



THE THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

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Tanner McKinley: Fabulous trajectory.

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Tanner McKinley: But we need to keep soaring, don't we? And you need to keep doing what you do. Graduate school transforms everything.

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Tanner McKinley: But it needs leaders to keep things going, and I just totally appreciate everybody in this room, and the people that couldn't make it, people on Zoom, because you are the future. You are the future leaders.

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Tanner McKinley: And my goodness, the world needs good leaders. So, just thank you for all you do.

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Tanner McKinley: My son is actually a graduate student right now.

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Tanner McKinley: So I... you know, it's a family. It really is a family, isn't it? We all care about each other, and making sure we all succeed.

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Tanner McKinley: So, just thank you. Keep going.

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Tanner McKinley: And never give up.

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Tanner McKinley: Remember, if it's too easy, it's no fun.

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Tanner McKinley: You know, research is all about discovering new stuff.

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Tanner McKinley: You've got to keep pushing the boundaries in all aspects, and like I said.

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Tanner McKinley: Being a leader is, is just so important.

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Tanner McKinley: So, just thank you, and thank you, Jack. Appreciate you, sir.

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Tanner McKinley: And from that, we'll now transition to... we have a, second presentation, this time from, from Grant Eskew, right? Eskew. Grant Eskew, from the FSU Student Ombudsman, and we have a presentation that, oh, sorry, I forgot to mention that.

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Tanner McKinley: I can just talk. Okay, we could... it's in the agenda bag.

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Tanner McKinley: No, I said you don't need to pull up the agenda packet, I was wrong. We have it up there now. Okay, that sounds good.

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Tanner McKinley: How's everybody doing tonight?

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Tanner McKinley: That's a lot better answer. So, I'm gonna talk with you all night about the FSU Student Ombuds Office. We're a new office on campus. We just started operations back in March, and our mission... go ahead and go to that second slide.

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Tanner McKinley: is to support students, both undergraduate and graduate, that are navigating any sort of formal process that the university has, and they have questions, they need the

process clarified, or they need advice. So we are here to assist and help you move through whatever process that you're

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Tanner McKinley: So our main services are to support the students, help you all as you navigate any sort of process.

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Tanner McKinley: We have four cornerstone principles, confidentiality, impartiality, informality, and independence.

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Tanner McKinley: So we are a confidential service.

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Tanner McKinley: Come and speak with me.

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Tanner McKinley: It's gonna stay between you and I. There are a couple instances where confidentiality isn't maintained.

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Tanner McKinley: Generally, it's required by law, so things like Title IX, Things like that.

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Tanner McKinley: But 99% of the time, it's gonna be confidential in nature.

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Tanner McKinley: We're also an impartial service.

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Tanner McKinley: Which means we don't advocate for the student or the university. What we advocate for is making sure the student receives due process. Whatever process you're going through, it needs to be applied as written.

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Tanner McKinley: Consistently.

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Tanner McKinley: Now, where we can help, is we can help you prepare to advocate for yourself.

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Tanner McKinley: So, if you want to have a meeting with me before you go into a meeting with an instructor or a faculty member to kind of talk through what you plan to cover, I can listen, I can role-play that other faculty member, and we can have a conversation if you go into that meeting

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Tanner McKinley: From an informality and an independence perspective.

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Tanner McKinley: We are an informal office, and that anything we talk about doesn't become part of anything.

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Tanner McKinley: If you're going for great appeal, for example.

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Tanner McKinley: course drink. Our conversations don't be part of that process.

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Tanner McKinley: And then, last but not least, from an independence perspective.

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Tanner McKinley: We're part of the Office of Ethics and Compliance.

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Tanner McKinley: Which means we operate outside of any formal structure, and that allows us to be both impartial.

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Tanner McKinley: Go ahead, go to the next slide?

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Tanner McKinley: Anytime a student comes to see me, so it could be any graduate student, the first thing I'm going to do is

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Tanner McKinley: and learn as much as I can about the situation.

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Tanner McKinley: gather facts. That helps me to best assist the student moving forward

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Tanner McKinley: And then I'm going to try to ask what would be inciting questions.

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Tanner McKinley: To learn more about what the situation is, what your goals are, what your priorities are. And then from there, we can have a conversation about the process you're navigating, exactly how it's applied, what your rights are going on.

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Tanner McKinley: From there, we can assist with decision making. So again, since we're an impartial and informal service, I can't tell you what to do, I can't tell you what I would do. All I can do is explain, here are the options, here are the consequences based on whatever option you choose.

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Tanner McKinley: And then I can also provide coaching, like I referenced, to help you prepare for those conversations.

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Tanner McKinley: And then the last part there, clarifying next steps. I do this more with undergraduate students than I have to with graduate students. A lot of times with undergraduate students, if I don't follow up, they'll forget that we talked.

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Tanner McKinley: Graduate students, that's not usually a problem.

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Tanner McKinley: But I do try to follow up via email, as long as the student is comfortable with it, so we have a clear, clear guidelines, clear expectations of what we're trying to get done.

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Tanner McKinley: So these are some common issues that we can assist with. The things I see the most are grade appeals, so that's where a student wants to challenge a final first grade, because they feel like that it's inaccurate.

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Tanner McKinley: Another is general academic appeals, so that's a situation where any policy that FSU has on the books, a decision has been made, and the student disagrees with the application of that policy.

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Tanner McKinley: And then the third thing I help with the most are medical and mental health course drops and withdrawals. I can assist with that process, also refer you to K-SPAN services, also.

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Tanner McKinley: Any process that you're going through, we're here to help you, we're here to help find a pathway forward. We're a confidential service, and we're going to help you move forward in a way that makes you feel confident.

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Tanner McKinley: and comfortable.

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Tanner McKinley: So this is our website. The QR code would take you directly to our website, it's really easy. Just do nombuzz.fsu.edu.

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Tanner McKinley: Next.

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Tanner McKinley: is my contact information, so if you were to scan that QR code.

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Tanner McKinley: Saves my email address and phone number in your phone.

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Tanner McKinley: We are on the fourth floor of the Westcott building, so I'm just gonna see you. Oh, I haven't see you.

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Tanner McKinley: You just take the... one of those main... not the main stairwell, the side stairwells will get you up to the fourth floor. And we take appointments, that's what we encourage, because I am an office of one, so I would hate for somebody to come up and not be there. So, prefer that you reach out via phone or via email, but walk-ins are always welcome. We're here to support you all. If you need anything, just let me know.

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Tanner McKinley: I am all done now. I'll take any questions that anybody has.

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Tanner McKinley: That's good.

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Tanner McKinley: Hit buttons?

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Tanner McKinley: this, like, it's something I feel.

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Tanner McKinley: We've had... I've had a couple of questions from students about wanting to be involved in the process.

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Tanner McKinley: working our office.

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Tanner McKinley: Due to the confidential nature of our office, we have to have students work alongside. If you're really interested in getting into Ombuds-related work, reach out to me.

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Tanner McKinley: See if there's something we can figure out, because we do help with a lot of policy-related things on campus.

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Tanner McKinley: If you have an interest in focusing on that, that would be...

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Tanner McKinley: Any further questions? Noah?

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Tanner McKinley: advisor for them in those instances, or are you just providing someone guidance?

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Tanner McKinley: I can't be an advisor as stated in the student conduct process, because that would violate the impartiality. But if a student has an advisor, and you need someone to advise the advisor, the student and their advisor can come see me, I'll sit with them, discuss the process with them.

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Tanner McKinley: So, what we really do is just give students options and give them ideas to think on so they can make...

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Tanner McKinley: That's what our role is, and we do it in a way where we're offering a safe, confidential space. You can tell us anything.

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Tanner McKinley: And we're not going to disclose it unless we're required to do so by law.

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Tanner McKinley: Dean Riley?

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Tanner McKinley: So, previous to Graham... According to a few, the onboards sat within the graduate school.

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Tanner McKinley: So much better to have.

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Tanner McKinley: independent entity.

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Tanner McKinley: And I can tell you, he works miracles.

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Tanner McKinley: Not yet.

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Tanner McKinley: he and I worked together, A little bit.

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Tanner McKinley: I can tell you, he gets results done.

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Tanner McKinley: So, please reach out if he can be of any assistance.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Dean. Any other questions?

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Tanner McKinley: If none, thank you so much for coming out.

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Tanner McKinley: Bye, everybody. Keep doing what you're doing.

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Tanner McKinley: Well, so I'll now go to our final presentation for the night, and then before we move on with our full business, which is an update on the apportionment from the Supervisor of Elections. Before I bring up Sarah Laraquent, the Supervisor of Elections, I do want to note for, especially for our petitioners in the back, also people who haven't been here, or who joined since last fall, every fall, at the start of the semester, we have to get new apportionments. The student population changes, so we need to change the number of

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Tanner McKinley: seats for each college in COGS to keep up with that. It is the duty of the supervisor under COGS code to put together that apportionment, and she has provided y'all a memo. The mic's up here, so you're gonna need to come up here for it.

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Tanner McKinley: Sarah Leroquin, Supervisor Election.

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Tanner McKinley: Hi, everybody! Oh, sorry.

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Tanner McKinley: Okay, I'm the new supervisor of elections. I'm going to read you guys the new apportionments, and tell you how many, seats were lost or gained within this process. So, for Arts and Sciences, it is now 4 seats, and we've lost 2 seats for that college.

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Tanner McKinley: What are you talking?

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Tanner McKinley: Hotel.

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Tanner McKinley: Oh, okay. Sorry.

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Tanner McKinley: So it's 4 seats for Arts and Sciences, 2 seats for the College of Business, 2 seats for College of Communication and Information, 1 seat for College of Criminal Justice.

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Tanner McKinley: 4 seats for Anne's College, which used to be the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences, 1 seat for the College of Engineering, 1 seat for the College of Entrepreneurship, 1 seat for Fine Arts, 1 seat for Hospitality, 3 seats for Law.

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Tanner McKinley: Two seats for medicine, one seat for Motion Picture Arts, one seat for the College of Music, 1 seat for College of Nursing.

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Tanner McKinley: 2 seats for the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, and three seats for social work, as well as our 6 at-large seats and falling advocates, which is the graduate student housing seat, international student seat, LGBTQ plus student seat, minority student seat.

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Tanner McKinley: veteran student seats and students with disability seats, which concludes 236 seats total. You won't see the 6 at large here, but we're going to add a COG section within our

election, website, which we are currently rearranging, so if you look at that, you will have all this information, as well as the PDF

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Tanner McKinley: On the elections document website, if you have any other questions.

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Tanner McKinley: Are there any questions for the supervisor? I'll tell you guys that under our process, tonight is, I... so you can see that the math, actually, let me tell my...

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Tanner McKinley: You can see that the math is included on the third page of the supervisor's memo. Pursuant to COGS Code, this is basically the moment that if you think the math's wrong, this is your chance to say that. Otherwise, once we gavel out of the meeting, the apportions will be considered approved.

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Tanner McKinley: Lovely. Alright. Well, I will be giving Jack the folders for those who do want to run for candidacy, which will include all the campaign information, as well as any other information that you may need to know, or if you have any questions, the QR code to reach out to us, and yeah, have a great day, y'all!

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Sarah. We will have more information once we get through the petitioners about the COGS election process, because most of y'all haven't gone through it. It's probably gonna be pretty routine. We don't know. I mean, we have... this is... we have contested petitions for the first time, so who knows? We could have contested elections, too.

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Tanner McKinley: that takes us back to our petitions into the assembly. So, I'm gonna just very quickly explain to you guys what we're gonna do tonight, because, again, like I just said, tonight is the first time in a decade, at least that I know of, that's as far back as I can see the records, that we have had more

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Tanner McKinley: More petitioners than we have the number of seats.

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Tanner McKinley: Which is awesome, and I'm very happy.

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Tanner McKinley: The downside of it means that we actually... that when we take the vote on our petitioners this time around, normally the motion is just... the motion... or the vote is just to accept the petition, and so it's just an up-or-down, yes, no vote. You vote yes, the person joins the Congress. We vote no, the person doesn't join the Congress.

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Tanner McKinley: Because there are contested petitions tonight.

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Tanner McKinley: The question will not just simply be yes or no should the person join the Congress. Instead, you will have to vote out of the people who are petitioning in from that college.

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Tanner McKinley: which people, or person or persons, do you want to have join the Congress. When we get to the end of all of this, and I'll explain that process, I'll explain the actual debate process in a moment. When we get to the end of all of this, we have put together a ballot. And you'll see that we have three colleges that are up for petitions tonight. We have two seats in the College of Law, two seats in the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy.

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Tanner McKinley: one seat in the College of Fine Arts.

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Tanner McKinley: The petitioners are currently listed on here. I will let you know, since the agenda was sent out, Isaiah... or Isaiah McKinley, sorry, McKinney and Hannah Shedd have both withdrawn their petitions. They have been marked out on the ballot, so there are only 6 petitioners from the College of Law.

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Tanner McKinley: We have requisition from the supervisor's office. They have let us borrow it.

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Tanner McKinley: An actual ballot box, to add to the theatrics of tonight.

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Tanner McKinley: So once we get through the... once we get through the process to hear from the candidates, and to have debate, you will be given a... you'll be given a ballot, we will have pens if you need them, you will mark the two candidates for law, the two candidates for social sciences, public policy, and the one candidate for fine arts, who you want to get the college-specific seats.

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Tanner McKinley: Do not put your name on the ballot, you will fold it up, and drop it in the ballot box. We will count them, and we will let you know who gets the college-specific seats.

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Tanner McKinley: Because we also have two at-large vacancies, the Executive Committee has made the call to then take any candidate, or any petitioner who did not get a college-specific seat

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Tanner McKinley: and place them on a second-round ballot for the two at-large seats. I will kind of defer to you guys once we get to that point as to whether or not you want to hear from the petitioners again. We don't have a process that says they have to speak again. We can go straight to the ballot if you want. We can also give another chance for, to hear from them, too. Hey, we just started petition, so it's gonna be a bit...

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Tanner McKinley: So, does anybody have any questions on the voting side of it? So, out of the 11 petitioners we have tonight, 7 of them will be joining the Congress.

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Tanner McKinley: So does anybody have any questions on that part? Deshaun. Oh, sorry, I should also mention, since we're raising... since we have people able actually speaking out in the gallery now, if you haven't... if you weren't here in the summer, we have mics now, because we have an actual AV equipment here in the chambers.

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Tanner McKinley: And because Francis is not in Florida this semester, he is on an... he's on an internship in Connecticut, I believe. Under the COGS rules, he is allowed to join by, Zoom.

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Tanner McKinley: So, we need to make sure we're speaking into the mics as much as possible so he can hear what's going on. It's also being recorded for the minutes. So, you will see around the tables, there are mics. If you're going to speak, make sure to get one of the... whatever mic is closest to you, and make sure the color at the bottom of the microphone is green. If you press the button, it goes...

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Tanner McKinley: It goes red, that means it's muted. If it's green, it's live. So also keep that in mind if you're gonna start whispering, if you're whispering around a live mic. So, with all that being said, Deshaun, what's your question?

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Tanner McKinley: Do we get the, the ballots before everyone goes, so that we can, like.

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Tanner McKinley: remember names and things? Oh, I can do, that's fair. Yeah, we can do that. No, can you start distributing? Yeah.

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Tanner McKinley: Okay, great. I will distribute the ballots right now, so you can look at them. I will just say, just for the sake of the fact that we're gonna ask the petitioners to step out of the room once, we move into the debate proceedings, much like we do for any other petitioner, I would just say, also for the interest of keeping your vote secret, just don't mark your ballots until we get to the part of actually being able to vote.

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Tanner McKinley: Any other questions on that part of the process, on the voting side?

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Tanner McKinley: Okay.

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Tanner McKinley: When it comes to the actual hearing from the petitioners, it's going to go kind of similar to how things normally go. What we're going to do is we'll call... is I will call up, in order on the agenda, so we'll start with College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, then we'll move into Fine Arts, then we'll finish with Law. I will call up all the petitioners.

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Tanner McKinley: From... oh, Noah. She's a petitioner.

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Tanner McKinley: Yeah, if you're a petitioner, if you're a petitioner, you should not have a ballot.

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Tanner McKinley: One more day.

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Tanner McKinley: Do we have enough down there, Nachika?

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Tanner McKinley: We want one more for Arazu.

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Tanner McKinley: Everyone have a ballot? Okay. So, it'll be the exact same time limits as normal, so we'll have 5 minutes. Each petitioner will get 5 minutes for an opening statement, followed by a period of questioning. We'll give all the petitioners for each college, or so we'll go, again, college by college.

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Tanner McKinley: All petitioners for that college will give their opening statements. I will then throw the doors open for questions. I know sometimes we can be a bit sluggish with putting questions out, but especially considering we have to actively make choices tonight, I would highly suggest being loose with the questions.

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Tanner McKinley: And then, once we get through the question period, we'll move on to the next college, then we'll move on to the law. Once we get through all the petitioners, we'll ask all 11 of them to step outside. While we hold the debate in here. I will take the debate college by college.

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Tanner McKinley: And then, once we get through the debate, then we will move into voting, and then we'll kind of take it from there.

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Tanner McKinley: No.

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Tanner McKinley: Okay, any questions on anything I have just said? I know this is... this is gonna be a bit wild, especially since it's the first time in 10 years, but I'm happy.

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Tanner McKinley: Okay. Well, then in that case, we will now start up with, the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy. We have Claire Capell, Janai Nubal-Oladapo, and Devin Peters, if the three of you could please join me down front.

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Tanner McKinley: Petitioners, just, just stand here at the podium, we will actually... oh, I need to...

