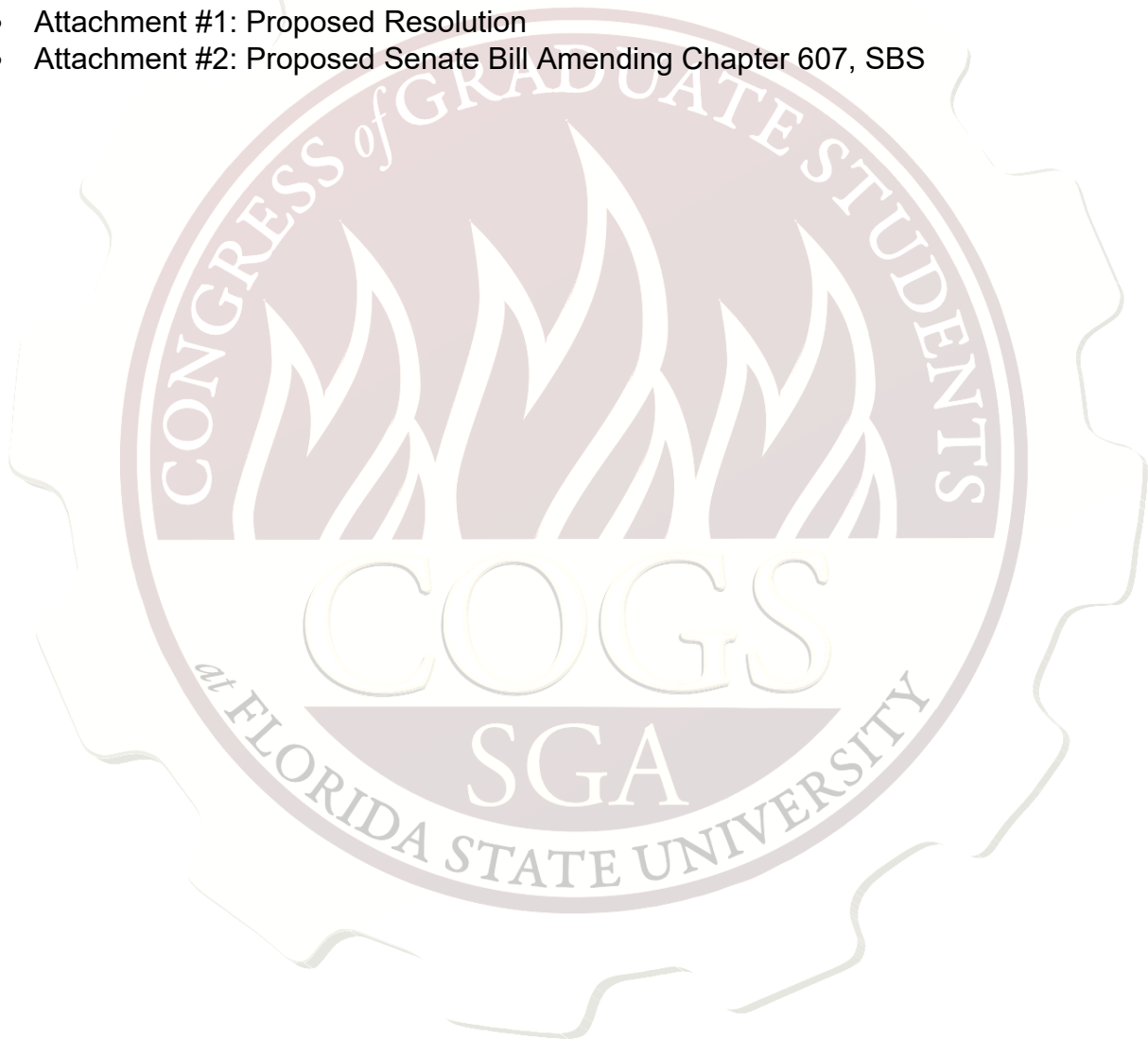
<sup>3</sup> FLA. CONST. art. IX, § 7(d).

Additionally, the resolution proposes an amendment to Chapter 607, Student Body Statutes, which governs COGS. Per § 607.1(d)(1), SBS, COGS may directly propose legislation to Senate. When COGS proposes legislation, the legislation must be introduced by the Senate President or the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The amendment to Chapter 607 would designate the COGS Speaker as FSU's representative on the FSA Graduate Student Committee.