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Tanner McKinley: I'm gonna take my laptop and move it off the podium for y'all, but just make sure to stand here with the mic, and yeah, and I will get the timer ready.

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Tanner McKinley: Fair enough.

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Tanner McKinley: Oh, you're in? Yeah. Okay.

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Tanner McKinley: Okay, so you'll have... you'll have 5 minutes for an opening statement. We're gonna go... by the way, we're also just gonna go in order of...

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Tanner McKinley: I'm gonna go in order on the ballot, because most of y'all don't have the agenda necessarily directly in front of you, so I don't think that makes too many changes. It's basically alphabetical. So, Claire Capell will be our first petitioner for the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy. Claire, you have 5 minutes for your opening statement, and maybe begin whenever you're

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Tanner McKinley: Hi, everybody! For those of you who don't know me or haven't met me before, my name's Claire Capell. I am a first-year master's student in Urban Planning and GIS. Last year, I served as the College's, Social Work Student Senate seat, and that's actually why I ended up doing Urban Planning in the first place.

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Tanner McKinley: My one mission with Student Senate last year was to advocate for more of the bus stops to be accessible.

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Tanner McKinley: part of that was, correcting the signs, part of that was trying to advocate for more benches and shelters to be in place. And so it was through that process of me working with,

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Tanner McKinley: the Exec Board and Student Senate and, the Director of Transportation and Parking Services, Richard Rind, that I kind of developed a interest in urban planning and is the entire reason why I'm standing before you today. And so it's my hope that, you know, by

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Tanner McKinley: joining the Congress of Graduate Students that I can continue to develop on that more. I did make some tangible changes. There are some bus stop signs that have been thankfully, corrected because they were, completely wrong routes, and I had noticed that they had been that way for the entire time that I was here. And so...

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Tanner McKinley: I just would like to build on that more, and I know that the Student Affairs Committee, is, partially missioned to, you know, work with transportation and parking services and things like that nature. And so, most importantly, at the end of the day, I want to advocate for, you know, students and,

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Tanner McKinley: Things being accessible and, you know, meeting needs, because sometimes it takes one person to notice something, and, you know, that's...

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Tanner McKinley: how changes are made. But yeah, I yield the guest of my... the rest of my time, and thank you for listening.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Claire. We'll now hear from Janai.

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Tanner McKinley: 5 minutes whenever you're ready.

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Tanner McKinley: Hi, everyone, and thank you so much for having me here today. My name is Janai Nu Boladapo, and I'm really excited to share a little bit about myself and why I love the opportunity to serve as your representative for the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy on COGS.

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Tanner McKinley: I'm a first-year graduate student here in the International Affairs program, so I'm still fairly new to Florida State, but what I lack in time here, I make up with energy, perspective, and a deep commitment to serving others. I've always believed in showing up fully and using my voice to create change, and that's the spirit I would bring to this role.

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Tanner McKinley: A little bit about my story, I actually graduated high school at the same time I got my undergrad at 18. It definitely wasn't easy, but it taught me how to juggle competing responsibilities, how to stay focused, and how to finish strong. Those skills carried into my leadership experiences I've had ever since.

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Tanner McKinley: In high school, I led my Model United Nations team as president for 2 years, and I ran trainings, coordinated conferences, and even organized fundraisers, so every student who wanted to compete had the chance to. No financial barriers standing in their way.

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Tanner McKinley: Seeing our team succeed together was one of my proudest moments.

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Tanner McKinley: During undergrad, I served as a student ambassador for the College of Arts and Letters while majoring in Political Science at Florida Atlantic University. I represented students' voices, promoted our college, and supported fundraising efforts. That role helped me understand just how critical funding is for student opportunities, something I know that will be just as important here at FSU.

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Tanner McKinley: Advocacy has always been close to my heart, coming from a non-traditional background. I've learned the power of making sure voices that often go unheard are brought to the table. That's why I'd love to serve on the Student Advocacy Committee through the COGS.

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Tanner McKinley: My perspective has always been shaped by my family. My dad served in the U.S. Coast Guard, and growing up with that experience has given me a deep appreciation for the support veterans need and deserve.

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Tanner McKinley: Outside of school, I've been fortunate enough to be a title holder through the Miss America organization, and through that platform, I've raised funds for the American Heart Association, secured sponsorships for my journey through Miss Flores Teen, and worked directly with local governments to expand green spaces in underserved neighborhoods.

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Tanner McKinley: Those experiences taught me how to collaborate, how to listen, and how to drive projects that actually improve people's lives.

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Tanner McKinley: For me, leadership is never about the title, it's about the responsibility. It's about making sure that people know they're represented, heard, and valued, and that's exactly what I would hope to bring to this role.

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Tanner McKinley: If I'm elected, I promise to listen, to advocate fiercely, and to put in the work to make sure our graduate community has support and resources it deserves. I'd be honored to represent our college, and I'm grateful for the chance to connect with you all today. Thank you, and go nos!

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Jedai. Devin, you have 5 minutes, maybe again whenever you're ready.

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Tanner McKinley: Good.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you so much for the assembly, for the invitation, and thank you to you two, also. Like, I obviously wish the best for you, too. My name is Devin Peters, I'm going... I'm a student in the Public Administration

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Tanner McKinley: Sku School of Public Administration. It's my first semester doing so. I have two Bachelor's in political science and sociology. Currently, I'm the campaign aide for Young Bailey for Congress for 2026. This is for Florida District 2. I basically conduct policy research for town halls and events in which

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Tanner McKinley: the, hopefully, future congressional, representative will partake, when it comes to talking to her constituency. I've also lobbied at the Capitol at the behest of, the Clio Institute on Environmental Policy, and I served as Jack Porter, who's the City Commissioner of Tallahassee since 2020, youngest in the history as a woman.

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Tanner McKinley: As a intern in her office for a year and a half, where I conducted research on agenda items in which she would vote upon, and I would provide the talking points in which she

would engage with. The agenda lists, generally speaking, were pretty synonymous to the budget allocation that you guys undertake.

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Tanner McKinley: and just generally speaking, that you guys vote on, so I feel fairly, like, privy to the underpinnings of

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Tanner McKinley: Just like public administration, generally speaking. I'm looking to serve either in seat 1 or 2 of, for social sciences and Public Policy, but I'm also very interested in any of the other positions that are available, within the body itself.

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Tanner McKinley: My goals for the College of Social Sciences, generally speaking. This is for the college itself, even though I am representing the whole body of FSU for graduate students.

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Tanner McKinley: I am going to immediately reach out and attend student organizations' meetings and communicate with their boards. I want to know exactly what they need from me as a representative in order for me to execute properly on my voting capacity.

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Tanner McKinley: I will establish at least two graduate RSOs by the end of my tenure. I want to, apply a footprint that is, like, everlasting, that I have actually, like, contributed to within the college itself. I want to work in tandem with the FSU's,

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Tanner McKinley: labor union, one of my undergraduate professors is on the board of it, Jordan Scott, and he and I already meet regularly, and I am looking to kind of, proliferate off of the collective bargaining agreement that they garnered in 2023 through 2025.

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Tanner McKinley: I also just want to be a conduit of information for these clubs and these students in my college. If they have any questions about how COGS operates, how I can allocate... how we allocate funds and how we operate, I want to be able to, like, concisely convey those, like, certain, like, tenets.

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Tanner McKinley: let me see... for grad... For my goals within COGS itself.

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Tanner McKinley: I want to work directly with my college's representatives to create a promising relationship and plan. I want to, create an avenue in which how we can, just

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Tanner McKinley: work together cohesively, and also with any of the other representatives who, represent all the other colleges as well. I want to build upon the FY25, FY26's budget on child care. I'm under the impression that you guys passed \$300,000 within the past year. The budget is ever-increasing every year. I want to continue to embolden that.

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Tanner McKinley: I want to show further support for the Office of Graduate Fellowship and Awards. You guys have been doing the same thing. I want to embolden that further.

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Tanner McKinley: And figure out new measures to allocate reserves. It seems like within the past 2 years, there's been a surplus of about \$100,000. I want to see what we can do with that. I'm not fully embedded yet, but I would like to know what we can do, and maybe also distribute new ideas and how we can coordinate that together.

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Tanner McKinley: Previous bills I would have supported, I went through you guys', resolutions and just, legislative capacity over the past, year.

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Tanner McKinley: I would support Bill 18, I would support Bill 19, all of the, and 20, which are specific to Section 207, within their sub, subcategories. I agree with

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Tanner McKinley: Section, 207.5, which was, Cox Bill 20, which had to do with,

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Tanner McKinley: redacting the \$3,000 per, for students, \$3,000 for every 5 years. I think that was fairly arbitrary, and I agree with the, amendments of applying \$700 per annually.

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Tanner McKinley: And then, I guess COGS Bill 21, I agree with the combined conference grant as well. I think it's better to congeal all of the participants in a certain conference into one, application, that way they aren't charged for the \$700 that they were supposed to have for themselves annually. And then for today's bills, I mean, I read through that as well, 26 through 29, I would say yes to 28, 29, and 26.

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Tanner McKinley: I have no clue what the LSC's budget allocation is, so I'd have to look into that further, but outside of that, I will look into it if I can, at least.

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Tanner McKinley: And, that's basically me, coming to petition you guys, so thank you.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Devin. If you can understand... if you can find out what the LSE budget means, please let us all know, because we'd appreciate it.

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00:30:42.810 --> 00:31:04.139

Tanner McKinley: All right, so we'll now open up the floor to... for questions, for the, for the petitioners for the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy. I will say, again, make sure you have your... have a mic when I recognize you, and also to let us know if it's directed towards one of the candidates, or if it's to all the candidates, just, like, let us know in the question. Deshaun, you can kick us off.

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Tanner McKinley: This is directed towards all the candidates. Thank you, first of all, for being here today. My question is, can you speak about a time where a goal of yours wasn't met, and how you reacted, and how you moved forward?

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Tanner McKinley: When we get ones for everybody, we'll just go in, the alphabet.

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Tanner McKinley: One that I can think of off the top of my head is I really wanted there to be a bus stop bench built outside of Reagan's Hall, because I see a lot of students who, like, sit next to the sidewalk, because there's no bench to sit next to. And while I was doing that work, the city of Tallahassee decided it wasn't feasible based off of the, like, sidewalk and the hill on the road or whatever, so that was really disappointing.

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Tanner McKinley: And I was bummed out to hear that, but I was grateful that, I was asked for, like, an alternative opinion, like, where else would I suggest to put it next?

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Tanner McKinley: And so that's still, like, a work in progress, and hopefully something might come out of that. The next one I, suggested was on Call Street, since that would be good for commuters especially, and, like, by the College of Medicine, I know we get a lot of foot traffic around there, and that would be helpful, especially because there's a nightknow route, on that street as well, and student safety is very important, and, that service is a little bit underutilized, I would say.

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Tanner McKinley: But, yeah, that was... that would be the answer to my question. That helps.

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Tanner McKinley: I... I really haven't... I don't want to, like, be cocky, but, like.

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Tanner McKinley: like, necessarily failed at anything. I've always had, like, a different perspective on what success is.

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Tanner McKinley: So if I'm thinking about Modern United Nations, because that was what I really involved myself in as the president, I wanted our team to win a team award, like, at all the conferences we went to, but our team is fairly small compared to a lot of the others, so even if we get a lot of individual awards, a team award may not be as possible, but I've made sure to celebrate those team awards, and I've helped the new generation of our presidents create their own conference so that

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Tanner McKinley: even though we can't... even though we're not, like, that large, we could still represent our school in a better way. And with Miss America, there is fundraising things.

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Tanner McKinley: I always met the Miss America ones, but personal ones, because it can be a lot of money. I've always looked at, even though I, like, monetary funds would be great, I've looked at how people have given me donations in either clothing, advice, mentorship, and I make sure to turn those around and make sure I use those on the stage. So, I mean, I haven't really had the opportunity to work in, like.

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Tanner McKinley: the big things like these guys, and they're really inspirational, so that's really cool, but as an 18-year-old, I wanted to get involved in this campus and make a difference, because it's harder for me to join the undergraduate things with people around my age and my peers, and I would just like to get a starting point somewhere. So, thank you.

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Tanner McKinley: For me, the political pact that I'm also, involved with, we petitioned the DNC back in February for Ben Wickler, who is the, chairman of the Wisconsin Democratic Party. Unfortunately, it was Ken Martin who got,

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Tanner McKinley: elected, out of Minnesota, but regardless of that, I mean, all I can do is just keep churning. We wanted a little bit more of a progressive individual to head to DNC, but at the end of the day, I got myself involved with the political campaign, I'm in grad school now, I'm doing this. Not much for me to do other than just try to, enhance the material conditions of the constituency and work at...

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Tanner McKinley: Prolifer in my career in order to, like, make that happen.

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Tanner McKinley: Are there any other questions for the candidates?

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Tanner McKinley: I do want to ask, I have two, so I'll do the technical ones. Are all of you available on Mondays? I know all that! No, you're not, you're not wrong. You're not wrong.

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Tanner McKinley: My question... my first question for the candidates is, are you available from 6... from 6.30 till about 8.30 on Monday nights?

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Tanner McKinley: Yes, I am. The, like, latest time my class ends is at, like, 12.50, and then the rest of my Mondays are free after that, so...

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Tanner McKinley: Yes.

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Tanner McKinley: I have policy, development, and I forgot the extension of the name, at this time, but I will just notify my professor, and I'll be here, most certainly.

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Tanner McKinley: Are there any other questions?

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Tanner McKinley: If there are no further questions, then we will move... and then, thank you, thanks to the petitioners, you can take a seat, and we will move on to the College of Fine Arts.

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Tanner McKinley: We have Logan Lamb and, Coeurlina Encallada.

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Tanner McKinley: Please tell me I got that right. Close. How far off?

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Tanner McKinley: Okay.

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Tanner McKinley: Or to Lena. Okay.

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Tanner McKinley: So, same song, second verse, we will go in, alphabetical order, as it says on the ballot. So...

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Tanner McKinley: Do you have the timer ready?

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Tanner McKinley: Hold on.

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Tanner McKinley: I'm an old man with old idioms.

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Tanner McKinley: Couple.

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Tanner McKinley: All right, we will begin with, Cortelina. You have 5 minutes, and you may begin your opaque statement whenever you're ready. Awesome. Howdy, y'all!

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Tanner McKinley: My name is Cortelina Encallada. I am from Louisiana. I went to school in a little town called Natchitoches, if you've ever seen Steel Magnolias, that's where it's filmed. I have my degree, my Bachelor of Fine Arts in Production and Design. I'm now pursuing my

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Tanner McKinley: MFA in technical production, this is my first year.

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Tanner McKinley: Yeah, so let me talk to you a little bit about my journey. So, my journey to grad school has been a very long one. I've been trying to pick what works best for me, you know, from

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Tanner McKinley: Does this area have the doctors I need? Is there safe and affordable housing? Is there access to a Canes? The important things, you know?

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Tanner McKinley: After 2 years of asking those questions in 5 different towns to countless students and professors, I committed to FSU, to the program, campus, and area becoming my home, and I cared deeply about my home.

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Tanner McKinley: More importantly, I care about the people who do and will make this place feel like home these next 3 years.

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Tanner McKinley: Throughout my education, I have been known as an outspoken advocate for my peers, from my first student government position in first grade, deciding balloons for Santa's visit, to fighting for greater representation for students in my undergrad program as a part of the Student Representatives Board.

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Tanner McKinley: I'm hoping to join, today on a couple different aspects that I've seen just in my 3 weeks here.

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Tanner McKinley: One that's very near and dear to my heart is the fact that there have already been multiple women's restrooms without any female disposal bins in the stalls.

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Tanner McKinley: That is very dear to my heart. When I was in high school, I actually worked very closely with my student government, and not only got disposals in all of the bathrooms, but free feminine products in every bathroom, male and female.

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Tanner McKinley: For all access... for all students to have access to, as well as found funding as the president of the economics organization.

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Tanner McKinley: to continue that program for at least 10 years, we have funding for. So that was a huge, a huge accomplishment for me.

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Tanner McKinley: overall, that's really the biggest thing that's close to my heart, but I'm really an advocate for my peers. That is my number one thing. I've been on multiple organizations, like I said, I was a student representative, and I had my peers' voices heard all throughout my undergrad.

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Tanner McKinley: Everywhere from our student government on campus, finally seeing our

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Tanner McKinley: fine arts department as people who need funding, and people who need access to resources that everyone else has. So yeah, I'm hoping to join COGS to continue this legacy and ensure all of my peers feel seen and heard in a place we can all call home. Thank you.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you very much, Portalina. Logan, you have 5 minutes. You may begin whenever you're ready.

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Tanner McKinley: Hi, everybody! My name is Logan Lamb, and I'm honored to be here today. This is my very first semester at Florida State as a grad student, and my first semester at FSU in general. I am currently studying Arts Administration with a concentration in civic and nonprofit leadership.

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Tanner McKinley: And I'm here to represent the College of Fine Arts. A little bit about me and my background, I currently work here full-time at FSU as a graphic and web design specialist for the Office of Digital Learning.

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Tanner McKinley: Before FSU, I worked on the communications team at the Florida Department of Corrections as the lead graphic designer. I got my bachelor's degree in fine art with a minor in Mass Media at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia.

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Tanner McKinley: During my time there, I was pretty involved on campus and in organizations, but I never pursued student government. To be honest, I didn't really have the confidence at the time to step into that kind of role.

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Tanner McKinley: Looking back, though, I always admired at the people, who did step into that role. The people who were willing to represent their peers, speak up for their needs, and lead by example.

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Tanner McKinley: It wasn't until after I graduated and entered the workforce that I truly discovered my own capacity for leadership.

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Tanner McKinley: In my first two jobs as a designer, I was quickly promoted to senior level, where I was able to supervise and mentor my junior teammates.

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Tanner McKinley: I was responsible for not only providing strong creative work, but I was also in charge of guiding others, providing feedback, and helping them grow.

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Tanner McKinley: Those moments showed me the importance of leadership.

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Tanner McKinley: And that leadership is supposed to be collaborative, supportive, and focused in lifting each other up.

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Tanner McKinley: you know, and it's really the leaders in my own life, in school, in work, my professors, my... the leadership teams I've gotten to serve with, that really inspired me to step into my own potential.

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Tanner McKinley: That's a big reason why I'm running for a seat in COGS today. I see this as an opportunity to support my peers, and to be a strong advocate for the College of Fine Arts.

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Tanner McKinley: I know graduate students face unique challenges. Many suffer balancing school, work, life, Jobs, families,

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Tanner McKinley: And, you know, it can feel a lot... it can feel very overwhelming, but I believe with strong advocacy and support, we can create an environment where grad students can survive and thrive.

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Tanner McKinley: So if I'm admitted into COGS today, here are a few commitments I would like to make to you. I'd like to focus on advocacy for fine arts students. Our college has unique strengths, and they also have unique needs. I want to ensure those needs are not overlooked in the broader conversations across campus.

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Tanner McKinley: Whether it's access to resources, funding for travel and research, or opportunities for networking and professional growth, I want to make sure that the fine arts students' voices are heard.

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Tanner McKinley: I want to improve communications between the two. With my background in graphic design, I have years of experience making information clear, accessible, and engaging.

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Tanner McKinley: I want to use my skills to help COGS strengthen...

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Tanner McKinley: Their communications, so that resources, opportunities, and events are more accessible for everyone across campus.

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Tanner McKinley: I want to build connections. One of the most valuable parts of grad school is getting to meet peers across different disciplines. I want to help strengthen the bridge between the College of Fine Arts

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Tanner McKinley: and the rest of the graduate body. By building events, workshops, and multidisciplinary collaborations, we can create spaces where everyone can share ideas, network, and learn from one another.

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Tanner McKinley: I'm particularly interested in joining the Student Advocacy Committee, because advocacy is central to my field of arts administration. I want to amplify the voices of students who may not be heard, ensure student rights are protected, and push for policy improvements that benefit us all.

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Tanner McKinley: At the heart of this is a simple belief. I believe that student government

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Tanner McKinley: It's best when it truly reflects the needs of the people it serves.

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Tanner McKinley: My goal is just to not sit on a committee, but to actively listen, learn, and work hard to represent my peers.

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Tanner McKinley: As a newcomer to FSU, I also see this as an incredible opportunity to grow alongside all of you. I want to make meaningful connections, and contribute to the community, and learn from just diverse perspectives that make up a graduate body.

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Tanner McKinley: In closing, I'll say this. Leadership to me is about service. It's about listening, advocating, and building bridges. I believe my background, my skills, and my passion for advocacy will allow me to be an effective representative for the College of Fine Arts and a dedicated member of COGS. Thank you.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Logan. We'll now move into a period of questions for the candidates from the College of Fine Arts. Like I said the first time, make sure to let us know if you're directing it to one candidate or to both. We'll start with RID1.

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Tanner McKinley: Yes, thank you very much, because the College of Fine Arts is a very special college, so I'm going to ask you this question.

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Tanner McKinley: For instance, if Cox is holding a public program, how... can you take us through the step-by-step, procedure you will follow, you know, in communicating this program to your school, to your college?

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Tanner McKinley: just to be clear, you're asking about advertising a program to my peers? Yes. Yes, okay, cool. Sponsored by folks. Yes, okay, cool.

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Tanner McKinley: I think word of mouth is obviously a number one resource, but for me, it also means social media. I think that is one of the greatest tools, of our time. I think it's so useful.

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Tanner McKinley: I don't know anybody who doesn't either have a Facebook or Instagram or Snapchat, if we want to go that far. But really making posters.

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Tanner McKinley: Putting it everywhere anyone can see, doors, bathroom stalls, wherever you can.

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Tanner McKinley: Yeah, I would have to agree with that. As a graphic designer, social media, and just, like, print material in general is just very important.

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Tanner McKinley: I would also say that, I would probably start by reaching out to the dean of the college. You know, as a newcomer, they don't know who I am, so I'd like to open that bridge between the two of us and say, hey, I am a new rep to COGS, I'd like to work together.

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Tanner McKinley: what are the issues here? Since I am new, I'm not quite sure, but I know that there probably are issues, and opening that gap between us two, would be a start.

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Tanner McKinley: And also within my own department, our education, I would let the dean and my department chair know that this is something that I'm working on, and I'm also building that connection there.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you very much, Luis.

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Tanner McKinley: Hey, everyone. Thank you for taking the time to be here, you both did amazing. Just wanted to start with that. So, two questions. One of them is, like, kind of like the formal question, the second one is just a follow-up if you wish to answer. But one, do you have an idea of which committee you would like to serve on? And then the second one would be, depending on that decision on which committee you would like to serve on, what are some initiatives that you might think of that you would like to take on?

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Tanner McKinley: if you were to serve at the Congress of Graduate Students.

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Tanner McKinley: I'll start. Yeah, I'd like to work on the student advocacy, committee. I am really interested in defending, student rights.

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Tanner McKinley: Personally, when I was an undergrad, I had a lot of mental health struggles, and I didn't really know where to turn to, I didn't really know what resources I had available to me, so having a representative, someone that I could go to would have been a great help.

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Tanner McKinley: So that's part of the reason that I would like to be a student advocate, committee member, just, just to be there for the people in my college who may not know where to go.

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Tanner McKinley: Ditto to that. I would want to work on the Student Advocate Committee,

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Tanner McKinley: I believe that your mental health and your physical health are directly impacted by one another, and I think it's so important that all students have access to those.

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Tanner McKinley: And that we are able to advocate for ourselves and getting those resources that we need. I'm, like I said, I'm very, very invested in women's health in particular. I have, you know, a lot of resources at my fingertips for that, a lot of connections that could...

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Tanner McKinley: I think benefit, us.

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Tanner McKinley: Any further questions?

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Tanner McKinley: Patricka.

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Tanner McKinley: Here, that's back.

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Tanner McKinley: Hi, this is a question for Coeur dalina, is that... Yes. Okay. So you mentioned that you had the, disposable bins, and then free feminine products in the bathrooms at your undergrad. How did you go about doing that, and then how do you plan on, kind of, doing it here?

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Tanner McKinley: A lot and lot of writing emails. I started out by going to the committees at my school, seeing who might have disposable funding to donate to be able to initiate the program. Like I said, I was president of our economics committee, so I kind of had a little bit more insight into that.

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Tanner McKinley: When that kind of ran dry, I went out and found sponsors. So, Tampax is actually one of the big companies that sponsored us. I just spammed them with emails and emails and emails. I called almost every day.

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Tanner McKinley: And eventually they were like, okay, girl, we hear you, we're gonna listen, what's up? And they were like, look, this is what we can do. So, essentially, what we worked out was that if we purchased their dispensers for the walls, they would donate products to fill the dispensers, was essentially the solution that we came to.

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Tanner McKinley: Any questions?

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Tanner McKinley: If there are none, thank you both very much.

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Tanner McKinley: Yeah, of course. We have enough time.

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Tanner McKinley: Yes.

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Tanner McKinley: We definitely have enough time, because we're about to go into law. I... we now have the... we now move to the College of Law. We have, we have two seats in the College of Law, and we have 5 petitioners here with us tonight. I'm gonna read all six, I'm just gonna read all 6 of the names. Madison Shostak, Nicolette, oh, God.

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Tanner McKinley: Okay, Lenaine? Lenaine?

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Tanner McKinley: Okay. Angel Colon, Joseph Cerrone, or, Carter Shatt, and Jaden Miller.

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Tanner McKinley: Y'all want to come down this way. We'll go in the order on the ballot, so...

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Tanner McKinley: Angels up first.

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Tanner McKinley: 5 minutes, and we'll be in whenever you're ready. Okay.

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Tanner McKinley: I love these, because it reminds me how short I am sometimes.

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Tanner McKinley: Okay. Hi, everyone. My name is Angel Colon. I am a 2L at the College of Law. I'm a transfer student. I transferred in from Florida A&M down in Orlando. I'm from Orlando. I was born and raised in Claremont. It's, like, a little bit east of Orlando, but it's, like, around there.

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Tanner McKinley: Yeah, I have a dog, I have 3 sisters, 2 brothers.

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Tanner McKinley: And I went to Rollins College in Winter Park as well, and then from there, I went to my first law school, which was in... actually in Los Angeles, and then my second law school was in Orlando, and then now I'm here. So...

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Tanner McKinley: Part of the reason I wanted to say that is also because I have a lot of experiences with different student cultures and different student bodies from multiple different cities.

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Tanner McKinley: So, that's an interesting perspective that I could bring in terms of how we could expand, FSUs.

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Tanner McKinley: College of Law, but also how that could be integrated

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Tanner McKinley: Into the actual graduate student studies.

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Tanner McKinley: And then, from there... Some of my history is...

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Tanner McKinley: In terms of leadership history, I started really getting into leadership, I mean, all the way when I was a kid, I started doing, like, science fairs, because I was really nerdy, and I loved anything with plants or anything with behavioral sciences. That was... that was my jam. And then from there, when I got to high school.

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Tanner McKinley: I started at a, international organization that was like an, it was like a club.

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Tanner McKinley: Where we did international competitions. As a freshman, I was the first person in the history of my school to make it into the finals of the international competition. From there, I was responsible for the rest of the three years in terms of competition prep.

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Tanner McKinley: So basically, whenever someone, whenever there was a freshman or a sophomore that would come into the program, I was responsible of, like, determining, like, are you Ravenclaw, are you Gryffindor? Like, how are we defining you? And then, from there, I would be in charge of, in charge of prep. And then once I got into college.

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Tanner McKinley: that's when I focused more on the arts and entertainment law side of things, where I started about 4 different podcasts for my... the Rollins College.

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Tanner McKinley: the Graduate School of Business, so I have other graduate school experience there, for a production company in London, England, where I interned there as well.

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Tanner McKinley: And so I started those podcasts, I was responsible for the social media, the outreach, and just getting people on campus to pay attention to things that people don't want to pay attention to. And so that's a skill I think that we need sometimes when it comes to, like, a legislative body.

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Tanner McKinley: And then, at the moment, I am going to be a legislative fellow for the Florida League of Cities, which means that that's pretty much I'm going to be interning for

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Tanner McKinley: Lobbyists and legislative fellows, that cover pretty much every city in Florida, so...

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Tanner McKinley: in terms of how this connects to being actually in COGS is...

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Tanner McKinley: I think that it's just a logical next step of, like, trying to connect the fact that I'm going to be a legislative fellow with also being in a program at the school where I can enhance those... those abilities, more than just saying, like, this is something I want to put on my resume, because, you know, as law students, you know, we are very ambitious people.

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Tanner McKinley: And that's sometimes something that can be in the back of our heads, but I do think that as a person, this is the right next move for me.

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Tanner McKinley: Again, Hi, Nicolette, you have 5 minutes, may begin whenever you're ready.

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Tanner McKinley: Alright, so first, I just wanted to say thank you, everyone, for taking the time out of your day to sit here and listen to all these speeches, especially since it's typically not a contested race, apparently.

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Tanner McKinley: But I wanted to introduce myself a little bit. My name is Nicola Atlannon, I am from Peoria, Illinois, which no one has probably heard of, and that's okay.

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Tanner McKinley: Yay! We have someone. But... and then I went to college at Nova Southeastern University, which is in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. There, I obtained two bachelor's degrees, one in legal studies, and then the other in political science. I also had a minor in philosophy, which was super interesting.

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Tanner McKinley: I am a 1L here at FSU Law, and I can say that I've only been here a few weeks, but I've honestly fallen in love with FSU and the culture here, and that is part of the reason I want to join COGS. Not only that, but the fact that I believe that being a representative would bring me good learning opportunities for my studies.

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Tanner McKinley: When I came to FSU at first, I didn't realize the sense of community I kind of lacked in my undergrad until I was here. I knew in the moment when I joined my undergrad that it was a primarily STEM school.

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Tanner McKinley: That being said, everyone I was attending classes with, maybe 40 to 50 people max, were sharing my major, and I realized I kind of wanted to get out of my bubble a little bit, so I joined clubs and organizations and things like that.

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Tanner McKinley: One of these organizations that I joined throughout my undergrad experience was something called President 64, which, put in the most concise way possible, was acting as a liaison between the student body and the university president.

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Tanner McKinley: Here, I got to meet a lot of different undergraduate students in every different major, and I also got to meet graduate students, doctoral students, just everyone from different paths of lives.

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Tanner McKinley: It also opened my eyes to the inner workings of our school, because one of the things I was able to do because of this program was each semester I sat down with the president of the university to have a lunch with him, where we would just advocate for our needs.

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Tanner McKinley: And that being said, I was especially uniquely situated, being a political science and legal studies student, and a sea of STEM student. So that was very interesting. And just a short example of one of the issues I brought up was our bus

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Tanner McKinley: transportation system. It wasn't linked to the live movement of our buses, rather it was linked to the set schedule it was intended to be operating on.

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Tanner McKinley: That being said, any delay, you know, 3 minutes for each bus by 3PM, everyone's schedule is messed up, and so I heard that a lot, and that was one of the first issues I brought up at the meeting.

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Tanner McKinley: It did take around two and a half years later, was when it was finally live-synced up to the buses, so I got to appreciate the totality of the circumstances that go into making what might seem like a small change.

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Tanner McKinley: Another way I was involved on my campus past just being a student was also working in the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement my four years there.

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Tanner McKinley: One of the primary responsibilities of our office was largely administration work, which I didn't realize when I first started there, but it opened my eyes to how necessary all of that type of work is. One example is our school requires 6 Excel units to graduate.

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Tanner McKinley: That being said, around March or April, like, clockwork, we would have people come in freaking out that they're not going to graduate, we don't have the required credits, all of that. And, you know, it was my job, but I sat down with them and explained to them, here's the established channels we have to achieve the required credits.

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Tanner McKinley: Another... another work experience I would bring into this role would be I, for a little less than a year, worked as a government affairs intern under Comcast, and that was a super interesting experience.

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Tanner McKinley: I got to go to local technology planning committee meetings at local government levels, where I would listen to Comcast and other telecommunication companies advocate for their interest.

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Tanner McKinley: I got a really behind-the-scenes look into what companies care about, and in fact, a lot of it's the tiny little details. One of the little tasks that I had to do for this was compiling a contact sheet of local elected officials, community partners, things like that.

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Tanner McKinley: And that being said, before I started at Comcast, I would have never expected that they care who the IT director of the school district of Polk County is, but they very much do. It's the little details that matter.

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Tanner McKinley: That being said, my past professional and academic experiences had led me to serve, or want to serve on the Internal Affairs Committee.

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Tanner McKinley: I've learned to appreciate what goes into making a university function. It's not just the big things and the big...

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Tanner McKinley: movement and the big bills that make it function, but it's all the small things as well, and I personally enjoy those small things. I also have a personal interest being in law school. I really am interested in the interpretation of statutory language, so I believe that interacting with the COGS Code would really allow me to develop and apply this interest.

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Tanner McKinley: I've learned that the small things like that... the small things that involved internal affairs are the backbone of a university, so I would love to become a representative of COGS to continue that interest. Thank you.

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Tanner McKinley: my person.

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Tanner McKinley: Jane.

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Tanner McKinley: Oh, do we not have paid? Okay. Carter, in 5 minutes, may begin whenever you're ready. Okay, sounds good.

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Tanner McKinley: Well, evening, everyone. It's great to meet y'all, and I appreciate the opportunity to position for this open seat on the Congress of Graduate Students. My name is Carter Schott. I was born and raised in Ocala, Florida, and recently graduated from Auburn University with a degree in political science in May.

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Tanner McKinley: As a new L1, it's been great beginning to discover FSU with my fellow students as we find our places here.

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Tanner McKinley: Over the past few years, FSU's graduate programs have steadily climbed in the national rankings.

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Tanner McKinley: As this continues, degrees from here become more and more valuable, something that benefits each and every one of us, and something I believe we all have a responsibility to continue.

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Tanner McKinley: One of the most critical aspects to continue this is student support.

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Tanner McKinley: Students who feel uncomfortable here for a variety of reasons will not succeed to the same level they would with those issues resolved.

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Tanner McKinley: I know that everyone here worked very hard to get to this level, and I believe that that shared effort creates a sort of obligation to see each other through to our graduation.

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Tanner McKinley: For these reasons, I hope to join COGS and to help grad students across FSU succeed.

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Tanner McKinley: While each of the committees of COGS serves an important purpose in supporting students, I am most interested in joining Student Affairs. I believe that the issues it addresses are cornerstone issues that students encounter from the moment they set foot on campus until graduation.

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Tanner McKinley: Almost every student here needs housing, dining options, a place to park, and a clean place to study.

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Tanner McKinley: Support, however, cannot come from the top alone, which is why cultivating and maintaining a strong sense of community among peers is important as well.

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Tanner McKinley: Peer support is essential for success. As a former undergraduate transfer student who once navigated many of these factors with little support, I know how difficult it can be when essential factors don't line up properly.

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Tanner McKinley: I hope to minimize the problems caused by these as much as possible if selected to COGS.

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Tanner McKinley: When it comes to contributing to student affairs for the cornerstone issues, I draw on my experiences as an intern on Capitol Hill, as well as as an intern in the Ocala City Manager's Office.