**Attachment(s):**

- Attachment #1: Proposed Resolution
- Attachment #2: Proposed Senate Bill Amending Chapter 607, SBS





## COGS Resolution #: 7

Sponsor(s): Speaker Rowan

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### A RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Student Body President on Being Elected Chair of the Florida Student Association and Proposing a Revision to Chapter 607, Student Body Statutes

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- 1 **WHEREAS**, The Florida Student Association (FSA) is the representative body of the more than  
2 400,000 students in the twelve public universities across Florida, which advocates to the State  
3 University System Board of Governors and the Florida Legislature on issues of importance to  
4 Florida's students; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, In the past, the FSA has tended to focus on the issues most important to undergraduate  
6 students due to their large proportion in the overall student population and due to the former  
7 existence of statewide entities that represented graduate students; and
- 8 **WHEREAS**, On May 30, 2025, the Florida Student Association's Board of Directors, consisting of the  
9 Student Body Presidents of each state university, met to elect its Chair, who sits on the Florida  
10 Board of Governors pursuant to art. IX, § 7(d), Fla. Const.; and
- 11 **WHEREAS**, Carson Dale, Florida State University Student Body President, was elected Chair; and
- 12 **WHEREAS**, President Dale proposed amendments to FSA's constitution, including the creation of a  
13 Graduate Student Committee where a graduate representative of each state university can meet  
14 and advocate for the interests of graduate students within Florida, which were adopted by the FSA  
15 Board of Directors; and
- 16 **WHEREAS**, The creation of the Graduate Student Committee requires that FSU Student Government,  
17 by statute, designate an official to serve as SGA's representative on the Committee;
- 18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Graduate Students at Florida**  
19 **State University that:** The Congress congratulates President Carson Dale on his election as Chair  
20 of the Florida Student Association; and
- 21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:** The Congress proposes, pursuant to § 607.1(d)(1), Student Body  
22 Statutes, a bill amending Chapter 607, Student Body Statutes, to designate the Speaker of the



23 Congress of Graduate Students as the representative of Florida State University on the FSA  
24 Graduate Student Committee, the text of which is laid out in Exhibit 1, which is incorporated by  
25 reference herein; and

26 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that:** a copy of this resolution be sent to:  
27 Carson Dale, Student Body President and FSA Chair,  
28 Isabella LoBianco, Student Senate President, and  
29 Leila Jackson, Senate Judiciary Committee Chair.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



**Senate Bill #: 23**

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senate President LoBianco (Proposed by COGS, per § 607.1(d)(1), SBS)  
**Co-Sponsor(s):** Add any Co-Sponsors here

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## **AN ACT**

Designating the Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students as FSU's Representative on the Florida Student Association's Graduate Student Committee

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***Be it enacted by the 77<sup>th</sup> Student Senate at Florida State University that:***

**Section 1. Amendment to Student Body Statutes Chapter 607, "Congress of Graduate Students".**

Section 607.1(h) of the Florida State University Student Body Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

(h) COGS Speaker Duties and Responsibilities:

(1) To plan and coordinate the execution of all administrative work necessary for the efficient operation of COGS.

(2) To be the chief liaison between COGS and SGA.

(3) To be empowered to represent the graduate, professional, and post-baccalaureate FSU Student Body officially within the university and serve as spokesperson for COGS.

(4) To be responsible for the supervision/hiring/firing of authorized COGS OPS employees funded by A&S Fees, with the final approval by majority vote of COGS.

(5) To authorize the expenditure of A&S allocations as described in the COGS budget.

(6) To perform other duties and responsibilities as delineated in the COGS Code.

(7) To serve as FSU's representative on the Florida Student Association's Graduate Student Committee unless the Speaker, in writing, designates another COGS Representative to serve on the Committee.

**Section 2. Effective Date.**

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

**DONE AND PASSED** by the 77<sup>th</sup> Student Senate at Florida State University this DAY of MONTH, YEAR.

**SENATE VOTE:** Senate Clerk to Add Vote Count

**COMMITTEE REFERENCES AND DATES OF PASSAGE:**

- Senate Clerk to Add Committee References and Dates of Passage

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Isabella LoBianco  
President of the 77<sup>th</sup> Student Senate

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jonus Goldstein  
Student Senate President Pro Tempore

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jackson Boisvert  
Student Body President

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

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

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

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

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