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Tanner McKinley: For community outreach, I lean on my experiences as a treasurer for a medium-sized fraternity, and as a high school SGA president.

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Tanner McKinley: On Capitol Hill, most of my job was to register issues from constituents and direct them to the best possible place to solve these issues.

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Tanner McKinley: This gave me a good understanding of how an interconnected bureaucracy operates, and how to navigate it to achieve the best possible outcomes.

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Tanner McKinley: More specific to the issues of student affairs, during my time working in the Hokal's City Manager's Office, I was responsible for inventorying city property and resources, as well as supporting transportation planning.

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Tanner McKinley: Combined, I believe this gives me a great base for evaluating issues that might arise in either the housing aspect of student affairs, or the parking and transportation aspect.

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Tanner McKinley: Moving on to community outreach, when I became treasurer of DTD at Auburn, it was my responsibility to establish our financial policy and manage the logistics of our events.

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Tanner McKinley: One of the policies that began during my time was a shift away from large, singular events that depleted our budget to smaller, more consistently scheduled events that stretched our dollar and reputation farther.

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Tanner McKinley: The effects of this were best measured by the biggest pledge class in history immediately following these changes. A record I am proud to say, has been broken as this policy has snowballed over the years.

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Tanner McKinley: During this time, I gained experience in organizing meaningful events on limited budgets, collaborating with contractors and vendors, and working with other chairs to achieve our goals as an organization.

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Tanner McKinley: This was not my first experience with this, however.

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Tanner McKinley: I spent 4 years in high school, first as a class president, and ultimately as executive president of student government.

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Tanner McKinley: Learning to organize dances, pep rallies, and other events for students.

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Tanner McKinley: My time with the fraternity and my experience working around COVID-19 restrictions in high school also helped me learn to manage obstacles and unexpected circumstances that can arise when working with community outreach, making sure the goals are still reached even when the conditions make things difficult.

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Tanner McKinley: In conclusion, I believe that as part of this grad school, there is a responsibility to myself and everyone else here to support each other and FSU's climb to the top of the national rankings.

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Tanner McKinley: I hope to join the Student Affairs Committee to support students in cornerstone areas that affect us from the first day until the last day on campus. I hope to help continue cultivating a strong campus community for all graduate students, to the point where everyone easily recognizes our new logo.

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Tanner McKinley: My experiences and constituent support, government, event planning, and logistics have given me a background I think is a great fit for COGS and the Student Affairs Committee. I hope to have the opportunity to support my fellow grad students as part of this great organization. Thank you.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you very much, Carter. Joseph, you have 5 minutes, you may begin whenever you're ready.

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Tanner McKinley: Hello, my name is Joseph Cerrone. I'm a 1L at the law school. I went to undergraduate here at FSU, and I'd be grateful... I'm grateful for the opportunity to speak in front of you, and I'd be grateful to join COGS.

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Tanner McKinley: why I wish to join, I guess I'll start with that. I went to law school for the same reason I come here. I want to help people. I've interned at the Public Defender's Office, I've had friends come here, I have seen issues that people face, and the inability to help them has always hurt me.

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Tanner McKinley: This seems like a great chance to get involved in what leads this community, and what creates the opportunities that makes people happy, and a chance to help.

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Tanner McKinley: what I bring. I have experience...

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Tanner McKinley: Not as much as some of my colleagues, I'll admit, but I was part of the Match the Gathering Club at FSU. I was one of the founding members.

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Tanner McKinley: Unfortunately, when my friend passed away, I moved in as vice president to help them out, and then I served as vice president my senior year. I was part of establishing a bank account, raising funds, we got t-shirts, and we started doing that as a monthly thing to raise money.

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Tanner McKinley: I helped coordinate events, friendly competitions, because obviously, competitive game. Weekly, I did a lot of work.

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Tanner McKinley: Reaching out to every member, ensuring everybody was having fun, they were free to...

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Tanner McKinley: Free to participate if they chose, free not to, but they went well, and it was a great time making friends and a community and helping people do something they enjoyed.

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Tanner McKinley: The committee I want to join is Student Affairs, or Student Advocacy, I'd be happy with either. I think they both move towards my aims of making things better. Student Affairs would be...

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Tanner McKinley: helpful in improving something that my friend had a problem with. She was a transfer student in undergrad who came here from UCLA. One of her biggest issues originally was housing, where she came last minute because that's the way her transfer worked.

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Tanner McKinley: And she struggled to find a place to live, and ended up getting an expensive apartment off campus where she felt isolated. So I would like to make it easier for transfer students and anybody struggling with housing or feeling of isolation created by that issue to have a better time.

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Tanner McKinley: I think that's all I want to say. I will yield the rest of my time. Thank you very much.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Jonathan.

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Tanner McKinley: And last but not least, we have Madison, you have 5 minutes, maybe again whenever you're ready. Thank you. Hi everyone, my name is Madison Chostak, and I am a current 1L at the College of Law.

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Tanner McKinley: a little bit about me. I did attend FSU for undergrad. I was a political science major, a criminology major with a minor in business. I kind of had it all. I also worked for numerous law firms in Tallahassee.

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Tanner McKinley: I'm now entering my fifth year in Tallahassee, so I've truly made this place my home by now. When I was accepted into FSU Law in October, I made a joke with all of my friends that I was resetting my college clock, because now I had another 3 years in this place. That joke is actually my reality, so...

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Tanner McKinley: Going from there, this time around, I was determined to do the things I told myself I should have done earlier in my undergrad. During my undergrad, I was the cookie

cutter for involvement. I scoped up out things year one, decided what I wanted to do, what I didn't want to do. Year two, I ran for committees.

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Tanner McKinley: Year three, I joined the executive boards of the organizations I wanted to be a part of, and year four, I started serving as the chapter president of my RSO, Alpha Chi Omega. Through these experiences, I discovered how much I loved to be a part of something that's bigger than myself, and even more how much I valued being a voice for my community.

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Tanner McKinley: As chapter president, I worked alongside my executive board to navigate both internal challenges and external challenges to the broader campus community. One of the initiatives I am most proud of is our launching of a new philanthropy campaign during my term for pedestrian safety. A lot of us who

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Tanner McKinley: are here at FSU know that we have sometimes an issue with pedestrian safety and traffic, and parking is a very big one.

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Tanner McKinley: Through the campaign, these... this idea actually came directly from the needs of my chapter members responding to a reality that was unfortunately one we faced when we lost one of our members.

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Tanner McKinley: The spring of my junior year.

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Tanner McKinley: By taking this action, we not only addressed this important campus issue, but we also gave my members the chance to have their voices feel heard and see that they're speaking up and their ability to take action can actually translate to real, tangible change.

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Tanner McKinley: I also faced the unique challenge of leading an organization during a time of a facility renovation. So that meant leaning on FSU for room reservations, transportation, parking.

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Tanner McKinley: all of the above. It wasn't always easy, but it gave me a first-hand look into how essential it is for student organizations to have strong advocates who can navigate these challenges with them, and sometimes even for them.

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Tanner McKinley: And also to have the resources to be able to do so in the first place. So, now the question is why I'd like to join COGS. Well, the answer is simple. I don't want to sit back and scope it out this time. I want to get involved right away. I don't want to waste a second, because every minute matters when you have a voice that is powerful and capable of change.

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Tanner McKinley: I've been passionate about making a difference and having a positive impact on my peers and my community as a whole, and I know that I have the experience, capability, passion.

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Tanner McKinley: And I know that I have the commitment to be an effective advocate, so I'm ready to fight for the resources and the support that our community desperately needs.

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Tanner McKinley: If my past experiences have taught me anything, is how much a difference one person can make, and I want to be a part of that difference.

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Tanner McKinley: If given the opportunity to hold this College of Law seat, I would especially love to serve on the Student Affairs Committee. I know how important it is for students to feel supported, not only academically, but their overall well-being.

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Tanner McKinley: Student Affairs is where community health and advocacy kind of intersect as one, and those are all areas where I'm deeply passionate about.

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Tanner McKinley: Community programming has always been a very big passion of mine. It creates spaces where students can feel connected and supported. As chapter president, I learned the value of listening to people's needs and turning their concerns

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Tanner McKinley: Into actionable initiatives, and actually being able to create a solution to a problem, not just acknowledging it.

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Tanner McKinley: That same approach I would bring to COGS. I want to be able to identify gaps in our resources, understand what students are really asking for, and be able to create

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Tanner McKinley: real solutions to the problems that we all face every day. Health and wellness are equally as important to me. Law school and all graduate schools come with really unique pressures that, you know, undergrad students don't always face. I believe it's critical to prioritize student well-being.

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Tanner McKinley: to ensure that resources for mental health, stress management, and overall balance are not just available, but accessible. On Student Affairs, I want to be a voice for my peers, advocating for initiatives to make student life healthier, more connected, and sustainable. So, overall, I do believe that I would be a strong addition to COGS,

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Tanner McKinley: And I would be honored to soul... to serve in this capacity, so thank you all for your time and consideration, I appreciate it.

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Tanner McKinley: Alright, thank you very much, Madison. So if you guys could just come down this way, because I think I'm just gonna have y'all just walk... go up through the podium. Are there any questions for the candidates?

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Tanner McKinley: No, that was a lot.

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Tanner McKinley: Are there any questions for the candidates? Okay, Deshaun!

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Tanner McKinley: Are you all available at this time, on Mondays?

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Tanner McKinley: Yes.

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Tanner McKinley: Just so you know, Francis, they all said yes.

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Tanner McKinley: Are there any other questions for the candidates?

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Tanner McKinley: All right, if there are none, then we will, either that, we want to thank you all very much. We will now move into... actually, we're out of the clock.

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Tanner McKinley: You guys, lastly.

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Tanner McKinley: You guys don't need to take a seat just yet. So we'll... so we'll now move into debate on the petition, so if I could ask all petitioners, to please step outside the chambers. We have some seats around there. We also, there are also, I believe, some seats, kind of, if you go into the hallway. You might need to get comfortable.

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Tanner McKinley: We'll call you back in when it's time.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you.

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Tanner McKinley: By the way, Francis, if you're... if you can hear me, we will figure out, or I will... I'll probably have you text me your vote, but we'll cover that in a moment.

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Tanner McKinley: Oh, I didn't?

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Tanner McKinley: Okay, my fault.

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Tanner McKinley: I'll fix it, I... It was the... all right, do we have... are we good? Okay, so...

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Tanner McKinley: Alright guys, so here's what we're gonna do, so we're gonna take this...

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Tanner McKinley: We're gonna take this college by college, and then once we wrap up the colleges, we'll take... I will move to the ballot vote on it. I'll give you guys, like, a minute... like, a minute or two to, to submit your votes in the ballot box, and then I'll ask for basically a... probably a 5-minute, a 5-minute recess, so we can count the votes. Also, so you guys can move about, use the bathroom. I know you guys have been, sitting for a while. Thank you all.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you all for patiently listening to the petitioners. We will go in order, so we will...

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Tanner McKinley: Start with the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy. Are there any members wishing to speak on the candidates for the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy?

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Tanner McKinley: Deshawn.

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Tanner McKinley: I'd like to speak on behalf of Janai.

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Tanner McKinley: Even though she's young, I think she's just an acceptable candidate, and I like what she had to say, how she framed it, she seemed very prepared.

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Tanner McKinley: I also wanted to talk about, like, Miss America and the, like, stigma that is around that, and it's, like, a really great scholarship program that, like, does so much for, young women across the United States, and it's an incredible organization to be a part of, and I was really, just...

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Tanner McKinley: Really impressed with her.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Sean. By the way, I'm just gonna set a 5-minute clock per college if we don't use it all, if we don't use it all. Are there any other members wishing to speak on the candidates for the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy? We'll go to Luis, then...

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Tanner McKinley: I'll be super brief, but, also I second that. Janai was an incredible candidate. I was really moved by the passion she showed, throughout her speech, and

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Tanner McKinley: Just for preparation overall, I think makes her a great candidate, and I think also having the perspective of someone that is younger can help us understand more the student demographics at FSU, and have kind of, like, a broad perspective. so yeah, I think it will be a great opportunity to have her as part of our student body, yeah. Thank you, Louise. William?

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Tanner McKinley: Yeah, I just want to touch on, Devin Peters. I think he did a really good job.

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Tanner McKinley: Mine's too far, oops, sorry, oops.

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Tanner McKinley: Yeah, I don't know anyone that studies how many bills we had from that far back, that much, but he did a pretty good job, so, yeah.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, William. Or, we'll go to Ridwan, and then Noah.

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Tanner McKinley: I just want to support what he has just said about, theeters. I think he did great, great for looking into the past, resolutions and some other things like that.

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Tanner McKinley: looking at the pool of, experiences also coming with. I think those are the things we...

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Tanner McKinley: I want to say this college will be, the most, you know, Difficult one.

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Tanner McKinley: to make decision on. Because we also have, Clara Kappel.

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Tanner McKinley: Who is also experienced, you know, working with

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Tanner McKinley: affairs division during our time here at FSU, so I think that is also something we don't want to ignore.

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Tanner McKinley: So, it will be a very difficult work, but, Devan, and, Divan, is one of those person I want to...

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Tanner McKinley: Speak for.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you very much, Ridwan. Noah, did you want to speak?

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Tanner McKinley: Yes, I just want to echo what everyone else has said, but especially to Claire Cabell. I had the opportunity during my time in Student Senate to work with her. This is an individual who really put in the work in Student Senate.

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Tanner McKinley: to ensure that these transportation needs were met, especially as well as in the housing sphere. Her name is quite up abroad, and she wasn't even an RA or a DA. This was a student trying to actively make change, and her email was known.

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Tanner McKinley: Like, she made herself known, so much so that she also did get Senator of the Month during her time in Student Senate, which is something to be noted, just because of how much work that she did put in. So I just want that to kind of be said.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you very much. Noah. Are there any other members wishing to speak? Francis.

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Tanner McKinley: Oh, you just re-mute, okay.

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Francis Ebuara: Okay, can you hear me?

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Tanner McKinley: Oh, hold on, Francis, hold on one sec.

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Tanner McKinley: Alright, Francis, can you try to say something?

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you.

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Tanner McKinley: Beautiful.

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Francis Ebuara: Okay, can you hear me?

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Tanner McKinley: Yes, we can hear ya.

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Francis Ebuara: Great, okay. So, I guess,

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Francis Ebuara: Well, thank you for this opportunity.

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Francis Ebuara: And I just want to say the quality of the candidates we have here today is... Incredible.

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Francis Ebuara: And if I had my way, to be honest, I'm going to have all of them join Congress tonight.

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Francis Ebuara: Can you hear me? Looks like...

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Francis Ebuara: Okay, good. So, if I had my way, I would...

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Francis Ebuara: simply accept everyone into Congress tonight, and especially for these guys from...

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Francis Ebuara: the College of Social Science, I think...

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Francis Ebuara: The depth of experience, equality, the passion.

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Francis Ebuara: I mean, everything is just amazing, so... I wouldn't particularly say I want this person or the other person, I just want to speak for these guys, I want to say...

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Francis Ebuara: They are unbelievable, and we should do everything to have them here. These are the kind of people we want to have on...

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Francis Ebuara: I mean, on these seats, and...

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Francis Ebuara: to work really hard for graduate students here in FSU. So, I'm just rooting for all of them.

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Tanner McKinley: Alright, thank you, Francis. We have 25 seconds left. Are there any other members wishing to speak on the candidates for, social sciences and Public Policy?

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Tanner McKinley: Najika.

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Tanner McKinley: I think that Claire and Devin were extremely incredible. I think they had a really great background, they had a lot of tangible things that they had completed, with, what they previously worked on. I think Janai also had excellent energy,

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Tanner McKinley: I hope we can take them all.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you very much. Are there any other members wishing to speak on the candidates for Social Science Public Policy? Seeing none, it's actually as time is expiring, so we will now move to 5 minutes on the candidates for the College of Fine Arts. Again, that's Logan Lamb and Cortelina and Kalada. Are there any members wishing to speak on the candidates for Fine Arts?

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Tanner McKinley: Fine arts.

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Tanner McKinley: Ehler Buehler.

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Tanner McKinley: Okay.

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Tanner McKinley: If there is none, Deshaun, where are you gonna say? Yeah, I was just gonna speak on behalf of both of them. They're both really impressive. I was really impressed with Logan and, her composer... composure, and how she delivered her speech, and all the, like, experience she brings, to the... to the position.

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Tanner McKinley: And... go the arts.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you to Sean. Are there any other members wishing to speak on the candidates for the College of Fine Arts?

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Tanner McKinley: Fine arts, one last...

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Tanner McKinley: Alright, if there are no other members wishing to speak, we'll now move to 5 minutes on the candidates for the College of Law. As a reminder, those, because there are a lot of them, they are Angel Colon, Nicolette Lenane, Carter Schott, Joseph Cerrone, and Madison Shostak. 5 minutes, would anyone like to kick us off?

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Tanner McKinley: Would anyone... Machika.

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Tanner McKinley: I think that Nicolette was extremely impressive. She had completed a lot as well. Joseph, I really liked his vibes. And then, Madison, her being, someone from...

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Tanner McKinley: FSU, I think, will... she'll definitely be able to provide a more in-depth perspective of... of the needs of the FSU graduate student body.

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01:21:29.560 --> 01:21:31.089

Tanner McKinley: Thank you. Yeah.

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Tanner McKinley: Shaheen. Oh, Shaheen, your mic's off.

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01:21:36.340 --> 01:21:41.360

Tanner McKinley: Hit the button. Thank you. I think Qatar is one of the... I mean, everybody is good.

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Tanner McKinley: Since we need to select,

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Tanner McKinley: only two. I think Carter is one of the...

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Tanner McKinley: Best candidate who bring his, lot of experiences, particularly, student body.

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Tanner McKinley: He was the president in a few, few places, so that's really, good things, for...

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Tanner McKinley: Alcox to bring that kind of leadership.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Shaheen. Any other members wishing to speak on the College of Law candidates?

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Tanner McKinley: And members Louise.

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Tanner McKinley: I would like to speak on behalf of Madison. I think she was such an impressive candidate, and not because she's an FSU alumni, so that definitely is a factor of consideration, because who knows? But at the same time, it's a matter of, again, knowing the campus, being engaged with campus partners, and having the capacity to use those connections on campus to further the agendas that we might have this year as a Congress of Graduate Students.

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Tanner McKinley: And I think that, her involvement showcases her commitment to our student body and her just overall passion for FSU as a community. So, yeah.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Luis. Are there any other members wishing to speak on the candidates for the College of Law?

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Tanner McKinley: If there are none. Alright, so what we're gonna do is, I'm gonna give you guys...

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Tanner McKinley: I'm gonna give you guys until 8.13, to cast your votes. Once you... please, as a reminder, fill in... fill in, check mark, X, whatever it looks like to show that you want that candidate. Please fill in your ballots, fold them up, don't put anything on there that can show it's your name, and please bring it up here to the front, stick it in the ballot box, and then once, everyone's voted, we will take a 5-minute recess.

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Tanner McKinley: Francis, if you could do me a favor and text your,

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Tanner McKinley: Well, actually, can... actually, oh, can you send your vote to... Hmm, hold on.

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Tanner McKinley: Alright, I'm gonna have you.

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Tanner McKinley: Alright, Francis, what we're gonna have you do is we're gonna have you email your vote, to Tanner. I'm gonna give Tanner the microphone so we can tell you what his email is.

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Tanner McKinley: Alright, baby. If he wants my email, y'all listen up!

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Francis Ebuara: So, can you...

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01:24:10.810 --> 01:24:12.389

Tanner McKinley: Francis, can you hear me?

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01:24:12.390 --> 01:24:15.440

Francis Ebuara: Can I get, like, a picture of this ballot box?

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Tanner McKinley: Because I can't remember the names of these people I want to vote for, to be honest. Alright, I'm sorry, girly, I can't hear you.

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01:24:22.120 --> 01:24:31.560

Tanner McKinley: So... Alright, well, MTM... MTM2022.

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Francis Ebuara: Okay.

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Tanner McKinley: A.

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Francis Ebuara: at fsu.edu.

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01:24:38.370 --> 01:24:49.259

Tanner McKinley: Okay... Did you say MTM22A? So, so it's M, as in Michael.

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01:24:49.260 --> 01:24:49.620

Francis Ebuara: Okay.

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Tanner McKinley: T as in Tanner, M as in McKinley, 22 as in the year, K as in Kiana.

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01:24:59.850 --> 01:25:00.670

Francis Ebuara: Okay.

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01:25:02.240 --> 01:25:02.990

Francis Ebuara: Oh, good.

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01:25:02.990 --> 01:25:04.229

Tanner McKinley: and flew out? Yeah.

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01:25:04.810 --> 01:25:06.210

Tanner McKinley: Okay.

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01:25:06.460 --> 01:25:08.729

Tanner McKinley: Alright, I'm sorry, I'm trying to hear you.

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01:25:09.320 --> 01:25:10.869

Francis Ebuara: Thank you. Thank you.

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01:25:11.670 --> 01:25:12.700

Tanner McKinley: Perfect.

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01:25:13.240 --> 01:25:16.620

Tanner McKinley: So we're taking vote by mail? Yeah, we're basically... it's vote-by-mail.

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01:25:19.230 --> 01:25:21.660

Tanner McKinley: Did you... so, I... Francis, you have the email?

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01:25:22.020 --> 01:25:27.779

Tanner McKinley: Yeah, I do, but I can't remember the name of all of these candidates, so... If you pull up the agenda, you'll have the list of names.

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01:25:27.780 --> 01:25:30.050

Francis Ebuara: Oh, yeah, yeah, got it. Thank you.

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Tanner McKinley: Oh, no, don't... no, keep your... keep your pens, you're gonna need them, because we're gonna have... because we have to have that... we have to have a ballot for the at-larges.

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01:25:37.680 --> 01:25:42.499

Tanner McKinley: Is there any person, anyone in the chambers who haven't submitted a vote yet?

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Tanner McKinley: Alright, if not, can I please get a motion to recess for 5 minutes? Deshaun.

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Tanner McKinley: Deshawn moves to recess for 5 minutes. Is there a second? Seconded by Ridwan. Is there objection?

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Tanner McKinley: Hearing no objection, we are in recess for 5 minutes. We'll try to be back at 8.20.

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Tanner McKinley: It is not working anymore. Yeah, no worries.

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01:26:20.710 --> 01:26:43.419

Tanner McKinley: Like, consider it as what? As a chair? Yeah. I would consider... Wait, you... are you in the advocacy committee? I'm going to. When did you join?

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01:26:43.620 --> 01:26:45.369

Tanner McKinley: Well, summer, right?

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Tanner McKinley: Wait, sorry, again, your name? I forgot. Luis, Luis. So, you joined in summer? Yes. So, you were there throughout all of the meetings, I believe, right? In summer?

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01:26:57.060 --> 01:27:11.579

Tanner McKinley: Congress. Yeah, yeah, because the committees are not, functional during the summer. So, yeah, I was... I have been since, I think, 23-24.

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Tanner McKinley: Yeah, 23, I think, and 24 throughout. So, the thing is that we were working right now, yeah, I might step down, because eventually, if I'm planning to graduate, which is not... this is not December, maybe upcoming May.

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01:27:27.760 --> 01:27:40.279

Tanner McKinley: I don't know, I'm still young. I don't know. I don't know about that. Yeah, yeah, it's a good thing. I'm, like, stressed with other things, yeah. So, but, like...

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01:27:40.280 --> 01:27:46.479

Tanner McKinley: Yeah. I'm doing research in smartphone device adoption.

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01:27:46.480 --> 01:28:05.959

Tanner McKinley: And data privacy regulation, so I'm looking into users' perspective of understanding of device usage and their understanding of regulations, like, you know, and also AI aspects, real-time interactions, how they respond... Yeah, so...

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, I don't know. I don't know. So, yeah. Basically, for, advocacy committee, what we are looking into, the website is not updated, but what I can tell you is that we have done work on housing. So, right now, what last work we were doing, and there is an Excel sheet on housing.

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Tanner McKinley: So all the properties in Tallahassee haven't created an Excel sheet. It was done from the previous work, so we are populating that, which should be done. Whoever has not done visiting. I was given task of doing 5 properties, so that this

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Tanner McKinley: Excel sheet, we can share it eventually with, GSRC, or, carriers, sorry, CGE, depending on how it goes. So, and also, we were supposed... we also created,

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Tanner McKinley: Qualtrics survey, so that we have already worked on. It is ready to be launched. Now, that needs to be launched based on last... I followed up with Jack, that it was supposed to be gone through, because we cannot email it to all graduate students, but we were finding ways how it should be, administered, so that we worked on.

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01:29:16.950 --> 01:29:18.060

Tanner McKinley: It does cost me.

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01:29:19.790 --> 01:29:43.979

Tanner McKinley: No, we have kept it as an open book, so people will feed in anything, because there are too many things to advocate for. So you, yeah, you cannot just, give, you know, just

limited topics, okay, we are going to look into... Alright, Francis, I need your vote. Yeah, just keep it broad to see, you know, what comes in, what people are actually, facing. Francis! Based on that. So those are the two things currently we were, like, lastly we were...

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Tanner McKinley: on you.

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Tanner McKinley: But the thing is that it is... what you're going to be doing is, if you take up as a chair, conducting the meetings.

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Tanner McKinley: And you have the vice chair who'll be taking the minute. Does anyone know Francis, like, have his number? Okay, I need someone to message Francis that I need his vote.

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Tanner McKinley: Please.

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Francis Ebuara: I already emailed you.

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01:30:07.560 --> 01:30:10.580

Tanner McKinley: Hey, Francis, I'm glad you're back, I was talking about you.

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Francis Ebuara: Yeah, already.

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01:30:11.210 --> 01:30:14.030

Tanner McKinley: You just got it, you're amazing, thank you so much.

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Francis Ebuara: Thank you.

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01:30:14.900 --> 01:30:20.900

Tanner McKinley: this Monday, so the committees meet next Monday. So, we were doing it over the Zoom.

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Tanner McKinley: But then, Sean has mentioned to do it in person. Other people will not be here, but...

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Tanner McKinley: That's one of those rooms, yeah, one of those rooms there. Okay. So, do it accordingly like that, but you have to basically notify people the Monday before, like, on Sunday, that the meeting is going to be held, and, you know, what... and then you do the agenda, but your vice chair is going to write down the meeting minutes.

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01:30:47.150 --> 01:30:48.630

Tanner McKinley: What's the plan that you got, Dan?

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01:30:50.770 --> 01:31:02.599

Tanner McKinley: Yeah, like, you, you will not decide, but you can leave it, like, usually, whatever agenda you think we are going to discuss in the meeting, you put it up there, because this is going to go peer Civic+.

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Tanner McKinley: Yeah, that is different. When the meeting is going on, then you take it, and then from there, you'll just roll in into the next.

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Tanner McKinley: Those are the things.

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01:31:14.640 --> 01:31:15.630

Tanner McKinley: Template products.

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01:31:18.770 --> 01:31:25.489

Tanner McKinley: No, it is not. Just sometimes you have to... little bit of time you have to give, but it's not, like... No, it's not...

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01:31:31.460 --> 01:31:33.040

Tanner McKinley: Yeah, that's what... yeah, that's what I'm saying.

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01:31:35.600 --> 01:31:42.840

Tanner McKinley: No, it is not that. Yeah, but... yeah, but you need to organize that. There are ongoing projects, you have to push people to get things.

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01:31:42.930 --> 01:31:57.440

Tanner McKinley: those things. Yeah, that is the difficult part, that you have to... but then I think you should be fine doing with that, as long as people are responding back to it and making sure people are accountable for what they are doing. I think that should be...

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Tanner McKinley: That's fine.

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01:32:03.050 --> 01:32:04.180

Tanner McKinley: I know you've got a question.

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Tanner McKinley: Yeah, I don't care.

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01:32:06.800 --> 01:32:19.359

Tanner McKinley: Now, we tried, I think, doing how much ever we could based on that, but you'll see if you take, like, you know, when you join, and you want to take over.

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01:32:20.020 --> 01:32:26.009

Tanner McKinley: Because I think there are people who, have graduated already.

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01:32:26.470 --> 01:32:30.270

Tanner McKinley: So, it's just... Right now... She wasn't...

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Tanner McKinley: Well, I don't know if she was.

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Tanner McKinley: What's the average thing?

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01:32:34.860 --> 01:32:50.640

Tanner McKinley: What's her name? Jamila. Yeah, Jamila was the vice chair. Yes, therefore, yeah. Okay, so she was, I think, previously chair for Student Affairs, then she left that, and then she was in,

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01:32:50.820 --> 01:32:54.700

Tanner McKinley: This one where Darshan became the, what do you call?

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01:32:54.940 --> 01:33:08.339

Tanner McKinley: speaker for Deborah. Yeah. Yeah, and then she transitioned, but I think these people are not... I do not know... I do not know if they have graduated. Do you know what about Diego and Jake? Have they graduated? Are they there?

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01:33:08.510 --> 01:33:12.900

Tanner McKinley: Which one? Jake Abel, Hossein, and Diago Farming.

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01:33:13.400 --> 01:33:18.120

Tanner McKinley: You guys, strategic committee, like, we were working, what happened with that?

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01:33:19.630 --> 01:33:21.610

Tanner McKinley: What's happening then?

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01:33:21.920 --> 01:33:32.770

Tanner McKinley: Diego has been really occupied this summer. Jack said he's gonna talk to you soon. And Jake, is he graduated, or is he there? I remember him being there.

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01:33:32.940 --> 01:33:40.679

Tanner McKinley: He being supposed to be there, right? Yeah, I thought he was coming back. Yeah, but I don't see him anywhere, but... so...

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01:33:40.820 --> 01:33:57.800

Tanner McKinley: Zeke... I do not see... Zeke is gone. He's gone? He left, like... He's still in school. But he's just gone. Yeah, because he was doing, bargaining, and it was... Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. She's done bargaining. Okay. Yeah, I say it's here. Yeah, so this is... she graduated, she's graduated.

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01:33:58.130 --> 01:34:03.590

Tanner McKinley: just graduated. So this is not updated, but there are going to be available for it.

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01:34:03.850 --> 01:34:05.269

Tanner McKinley: I wanted to join her.

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01:34:05.900 --> 01:34:29.140

Tanner McKinley: Yeah. So, he was... he's interested to be the chair, and if I happen to... I think I will step down, considering if I have a... If you're gonna do, like, doing, like, research... Yeah, yeah, I'm... I gotta get you graduated. Yes. No, you want me to leave, basically. Get a job and get some real money. Yes, I want that!

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01:34:29.180 --> 01:34:34.959

Tanner McKinley: I want you to be making the hoo-poo money, not graduate money. Please pray that I get a job.

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01:34:38.800 --> 01:34:46.970

Tanner McKinley: Because we are, like, as you'll see, he's also a PhD student.

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Tanner McKinley: I was, I was thinking the same amount, because I was...

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Tanner McKinley: So...

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Tanner McKinley: Yeah, but, like, if you're not...

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01:35:18.410 --> 01:35:19.740

Tanner McKinley: That's right, John.

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01:35:24.040 --> 01:35:24.740

Tanner McKinley: I agree.

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01:35:43.860 --> 01:35:49.630

Tanner McKinley: If I graduate, should I find the job right away?

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01:35:50.060 --> 01:35:56.130

Tanner McKinley: No, sorry. No!

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01:36:12.420 --> 01:36:13.189

Tanner McKinley: Are you serious?

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01:36:13.350 --> 01:36:14.330

Tanner McKinley: Miami.

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01:36:15.120 --> 01:36:28.910

Tanner McKinley: No, it's not that.

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01:36:39.900 --> 01:36:41.830

Tanner McKinley: Actually, got it.

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Tanner McKinley: Deepad stuff.

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01:36:54.440 --> 01:36:56.160

Tanner McKinley: That would be nothing.

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Tanner McKinley: space.

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01:37:01.510 --> 01:37:05.439

Tanner McKinley: That's a mess, I'm sorry.

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01:37:23.290 --> 01:37:24.160

Tanner McKinley: My views are...

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01:37:28.440 --> 01:37:30.819

Tanner McKinley: I like that, I like the sponge for that.

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01:37:38.510 --> 01:37:39.250

Tanner McKinley: All right.

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01:37:44.570 --> 01:37:50.060

Tanner McKinley: I'm not coming up on my bed.

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01:38:22.950 --> 01:38:36.930

Tanner McKinley: Every time for us, it's not like we don't have it.

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01:38:41.600 --> 01:38:44.650

Tanner McKinley: You know, I can take, like, 100.

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01:38:47.380 --> 01:38:48.270

Tanner McKinley: Hello.

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01:38:50.600 --> 01:38:52.220

Tanner McKinley: Okay, I noticed.

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01:38:52.930 --> 01:38:54.240

Tanner McKinley: The catalog.

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01:39:02.950 --> 01:39:03.650

Tanner McKinley: There's nothing else.

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01:39:05.840 --> 01:39:07.840

Tanner McKinley: Oh my gosh.

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01:39:12.360 --> 01:39:15.459

Tanner McKinley: Yeah, I was getting over \$14.

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01:39:32.860 --> 01:39:34.960

Tanner McKinley: That's what I could actually have on my headers from.

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01:39:35.060 --> 01:39:35.820

Tanner McKinley: Fair enough.

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01:40:02.990 --> 01:40:03.949

Tanner McKinley: Even for, like...

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01:40:11.150 --> 01:40:11.850

Tanner McKinley: Bye.

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01:40:40.240 --> 01:40:41.319

Tanner McKinley: I get it.

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Tanner McKinley: You're welcome.

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01:42:01.770 --> 01:42:03.400

Tanner McKinley: As far as see what the Lord says it.

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01:42:11.290 --> 01:42:13.489

Tanner McKinley: Take out loans for her when you desire.

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Tanner McKinley: I'm gonna ask?

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01:42:23.930 --> 01:42:27.110

Tanner McKinley: I guess you just break down it.

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01:42:31.390 --> 01:42:34.009

Tanner McKinley: I don't burn my nose out.

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01:42:35.230 --> 01:42:36.610

Tanner McKinley: Oh, fingers go on.

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01:42:38.230 --> 01:42:40.969

Tanner McKinley: Yeah, we talked about this.

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01:42:45.000 --> 01:42:46.200

Tanner McKinley: Did you see that?

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01:42:47.300 --> 01:42:48.990

Tanner McKinley: Oh my god.

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01:42:49.870 --> 01:42:51.060

Tanner McKinley: Have you talked to anyone about that?

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01:42:52.540 --> 01:42:52.895

Tanner McKinley: Oh.

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01:43:12.980 --> 01:43:14.950

Tanner McKinley: Very good.

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Tanner McKinley: From her principal.

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Tanner McKinley: Oh, yeah.

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01:43:34.970 --> 01:43:39.489

Tanner McKinley: I would... I guess I would.

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Tanner McKinley: No, you're right.

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Tanner McKinley: Not, like... That's hospital.

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Tanner McKinley: Yeah, that's a true.

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01:44:11.050 --> 01:44:15.610

Tanner McKinley: Now, food.

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01:44:26.310 --> 01:44:32.829

Tanner McKinley: Did you know, we had shrimp top.

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01:44:33.130 --> 01:44:35.230

Tanner McKinley: We have this much ready for you.

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01:44:36.390 --> 01:44:37.980

Tanner McKinley: Yeah, I would ask.

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01:44:40.320 --> 01:44:43.589

Tanner McKinley: See what's called the sandwich and a place to try it.

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01:44:48.710 --> 01:44:55.739

Tanner McKinley: I called feedback to order at 8.33PM.

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01:44:56.160 --> 01:45:01.319

Tanner McKinley: Alright, so here's how we're going to do this. We have counted the votes, we have recounted the votes, and...

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Tanner McKinley: I have the results.

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Tanner McKinley: Gotta unmute. As a reminder, those who are not... those petitioners who are not elected for a seat within their college will have the opportunity to be elected in the at-large seats. We have two of them. We are printing the ballot for the at-larges.

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01:45:17.950 --> 01:45:30.230

Tanner McKinley: As we prepare that, would any... could I just ask the Congress, would you guys like to hear from the petitioners again? We can do it for a much shorter period of time, maybe a minute, or would you like to move straight to the boat?

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01:45:30.650 --> 01:45:33.020

Tanner McKinley: The... Deshaun?

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01:45:34.240 --> 01:45:36.809

Tanner McKinley: I would just like to move straight to the vote.

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Tanner McKinley: Is there consensus on that?

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01:45:40.020 --> 01:45:59.449

Tanner McKinley: There appears to be. Okay, so then we will get... so we might be in a holding pattern for about a minute or two while we wait on the ballots to come down, but, the results are as follows. And the, the actual count of the vote tallies will be provided in the minutes, that'll be present, or that'll be published at the next meeting.

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01:46:00.570 --> 01:46:10.030

Tanner McKinley: For the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, the new representatives for the college are Claire Capell and Devin Peters.

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Tanner McKinley: And if I could also have all the petitioners who've been elected to please come down front for the swearing-in.

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01:46:18.020 --> 01:46:21.349

Tanner McKinley: For the College of Fine Arts, Logan Lamb was elected.

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01:46:24.840 --> 01:46:29.869

Tanner McKinley: For the College of Law, Nicolette and Madison were elected.

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01:46:33.240 --> 01:46:45.300

Tanner McKinley: Congratulations to the incoming representatives. I will step away, and Ridwan, our Debbie Seeker for Judicial Affairs, will officially swear you all in. If I could have y'all please just step over here.

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01:46:50.130 --> 01:47:00.309

Tanner McKinley: So, all student body officers have the right to replace, so help me God with a pain of impishment. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

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01:47:00.560 --> 01:47:02.170

Tanner McKinley: Hi, state your name.

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01:47:05.220 --> 01:47:15.209

Tanner McKinley: Promise to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, the state of Florida.

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01:47:15.750 --> 01:47:19.680

Tanner McKinley: and the Florida State, university student body.

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01:47:21.730 --> 01:47:23.969

Tanner McKinley: And I shall perform my duties.

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01:47:25.160 --> 01:47:27.129

Tanner McKinley: To the best of my ability.

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01:47:28.020 --> 01:47:29.529

Tanner McKinley: So have me God.

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01:47:30.090 --> 01:47:31.670

Tanner McKinley: Congratulations.

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01:47:41.040 --> 01:47:44.189

Tanner McKinley: Thank you guys, you can now take a seat... amongst the representatives.

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01:47:44.510 --> 01:48:00.229

Tanner McKinley: We... and in addition, the newly elected representatives, or newly sworn-in representatives will have the opportunity to vote on the at-larges. I will just kind of put us in... I'll just put us kind of like an informal recess for a couple minutes while we wait on the ballots to come in.

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01:48:00.240 --> 01:48:14.949

Tanner McKinley: But yeah. So, I will say, I want to thank all... everybody here who is here, especially our special... our guests from LSC for your patience tonight. This has been a massive effort, so thank you guys for that. Hopefully.

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01:48:15.070 --> 01:48:28.260

Tanner McKinley: Depending on how fast we can move through all this, we can maybe get you guys out of here just a little bit after 9. I promise to those of you who are petitioning in, this is the longest meeting you will be a part of in COGS. Just gonna knock on wood as I say that.

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01:48:37.180 --> 01:48:43.139

Tanner McKinley: Yeah, we're just gonna be in an informal recess. I'll gavel... I'll gavel us back in when the ballots are here.

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01:48:53.670 --> 01:48:54.460

Tanner McKinley: Got it.

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01:49:23.490 --> 01:49:25.699

Tanner McKinley: I think, yeah.

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01:49:25.810 --> 01:49:33.589

Tanner McKinley: I've probably been nice.

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01:49:37.670 --> 01:49:40.640

Tanner McKinley: Right?

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01:49:40.850 --> 01:49:48.340

Tanner McKinley: Alright, we are back from informal recess. NOAA is curr... NOAA is passing out the ballots.

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01:49:48.440 --> 01:50:04.699

Tanner McKinley: I, yeah, no one's now passing out the ballots for at-large. As a reminder, there are two at-large seats available. Please fill in your ballot for the two petitioners that you would like to be at-large representatives.

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01:50:04.880 --> 01:50:06.310

Tanner McKinley: Yeah.

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01:50:06.760 --> 01:50:07.530

Tanner McKinley: What?

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01:50:15.430 --> 01:50:19.900

Tanner McKinley: They found that you improved that most people.

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01:50:21.060 --> 01:50:40.919

Tanner McKinley: the at-large is still up for grabs. Oh, oh, yeah, actually, yeah. Sorry, thank you. And the remaining petitioners could please step outside for the moment, while we... while the, representatives vote. Sorry, again, this is all kind of coming together quick.

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01:51:06.820 --> 01:51:07.619

Tanner McKinley: Hello, son.

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01:51:25.550 --> 01:51:30.660

Tanner McKinley: Anyone else need a ballot?

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01:51:33.700 --> 01:51:36.569

Tanner McKinley: If everyone voted? I know, I know.

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01:51:36.920 --> 01:51:38.740

Tanner McKinley: Do we get time to take time?

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01:51:39.080 --> 01:51:45.189

Tanner McKinley: Yeah, that's what... everyone wanted to go straight out.

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01:51:45.560 --> 01:52:00.330

Tanner McKinley: Well... It says I received your food, thank you.

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01:52:14.440 --> 01:52:14.993

Tanner McKinley: Come on.

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01:52:33.880 --> 01:52:36.179

Tanner McKinley: Does anyone have any more college pane?

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01:52:38.810 --> 01:52:41.749

Tanner McKinley: Okay. Can you hear me that?

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01:52:42.020 --> 01:52:49.920

Tanner McKinley: Have all members voted? Have all members voted? Francis, Francis, it's same song, second verse.

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01:52:50.120 --> 01:52:51.389

Tanner McKinley: Oh, you have it? Okay.

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01:52:52.910 --> 01:52:57.010

Tanner McKinley: Can I get a motion... can I get a motion to recess for 7 minutes?

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Tanner McKinley: Is there a second? Seconded by Rid 1. Okay, Deshaun moves to recess for 7 minutes, seconded by RID1. Is there objection to the motion? Hearing none, we are in recess.

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01:53:08.860 --> 01:53:10.050
Tanner McKinley: We will get out.

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01:53:16.630 --> 01:53:26.320
Tanner McKinley: Fighting.

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01:53:43.340 --> 01:53:45.189
Tanner McKinley: Do y'all want me to close down?

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01:53:48.980 --> 01:53:50.719
Tanner McKinley: We don't talk about this!

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01:53:58.380 --> 01:54:17.620
Tanner McKinley: Literally.

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01:56:24.960 --> 01:56:38.520
Tanner McKinley: On Fridays, right?

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01:56:45.520 --> 01:56:46.979
Tanner McKinley: I've never seen a hotel.

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01:56:51.720 --> 01:56:54.110
Tanner McKinley: And he's a clinical nosilery.

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01:58:21.210 --> 01:58:32.180
Tanner McKinley: Yeah, that's just what I was saying.

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01:58:37.950 --> 01:58:41.390
Tanner McKinley: And that's what I'm saying, now they're gonna love us more music.

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01:58:45.200 --> 01:58:46.150
Tanner McKinley: I'll just go.

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01:59:05.910 --> 01:59:07.170

Tanner McKinley: Would you fraud?

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01:59:10.270 --> 01:59:20.650

Tanner McKinley: I got this meeting back to order at 8.48 PM. God, I've never said a phrase like that in this body. That kind of hurts.

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01:59:20.680 --> 01:59:32.959

Tanner McKinley: We have the... and the results are in from the at-large vote. The two representatives elected, for the at-large position... for the at-large seats are Janai and Joseph.

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Tanner McKinley: Could you please join me down front?

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01:59:36.720 --> 01:59:37.890

Tanner McKinley: Johnny Joseph.

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01:59:38.660 --> 01:59:48.890

Tanner McKinley: And while they're doing the swearing-in, if I could please get and the petitioners who are not successful to please join me over here. I want to just provide you all some more information about potential options in the future.

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01:59:50.100 --> 01:59:52.839

Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Hughes.

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01:59:53.090 --> 01:59:58.230

Tanner McKinley: This is... Bassett.

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01:59:58.570 --> 02:00:14.269

Tanner McKinley: So, now I'll go ahead with the swearing-in. So, all student body officers have the right to replace, oh heavenly God with on pain of impeachment. So, please raise your right hand and repeat after me. I state your name.

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02:00:15.940 --> 02:00:17.930

Tanner McKinley: Promise to support and defend.

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02:00:19.340 --> 02:00:22.230

Tanner McKinley: the Constitution of the United States of America.

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Tanner McKinley: the state of Florida.

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Tanner McKinley: and the Florida State University student body.

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02:00:31.770 --> 02:00:33.940

Tanner McKinley: And I shall perform my duties.

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02:00:34.940 --> 02:00:36.870

Tanner McKinley: To the best of my ability.

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02:00:37.760 --> 02:00:39.240

Tanner McKinley: So, help me, God.

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02:00:39.830 --> 02:00:41.560

Tanner McKinley: Congratulations to you.

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02:01:00.040 --> 02:01:01.690

Tanner McKinley: closer? Yeah.

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02:01:06.540 --> 02:01:10.119

Tanner McKinley: Oh, no, I'm not my grandparent.

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02:01:12.790 --> 02:01:16.880

Tanner McKinley: Good evening.

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02:01:17.440 --> 02:01:27.349

Tanner McKinley: Yeah, so that's your last name.

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02:01:31.030 --> 02:01:33.609

Tanner McKinley: I think she's got it.

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02:01:52.220 --> 02:02:03.460

Tanner McKinley: I do want to cancel my... Oh my gosh!

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02:02:17.050 --> 02:02:27.150

Tanner McKinley: What's that?

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02:02:27.810 --> 02:02:29.969

Tanner McKinley: Broadway in front of us.

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02:02:30.740 --> 02:02:33.890

Tanner McKinley: Okay, right.

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Tanner McKinley: If I was... Well, I'll... I love the practice.

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Tanner McKinley: Alright, folks! Let's get this show on the road. We can hopefully try to be done before 9.15. I pray. I pray.

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02:03:21.330 --> 02:03:22.319

Tanner McKinley: Oh, are you recall?

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02:03:22.630 --> 02:03:23.689

Tanner McKinley: I would just be you.

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02:03:23.870 --> 02:03:26.620

Tanner McKinley: You're right now.

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02:03:26.730 --> 02:03:47.650

Tanner McKinley: I... my apologies! I thought you were... I thought you were just sitting in for the whole meeting. No, stop. Okay! I didn't enjoy the meeting anyway. I... so, it turns out we did actually have one more person who was here to speak, so my apologies for making you wait for 2 hours, to come speak. So, we have... we're gonna go back to messages from student government for one moment.

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02:03:47.650 --> 02:03:56.079

Tanner McKinley: Yeah, you know, they cut wood like a sawmill. Oh, Sawmill. Sawmill, who is a legislative coordinator within the Office of the Attorney General.

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Tanner McKinley: Hey everyone, my name is Sawmill,

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Tanner McKinley: I'm just here to say hi, because, me and along with my, other coordinator, his name is Logan, he was here for a bit, but had to step out for, class and things like that, but, we're just kind of, like, your center point with, like, execs, so if you guys ever have any, you know, thing you want to communicate with the executive branch of student government, feel free to reach us out, we're here to help and just kind of, like, ensure everything runs smoothly between, you know, the different branches, so...

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Tanner McKinley: Yeah, just feel free to reach out. Thank you, guys.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Solomon. Again, I'm really sorry for making you wait, man.

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02:04:32.660 --> 02:04:34.300

Tanner McKinley: Oh, thank you very much.

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02:04:37.150 --> 02:04:54.989

Tanner McKinley: We will now move... we're now gonna go back to the regular order. So, report from the Office of Governmental Affairs, we gotta fix that, because the Office of Governmental Affairs doesn't exist anymore. Report to the officers. I will try to be very quick about this, but I do have some exciting news for you guys.

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Tanner McKinley: I... I... most of you... those of you who are... who are not elected in tonight, like, who have been here, you got an email today, inviting you to a Canvas site. Those of you who are elected tonight, you will be getting an invite to this Canvas site.

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Tanner McKinley: Hopefully tonight. And we are unveiling it now, finally. One of the things that I wanted to try to put together before my time as speaker ended was a more streamlined training program that go... and that you guys can have access to before the fall retreat... fall or spring retreats.

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Tanner McKinley: I mean, because typically in the past, it took, you know, some reps might have gone 3 months without having the formal new reps training.

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Tanner McKinley: So I'm happy to roll out the new Canvas site. I won't walk through it because of... for time restrictions, but you will see on it that it includes several videos, basically talking about the things we talk about at our retreat, helping to place COGS within the context of the broader student government and within the broader university. Also to talk a little bit about some of the practices that we do here in COGS.

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Tanner McKinley: To the new reps, once I get you guys added to it, please try to get that completed before our next meeting as much as possible. It should be no longer than about 2 hours, and there's a few bite-sized videos that you can, work through on that.

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Tanner McKinley: For returning members, the only thing I need you guys to do is, if you want to watch the videos, please feel free. If you don't care, all I need you to do is just click on the videos, because if you view them, you can move through the module on it. There are going to be 3 links that we need to make sure every representative fills out. There is a link for the contact info by survey, so we can have your contact info, so we can make sure you're on the listserv, make sure you're in the group me.

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Tanner McKinley: And then we just have your contact info if any emergencies come up.

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Tanner McKinley: We also have a committee preference form. So over the next two weeks, this one we need you guys to try to fill out ASAP, because we want to get you guys assigned to your committees in time for our meeting on the 22nd. At the meeting on the 22nd, we will elect committee chairs and vice chairs. I will tell you guys right now, internal affairs needs a chair, outreach needs a chair and a vice chair, advocacy needs a... I will likely

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Tanner McKinley: also need a chair and a vice chair. So, because of that, I want you guys to be potentially interested in running for committee leadership. It's a great first step, and a part of being a part of the COGS leadership, but

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Tanner McKinley: to get even there, I need to have your committee preferences, so please submit those ASAP. And then the last thing is, there is also a link on there for your financial certification exam. Please get that done quickly, because that's the way you gotta... because if you're not certified, you can't vote on finance bills. And as you all know, that's most of the work we do here.

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Tanner McKinley: I think... I think I have one more thing.

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Tanner McKinley: Oh, yes. I do wanna... I do wanna, mention this. Don't think... you don't have to think too much about it today, but, keep your eyes peeled for it in, in the coming weeks.

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Tanner McKinley: Nope.

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Tanner McKinley: Oh, here it is.

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Tanner McKinley: The Internal Affairs Committee has been working on doing overhauls of the COGS code over the summer. At the back end of the summer, I work to try to rephrase a lot of the parts of the code and put it in a more readable format.

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Tanner McKinley: That has resulted in this bad boy, which is a 50-page bill, to completely recodify the COGS Code. This bill will be formally introduced at our meeting, at our next meeting on the 22nd. It will be referred to the Internal Affairs Committee, and the Internal Affairs Committee will spend approximately two to three of its committee meetings

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Tanner McKinley: Working through the bill.

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02:08:34.720 --> 02:08:43.120

Tanner McKinley: making sure there's any changes that need to be made, and preparing it for final... for a final floor vote, hopefully before the end of the Congress.

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Tanner McKinley: I will make sure to get an electronic copy of this out to you guys, hopefully before our meeting on the 22nd, but you will see a copy of it on the 22nd, but it won't be for final floor vote then.

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Tanner McKinley: So that's all I have, so I will now pass it over to the report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance, Steven.

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Tanner McKinley: Hey, y'all, I don't have many updates, but welcome back for first fall meeting.

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Tanner McKinley: Major update is that we have, as of today, hit about 300 conference grant applications over the summer and to this point.

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Tanner McKinley: So, great job to all the representatives in this room.

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Tanner McKinley: getting the word out for every... all the graduate students to apply to those grants and continue to get that word. I'd like to get as close as possible to hitting that dollar limit for our fiscal year this year, and we've never been able to hit our cap for conference grants funding, but this year.

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Tanner McKinley: Get close to that number, so...

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Tanner McKinley: Keep up the good work in that, and besides that, that's all I have for updates for today. Thank you guys.

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02:09:49.010 --> 02:09:52.540

Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Steven. Report of a Deputy Seeker for Communications. NOAA.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you. Again, not that much, but we're gonna keep it brief for what we do have.

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Tanner McKinley: Last recent Instagram post got 5,000, views, so that feels good.

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Tanner McKinley: But the reason why I bring that up is because more videos will be coming, and I do need more actors. While I do love having Jack as my main person, I would love for everyone in SGA to get to see y'all's faces, so if you guys are interested, please reach out to me, either via email, or just meet me after this meeting, and we can kind of go over that more.

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Tanner McKinley: Trying to think of what else...

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Tanner McKinley: elections? Do we want to go into that?

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Tanner McKinley: Okay, do you have the folder for it? Did she give it to you?

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Tanner McKinley: She didn't give me one either. Okay.

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02:10:45.450 --> 02:10:59.779

Tanner McKinley: Yeah, if you want to go more into detail on it, because Jack has more that Sarah's given him. Yeah. Okay, so I will just... I'm going to really quickly talk about elections, because elections are coming up. The process for elections opens on Monday, a week from today.

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Tanner McKinley: So, congratulations to all of our new petitioners. Your seats, your seats expire in mid-November. If you, to those who are... to the returning representatives, welcome back. Your seats expire in November. In order to be able to serve beyond November, you need to be re-elected by your constituents. And the process for COGS elections is, of course, a nonpartisan elections.

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Tanner McKinley: We have a much more summary process for that that we will probably talk more about at our next meeting, but I do want to state to you guys that candid declarations open on Monday, Monday afternoon. If you want to stay in the Congress past November, you need to, you need to declare your candidacy. It's gonna be on the SGA elections page, if you just Google FSU SGA

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Tanner McKinley: elections. You will see the form to fill out to declare your candidacy.

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Tanner McKinley: Especially to my first years, my first years, who just came in, you guys might encounter some technical issues with it because you don't technically have a GPA yet. If you have any issues about that, reach out to me, reach out to Tanner, who you'll hear from in just a second. We can help out with getting that sorted.

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Tanner McKinley: But make sure you declare your candidacy ASAP starting Monday. I think they're only open for a week. And if you miss the boat on declaring your candidacy, you... you'll

basically... the only way you can come back is to petition in again at the start of the next Congress.

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Tanner McKinley: And that's not guaranteed if somebody else runs for your college. So, if there isn't a vacancy, you can't petition back in. So, in years past, that's less of a problem.

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Tanner McKinley: this year, that might be a problem. So, if you want to be as sure as you can that you'll be able to come back after November, declare your candidacy ASAP,

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Tanner McKinley: We'll also probably send out an email about that probably Monday.

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Tanner McKinley: I mean, before Monday. Before Monday.

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Tanner McKinley: Anything else you got, Noah? besides that, just keep on the lookout for social media. More posts are gonna be incoming soon, so please, you know, just repost for us, that would be great, and that's all. Alright, thank you, Noah. Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs, Redwan.

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Tanner McKinley: So, for all the returning representatives, I'm so glad, that, I'm getting to see you, you know, again, this, semester. And for the newly, elected.

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Tanner McKinley: our representatives, too. You're welcome to Cox. This is like a family, and I hope you'll start finding your base, too, you know, in the assembly. So, let me just, try to,

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Tanner McKinley: Had to what, Jack has said on the financial certification test. So, that is required for you to be able to vote.

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Tanner McKinley: On any financial bill, that is presented on this floor. So today, if we have any financial bill, you won't be able to vote until you take the test. And, the...

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Tanner McKinley: I think the score should be within 80%, at least that is the pass mark, 80%, the minimum. So, him for 100, and if at the end of the day, you got 80, that is still, a good one, for you.

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Tanner McKinley: Then, I also want to thank Jack, and Steven, for spearheading, the review of the code. So we now have new ants, and I believe from time to time, we shall always revise, this code, because it is not something

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Tanner McKinley: That we should, leave without revising from time to time. So, look out for more, revision, you know.

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Tanner McKinley: On the codes, and if you have anything, to add to it as well, you are free, you know, to mention it to me, or Jack, or any other, member of the executive.

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Tanner McKinley: So, thank you very much. And, it is a pleasure having, new members, in a contested, you know, process, for the first time, at least in the last, decade.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you very much, Ridwan.

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Tanner McKinley: Reporter, the Deputy Speaker for Advocacy, Deshawn.

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Tanner McKinley: Hello?

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Tanner McKinley: I hope y'all doing well.

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Tanner McKinley: My first thing is that if you are interested in, being on advocacy committee, please start brainstorming ideas. No idea is too big, no idea is too small.

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Tanner McKinley: Now, whether or not we can do it is a different conversation, but brainstorm a way.

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Tanner McKinley: And then, I think in the final thing, I'll have an announcement.

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Tanner McKinley: For something different. But, I'm so excited to have you all here.

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Tanner McKinley: Rah, rah, go nose.

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02:16:02.130 --> 02:16:07.459

Tanner McKinley: Thank you very much, Deshaun. We'll now move to advisor announcements. Hi, Tanner.

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Tanner McKinley: Well, hey guys, first off, welcome to our new members. My name is Tanner McKinley, I'm the Assistant Director of Student Governance and Advocacy. I see a lot of faces that I didn't see this summer, so if I haven't met you yet, hi. I want to just, first off, give a big shout out to you guys.

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Tanner McKinley: from what Jack has told me, this is the first time we've had contested seats, and Jack's been here since the Earth was created in COGS.

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Tanner McKinley: So, so... but I, like, seriously, that is a testament to you guys, that all the hard work you've put in, all of those tablings, I've seen Jack's spreadsheet, it's like a ridiculous amount of tabling you guys did, and that just goes to show the hard work you guys have put in, so I appreciate you guys as, the advisor,

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Tanner McKinley: I'm... think I'm on month 4, so I'm still learning everything, getting to know everyone, so if you have a question, please reach out to me. I'm here if y'all need me, just to give an update on the other side of the legislative branch.

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Tanner McKinley: We've done interviews today for Student Program Coordinator. That person will primarily oversee the Senate. Once, we move to Round 2 of the interview, we will invite COGS leadership to sit in on that, interview if they so choose, but I just wanted to give an update on our office.

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Tanner McKinley: And now, I'm going... so, hi, I'm right across the hall, if y'all need me. I'm gonna pass it over to Kiana.

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Tanner McKinley: Hi, everyone! So... yeah, backup. I always forget that backup? Okay.

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Tanner McKinley: So, I think everyone was here for the summer meeting, or it's been communicated at some point, the transition between me no longer being COG's advisor, so this is, like, y'all's first...

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Tanner McKinley: fall meeting, but I wanted to make sure I came back to say a final farewell. I will still be here at FSU. I am the new Assistant Director for Student Agencies and Institutes.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, guys. So, I actually am right across the hall now. I'm, like, moved office.

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Tanner McKinley: all the things. So I now oversee the different seven identity-based, agencies that we have on campus.

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Tanner McKinley: And the institutes as well, so I'm still around, still will be interacting and things like that, and will still be here sometimes when I can come, but just not officially you guys' advisors. So I just wanted to say hi, and...

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Tanner McKinley: Bye!

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Tanner. Thank you, Kiana. We'll now, we have... the committees haven't met since the last meeting, so we don't have a committee report,

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Tanner McKinley: Because we have, because we have LSC people here, do you mind if we take up, the LSC budget first, Fahad?

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Tanner McKinley: Okay.

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Tanner McKinley: We'll take, so we'll skip over Bill 26 just for the moment, and we'll move directly into Bill 27, the LSE Fault Budget Allocation. Because I was the only representative from the College of Law, I had to sponsor the bill. So, Steven, if you could come up here real quick. Steven will have to take the chair.

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Tanner McKinley: You too if you're there? Okay.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Jack. You have 5 minutes for an opening statement.

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Tanner McKinley: I know I've had to walk all the way over here, but I don't want to make Devin move. So I just want to give everyone a very quick introduction into what LSC is.

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Tanner McKinley: why we do this process, and then I will pass it over to Devin DeLuna, who is the, the chair of the LSC. LSC is the Law School Council, so here at FSU, or in the Graduate Student Government, we have two funding boards.

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Tanner McKinley: that are college-specific, the Law School Council and the Medical Student Council, because the College of Law and the College of Medicine have very particular funding needs, and they also have a lot more organizations than most colleges do. So both of those councils receive an annual allocation from COGS in the annual budget. They then, I put together two budgets, a fall budget and a spring budget.

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02:20:17.980 --> 02:20:42.239

Tanner McKinley: They do this through, basically, they take requests in, they hold hearings on them, deliberate, put together a budget bill for each of the semesters. When that budget bill is done, it is brought here to COGS for final approval. We have the ability to amend, basically amend or reject the budget, or we can approve it. If we approve it, it'll go through the normal bill signing process, and then the money will be allocated to the organizations as it's listed in there.

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02:20:42.410 --> 02:21:00.140

Tanner McKinley: So I'm more than happy to answer any questions about those, like, high-level procedural stuff, but we also have Devin here, who is a second-year law student. He is the, the new president, or chair, of the Law Student Council, and I'm gonna pass the mic over to him, for some quick remarks.

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02:21:00.620 --> 02:21:01.820

Tanner McKinley: Thanks, Jack.

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02:21:02.130 --> 02:21:17.079

Tanner McKinley: Yeah, I'm Devin. Hi guys, I'll keep it quick. Cogs allocated the law school \$115,000 for this year, which we really appreciate that. We have about 33 registered student organizations that we have to distribute it between.

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02:21:17.090 --> 02:21:23.230

Tanner McKinley: the process we went through, we had them send us the budget they wanted.

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02:21:23.380 --> 02:21:31.569

Tanner McKinley: We held meetings where we looked at those requests, determined what we thought they could cut, where we thought they could just...

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02:21:31.980 --> 02:21:34.319

Tanner McKinley: Lose some of the budget.

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02:21:34.360 --> 02:21:53.070

Tanner McKinley: And they were able to appeal that, and then we made the final for each RSO after that. All of these were public meetings, they were able to attend, make their remarks, anything they needed. The final request for the fall was about \$62,000, which leaves about \$52,000 for the spring.

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Tanner McKinley: It's a bit different, but most of our events we've seen happen in the first semester.

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Tanner McKinley: We made an emergency funds request for about \$16,000, because a lot of the RSOs were having events already this week and the last week, so this was to cover them for the month of September, so this leaves about 46,000... or 42,000, sorry, for the remainder of the bill.

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02:22:16.080 --> 02:22:21.210

Tanner McKinley: And, yeah, we're just looking to get that approved, and if you guys have any questions, let me know.

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02:22:22.630 --> 02:22:32.379

Tanner McKinley: Alright, well, thank you both. Now we're in a period of general questions for the sponsors of the bill, so if y'all have any questions, now's the time to ask the sponsors.

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02:22:39.190 --> 02:22:41.590

Tanner McKinley: No questions? Alright, so...

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02:22:41.780 --> 02:22:49.780

Tanner McKinley: we can just go into the period of pro, or do we need a motion? So now we'll go into the period of pro. Does anyone have anything to say in favor?

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02:22:54.020 --> 02:22:59.730

Tanner McKinley: If not, then we can go into a period of con. Does anyone have anything to say in con of the bill?

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02:23:04.030 --> 02:23:06.959

Tanner McKinley: Seeing none, can I entertain a motion to call to question?

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02:23:08.220 --> 02:23:12.870

Tanner McKinley: Nachika calls the motion to question, and can I get a second?

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02:23:13.370 --> 02:23:18.799

Tanner McKinley: Thank you, Red One. Sponsor, you have 5 minutes. Oh, wait, no.

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02:23:21.200 --> 02:23:30.390

Tanner McKinley: I'll just... I'll just say y'all are giving me bad incentives to schedule... or to get bills up at 9.15 at night. Thank you, I hope for your, your upvote.

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02:23:30.980 --> 02:23:32.659

Tanner McKinley: Great. Thank you.

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02:23:33.010 --> 02:23:34.970

Tanner McKinley: So, now for the vote.

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02:23:35.260 --> 02:23:44.870

Tanner McKinley: Everyone in favor of the vote, please go ahead and raise your hand now. By the way, if you're not financially certified, you cannot, vote on the bill. You'll have to abstain.

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02:23:45.670 --> 02:23:46.819

Tanner McKinley: Can you help me count?

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02:23:48.930 --> 02:23:52.369

Tanner McKinley: So please raise your vote if you're yes for this bill.

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02:24:00.770 --> 02:24:02.440

Tanner McKinley: Gotta count? Alright.

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02:24:08.830 --> 02:24:11.740

Tanner McKinley: All, no. Please raise your hand now.

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02:24:14.270 --> 02:24:17.210

Tanner McKinley: And all abstaining, please raise your hand now.

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02:24:18.380 --> 02:24:24.260

Tanner McKinley: And I'll just announce that my abstentions out of abundance of caution, as I am president of one of the RSOs.

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Tanner McKinley: Not the count.

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02:24:32.530 --> 02:24:33.220

Tanner McKinley: Bless you.

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Tanner McKinley: Right.

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Tanner McKinley: Well, with congratulations, with a count of 12-0-7, this bill has been passed. Congratulations.

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02:24:55.510 --> 02:25:19.919

Tanner McKinley: All right, yeah, let's... well, actually, here, let's just take... let's just take the transfers real quick, because that's... because we don't have to actually do anything. Okay, as a reminder, back in... Back at the... back at the budget night, we passed a... a bill was passed, I

can't remember the number of the bill, that changed COGS code to allow transfers under \$500 between budget categories and between line items to be heard on consent, without debate.

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02:25:19.970 --> 02:25:25.519

Tanner McKinley: If there is any objection to either of the bills, we can take the bills up as normal with debate.

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Tanner McKinley: The two bill... the two transfer bills that we've been... that have been requested, are both from the Graduate Student Resource Center. They have unused funds from two different events that they were held earlier in this fiscal year, and they would like, on Bill 28 is a transfer for their, monthly coffee events, for graduate students, and Bill 29 is a transfer to support their writing retreat that they do each year to support

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Tanner McKinley: graduate students, and their writing abilities. Is there any objection to, is there any objection to either of those transfer bills?

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Tanner McKinley: Okay, hearing no objection, bills 28 and 29 are considered passed under, Section 106.1 of the Code.

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Tanner McKinley: And then our last piece of business tonight is Bill 26, which is the SIGSA Orientation and Bowling and Billiards Night. Fahad is the sponsor of that bill. Fahad, do you have 5 minutes for your opening statement.

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Tanner McKinley: Hi everyone, I am Fahad Assan, and I'm from...

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Tanner McKinley: Civil and Environmental Engineering Graduate Students Association.

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Tanner McKinley: So, this is a platform for all the graduate students at Civil and Environmental Engineering to, like, make connection

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Tanner McKinley: To work together, to have, like, their research activities together.

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Tanner McKinley: We arranged a lot of, events previous year. We had the same event previous year, like this event.

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Tanner McKinley: We also, did, post-representation. We, welcomed some of the guests from different, carriers to have lecture and...

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Tanner McKinley: For this, for, today's, bill, we are, actually seeking,

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Tanner McKinley: \$1,126.58 for 6 orientation and bowling and billiards night. That will happen on September 26, 2025.

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Tanner McKinley: It's a two-hour event, and I think, like, it's a great opportunity for new students at Civil and Environmental Engineering to make connections with the older students, and also to know the staff members, to know the faculty members.

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Tanner McKinley: And, have a fun night together, at bowling event, and also, like, we have some, we are, arranging some, pizzas.

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Tanner McKinley: Also, there's... there'll be cookies and stuff.

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Tanner McKinley: So, I think, if we... that'll be a great event.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you very much, Fahad. We'll now move to a period of questions. Are there any questions for the sponsor of the bill?

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Tanner McKinley: Jazime.

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Tanner McKinley: Mike.

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Tanner McKinley: So, I have a question. While going through the copy of the bill, how are you promoting this event?

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Tanner McKinley: From social media, earning flyers.

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Tanner McKinley: And we are posting it to social media platforms, such as LinkedIn, also Instagram.

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Tanner McKinley: And, we are just, like, putting flyers on everywhere for this event, and everyone is welcome.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you very much. Are there any other questions, Redwan? Are you considering, putting Cox's logo in those flyers? Yeah, yeah. And making it known as the program that the event is being sponsored by Cox? Yeah, yeah, definitely.

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02:28:58.170 --> 02:29:00.629

Tanner McKinley: Are there any further questions for the sponsor?

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Tanner McKinley: Alright, hearing none, we're entering into a period of pro. We have 3 minutes. Are there any members wishing to speak in favor of the bill?

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Tanner McKinley: You going? Red one. Yes, I just want to, speak in favor of the bill, because, this is something that is bringing,

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Tanner McKinley: grad students together, meeting with the faculty, and getting to know more about the program. So it is not all about study.

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Tanner McKinley: It is also about having fun and, getting to, talk more about some other things, you know, that pertain to your welfare. So, I think that would be a good program for us to support.

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you very much, Ridwan. Any other members wishing to speak on the bill?

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Tanner McKinley: are in favor. Seeing none, we're entering to a round of con. Any members should speak against the bill?

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Tanner McKinley: Is there a motion?

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Tanner McKinley: Chica.

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Tanner McKinley: Jacoboos to call the question. Is there a second? Seconded by Luis. Is there any objection to calling the question on the bill?

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Tanner McKinley: Hearing none, the question is called. Faha, do you have any closing remarks?

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Tanner McKinley: Thank you. Thank you, everyone, for, putting your valuable insights.

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Tanner McKinley: Yeah.

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02:30:13.250 --> 02:30:30.600

Tanner McKinley: Thank you very much. We'll now move to a final vote on Bill 26, the Sikhs Orientation and Bowling and Billiards Night. As a reminder, this is, again, financial bill, if you're not financially certified, you cannot vote. Also, Fahad, you will need to abstain as president. Those in favor of Bill 26, please raise your hand.

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Tanner McKinley: 12, 13.

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Tanner McKinley: Alright, those opposed?

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Tanner McKinley: Those abstaining.

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Tanner McKinley: 13-0. By a vote of 13, yes, 0 no's, and 8 abstentions, the bill passes.

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02:30:59.260 --> 02:31:08.629

Tanner McKinley: All right, we have no unfinished business. I will note, I'm not going into it, I'm just explaining to the new members what Roundtable is.

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Tanner McKinley: Normally, when we are not here till 9... 9 o'clock, 9.20 at night, we would have what's called Roundtable, where we... which is an opportunity for all of us to provide an update to everybody on how life is going, if you're doing research, how your research is going, any professional developments you want to share to anybody. But that takes a while, and it is too late. So because of that, I will entertain a motion to wave Roundtable. Steven, Steven moves to Wave Roundtable. Is there a second?

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02:31:33.600 --> 02:31:42.770

Tanner McKinley: Seconded by Naika. Is there any objection to waiving roundtable? Hearing none, roundtable is waived. We are now in closing announcements. Are there anyone wishing to make a closing announcement? Deshaun.

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02:31:44.200 --> 02:31:54.490

Tanner McKinley: Hello again. For those of you who were here last semester, for those of you who weren't, the organization I'm the president and founder of,

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Tanner McKinley: began a process of founding a conference in the College of Music. It's a Black music conference.

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Tanner McKinley: In the College of Music. Finally, we got a yes on our funding from the College of Music, so they're funding half of our conference, \$5,000. Yeah!

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02:32:16.540 --> 02:32:31.769

Tanner McKinley: It was an uphill battle, but we did achieve it through lots of talking, and, you all will see me asking for money again, because, we need to fund the other half. It's a free conference, I have posters, it...

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02:32:31.940 --> 02:32:48.909

Tanner McKinley: as long as it's centered around Black music, anyone can submit a 250-word abstract for a paper, poster, presentation, or if you want to perform. You don't have to be a music major to perform. If you want to perform a Beyonce song.

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02:32:49.030 --> 02:32:54.930

Tanner McKinley: Bring a pianist and perform. We will screen you to make sure that you can sing, though. So...

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02:32:55.260 --> 02:32:58.750

Tanner McKinley: If you cannot sing, consider Nicki Minaj rapping.

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02:32:58.820 --> 02:33:16.580

Tanner McKinley: I will have posters. Please put them up in your colleges. I would... we would really appreciate it. The College of Music wasn't sure about this conference, so we're trying to show them what the power of students and students' desires are, especially surrounding, in this climate, black music in specific.

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02:33:16.770 --> 02:33:18.530

Tanner McKinley: So, thank you so much.

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02:33:21.930 --> 02:33:34.219

Tanner McKinley: Thank you to Sean. Any other members who should make a closing announcement? Alright, seeing none, before I ask for the adjournment, I will say again, can I get new members to just meet me up here very quickly? I wanted to provide a couple notes to you guys before y'all head off.

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02:33:34.220 --> 02:33:47.959

Tanner McKinley: Reminder, everyone now has the invite to the Canvas, including the new people. Please, get... accept the invite to the Canvas, fill out the contact form, fill out your committee preferences, and get financially certified. Is there a motion to adjourn?

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02:33:47.960 --> 02:33:57.480

Tanner McKinley: Is there a second? Seconded by Shazine. Any objection? Hearing none, we'll be back here on September 22nd at 6.30, hopefully for not nearly as long. We're adjourned.



33rd Congress of Graduate Students Legislation Cover Sheet

COGS Bill #: 31

Sponsor(s): Representative Wyckoff

Short Title: A Bill allocating \$14,736 to Indian Student Association of Tallahassee.

Summary of Legislation:

The bill allocates \$14,736 to Indian Student Association of Tallahassee (INSAT). The total covers the two major events that INSAT holds each school year: Diwali and Holi.

Background Information:

Diwali

INSAT is organizing a Diwali Celebration to share the cultural richness of this important festival with the FSU community. The event will feature a variety of cultural performances, including dance routines, musical performances, skits, and instrumental showcases. A highlight of the evening will be a traditional attire competition, where participants dressed in Indian cultural clothing will compete for two prizes. The Diwali Celebration will occur on October 19th, from 11am to 4pm, in the Moore Auditorium.

In addition to performances, attendees will be served authentic Indian delicacies, allowing them to experience the festive cuisine that is central to Diwali celebrations. The event is open to all FSU students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Last year, the event drew approximately 390 RSVPs, with many attendees bringing family and friends. This year, INSAT expects an even larger turnout and plans to host the celebration on a bigger scale to accommodate broader participation. INSAT's goal is to promote cultural awareness, diversity, and community engagement through an inclusive and festive gathering.

Holi

In addition, INSAT is requesting funds for their annual Holi celebration at the FSU Lakefront Park. Holi, a Hindu festival, signifies the triumph of good over evil. Events at the

celebration include attendees throwing colored powders at each other and joining together to eat, drink, and celebrate. The Holi event will take place in March.

Like INSAT's Diwali Celebration, INSAT's Holi Celebration is a marquee event in the school year, with over 400 students regularly attending. It is likely that INSAT meets or beats that number this year.

Advertising

INSAT will advertise the Diwali and Holi Celebrations primarily through Nole Central, ensuring it reaches all FSU students. Additionally, if feasible, INSAT will circulate posters and flyers at prominent campus locations such as the libraries, Student Union, and other high-traffic areas. INSAT also plans to promote the event through word of mouth and social media channels to maximize student awareness and participation.

Prior Funding

The Congress has previously funded INSAT's Diwali and Holi events, though they are normally considered separately. Bill 15 of the 33rd Congress allocated \$5,945 for INSAT's 2025 Holi Celebration and Bill 49 of the 32nd Congress allocated \$5,146 for INSAT's 2024 Diwali Celebration, bringing INSAT's total funding for 2024-2025 to \$11,091. This represents a 33% increase in funding for INSAT, year-on-year.

Effect of Proposed Legislation:

The bill allocates \$14,736 to Indian Student Association of Tallahassee (INSAT).

Attachment(s):

- Attachment #1: Proposed Bill
- Attachment #2: Walmart Quotes
- Attachment #3: Walmart Quote for New Water
- Attachment #4: Persis Quote for Diwali
- Attachment #5: Persis Quote for Holi



Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

33rd Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 31

Sponsored by: Representative Wyckoff

Date: September 22, 2025

Amount: \$14,736

From (account name): COGS Reserves

To (account name): Indian Student Association of Tallahassee

Title: A Bill allocating \$14,736 to Indian Student Association of Tallahassee.

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
1	Diwali Celebration (Food)	\$6,470
1	Diwali Celebration (Expense)	\$96
1	Holi Celebration (Food)	\$7,010
1	Holi Celebration (Expense)	\$840
1	Joint Diwali and Holi Expenses (Expense)	\$320

Total: \$14,736

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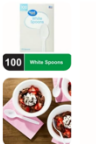
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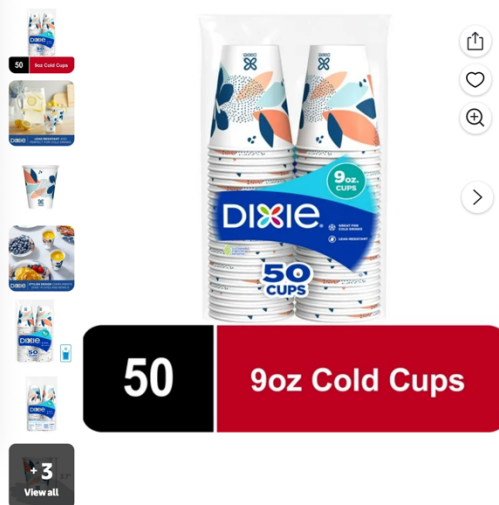
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450 Head count for Diwali Event 2025

Food to be picked up by FSU INSAT

Contact Persis - 850-877-8899

Description	Line Total
DIWALI 2025 Event for FSU	
Veg Manchurian Seasonal Full Tray - Medium Spicy- 3 Full Tray @169.99 EA	509.97
Persis Chicken 65 Full Tray - Medium Spicy -7 Full Trays @169.99 EA	1,189.93
Persis Chicken 65 Biryani (Boneless) - Medium Spicy - 18 Full Trays @179.99 EA	3,239.82
Persis Vegetable Biryani - Medium Spicy - 5 Full Trays @149.99 EA	749.95
Gajar Halwa - 6 Full Trays @219.99 EA	1,319.94

Special Notes and Instructions

Check in the name of Persis Indian Grill

Subtotal	\$	7,009.61
Sales Tax Rate	%	0.00
Sales Tax	\$	-
S&H	\$	-
Total	\$	7,009.61

Make Checks/Credit card payable by Delivery Date to Persis Indian Grill

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Date:	September 18, 2025
Invoice #:	INV-SEP15-25
Customer ID:	PBIGHT0035
Purchase Order #	SEP1525-04
Payment Due at delivery:	

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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the 33rd Congress of Graduate Students

From: Speaker Jack Rowan

Date: September 18, 2025

Subject: Standing Committee Assignments

Representatives,

The Executive Committee has approved the attached assignments for the 33rd Congress of Graduate Students' Standing Committees. On Monday, we will be electing the leadership of these committees. I highly encourage each of you to consider running for committee leadership as it is a great way to be involved with COGS in a more low-key fashion.

Committees will also set their meeting dates/times on Monday, as well as have informal discussions about the coming business of the committees.

Please reach out to me if you have any further questions about your assignments or the responsibilities of committee leadership.

Jack Rowan

Standing Committee Assignments

33rd COGS Committee Roster					
Internal Affairs		Advocacy		Outreach	
Chair		Chair		Chair	
Vice Chair		Vice Chair		Vice Chair	
	Diego Fermin		Claire Cappel		Arezoo Bakhshizadeh
	Islamiyat Ojelade		DaSean Stokes		Jake Aboulhosn
	Jack Rowan		Devan Peters		Janai Newball-Oladapo
	Nichika Holdrum		Evelyn Furuya		Logan Lamb
	Nichollette Lanane		Fahad Hasan		Madison Shostack
	Rasleen Kaur		Francis Ebuara		Noah Baez
	Ridwan Balogun		George Fahmy		Shahin Alam
	Steven Mederev		Isiah Maxey		Taylor Torres
			Joseph Serrone		
			Luis Morales Guemarez		
			Shezin Hussain		
			Sima Sabbagh		



COGS Resolution #: 10

Sponsor(s): Speaker Rowan

A RESOLUTION

Amending Rule 3 of COGS Internal Rules of Procedure

1 **WHEREAS**, the recodified COGS Code includes language regulating quorum for the Assembly and its
2 committees; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Rule 3 of COGS IROP has contradictory language; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of Rule 3 limit the bills considered at the meeting where the Annual Budget
5 is proposed; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the last two Budget Nights, the rule has been suspended to allow the consideration of
7 legislation tied to the budget; and

8 **WHEREAS**, amendments to the COGS IROP are necessary to correct these two issues;

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 33rd Congress of Graduate Students at Florida**
10 **State University that:** Rule 3 of COGS IROP is hereby amended to read:

11 **Rule 3: Meetings Of The COGS Assembly**

12 1. The COGS Assembly shall meet in regular session on the first and third Monday of each
13 month at 6:30 PM in the FSU Senate Chambers, unless the time or place of the meeting is
14 otherwise specified by the Speaker no less than twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting.
15 Representatives living outside of Leon County, Florida, may appear by virtual means.

16 2. Special meetings of the Assembly may be called by the Speaker, with the endorsement
17 of two other members of the Executive Board, or by petition of two-thirds of the COGS
18 membership. All special meetings require twenty-four (24) hour notice to members and the
19 public.

20 (a) Any member seeking a special meeting shall notify the Speaker and Advisor by
21 filing a petition for the special meeting. Such petition must state the date, time, and
22 location of the meeting, and the topics for said meeting.

- 23 (b) Upon receipt of a petition, the Advisor or Speaker shall poll the COGS
24 membership to determine whether the required number of members are in favor of the
25 meeting. Such a poll shall occur without unnecessary delay.
- 26 (c) Should two-thirds of the members be in favor of the special meeting, it shall be
27 immediately noticed to all members and the public.
- 28 3. ~~No action may be taken at any meeting of the Assembly or its committees unless a~~
29 ~~quorum is present, except for a motion to adjourn.~~
- 30 4. The Agenda of each meeting shall be as follows:
- 31 (a) a) Call to Order
32 (b) Pledge of Allegiance
33 (c) Roll Call
34 (d) Reading and Approval of the Minutes
35 (e) Petitions to the Assembly
36 (f) Special Introductions and Student Comments
37 (g) Messages from Student Government
38 (h) ~~Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs~~
39 (i) Report of Officers
40 (1) Speaker
41 (2) Deputy Speaker for Finance
42 (3) Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs
43 (4) Deputy Speaker for Communications
44 (5) Deputy Speaker for Advocacy
45 (j) Advisor Announcements
46 (k) Committee Reports
47 (1) Internal Affairs
48 (2) Outreach
49 (3) Student Affairs
50 (l) Funding Requests
51 (m) Unfinished Business
52 (n) New Business
53 (o) Round Table
54 (p) Closing Announcements
55 (q) Adjournment
- 56 5. The agenda for the meeting at which the annual budget is considered shall consist solely
57 of the following:
- 58 (a) Call to Order
59 (b) Pledge of Allegiance
60 (c) Roll Call
61 (d) Reading and Approval of the Minutes
62 (e) Special Introductions and Student Comments
63 (f) Messages from Student Government
64 (g) Advisor Announcements
65 (h) Report of the Budget Committee
66 (i) Consideration of the Annual Budget
67 (j) Consideration of Budget Implementing and Conforming Business
68 (k) Round Table
69 (l) Closing Announcements

- 70 (m) Adjournment
- 71 6. The Speaker shall have the authority to reorder the Agenda at their discretion, or to
- 72 insert special items other than business.
- 73 7. The Speaker may waive items on the agenda or postpone them to a later meeting
- 74 subject to a majority (50% plus 1) vote of the Assembly present.
- 75 8. The Speaker, in consultation with the Deputy Speaker for Finance, shall have the
- 76 authority to designate items as "Budget Implementing and Conforming Business," to be heard
- 77 in the specified section of the agenda set out in Rule 3.5, if they believe that the item is
- 78 necessary to implement the budgetary decisions of the Congress or to conform the COGS
- 79 Code to the budgetary decisions of the Congress. A representative may raise a point of order
- 80 that the item is improperly designated under this section. Upon such a point being raised, the
- 81 Speaker shall put the following question: "Should the item be designated as an item
- 82 implementing the Budget or conforming the Code to the Budget?" The item shall remain on the
- 83 agenda only by majority vote in the affirmative to the aforementioned question.

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

FLOOR VOTE: Deputy Speaker to Add Vote Count

COMMITTEE REFERENCES AND DATES OF PASSAGE:

- Internal Affairs:

By: _____
Jack Rowan
Speaker, 33rd COGS

By: _____
Tanner McKinley
COGS Advisor

Date: _____

Date: _____



COGS Bill #: 30

Sponsor(s): Speaker Rowan

AN ACT

Recodifying the COGS Administrative Code

1 **Whereas**, Article IX, Section 4, of the Student Body Constitution authorized the Congress to adopt an
2 administrative code; and

3 **Whereas**, the COGS Administrative Code ("COGS Code") is the governing document for many aspects
4 of COGS's operations, including the organization of the Congress, financial restrictions on the use of
5 COGS funds, and the structure of the Law School and Medical Student Councils; and

6 **Whereas**, the last recorded recodification of the COGS Code occurred on January 13, 2009, with the
7 passage of Bill 22 of the Sixteenth Congress; and

8 **Whereas**, since 2009, the COGS Code has undergone significant changes that warrant a reorganization
9 and recodification of the COGS Code; and

10 **Whereas**, over the course of the Summer 2025 session of the Congress, the Internal Affairs Committee
11 met to review the entirety of the COGS Code and recommend amendments; and

12 **Whereas**, it is expedient that the amendments be converted into a wholesale recodification of COGS
13 Code, including the reorganization of chapters and sections; Now Therefore

14 ***Be it enacted by the 33rd Congress of Graduate Students at Florida State University that:***

15 **Section 1. Adoption of Administrative Code.**

16 The document attached to this Bill as **Exhibit A**, and incorporated by reference, is hereby adopted
17 as the Congress of Graduate Students Administrative Code.

18 **Section 2. Sunset Provisions to Continue.**

19 The contingent sunset provisions of Section 2 to Bill 21 of the Thirty-Third Congress shall remain of
20 force, except that, rather than Section 1 of the aforementioned Bill being repealed, Sections 307.4(d),
21 307.8(c), and 307.9(d), COGS Code, shall be repealed.

22 **Section 3. Codification Instructions for Previous Code.**

23 For the purposes of codification and maintenance of the historical record, the COGS Code in effect
24 prior to this Act becoming effective shall be kept on Municode, or a successor platform, under the heading
25 “Former Editions of COGS Administrative Code” and shall include a disclaimer at the top of the document
26 that the document is purely for historical purposes and is of no binding effect.

27 **Section 4. Codification Instructions for Tracing Table.**

28 Under the “Former Editions of COGS Administrative Code” heading in Municode, or a successor
29 platform, there shall be a document entitled “Section Tracing Table from July 2025 Code to September
30 2025 Code” which notes where provisions from the former COGS Code can be found in the newly
31 enacted COGS Code. This table shall be promulgated by the Executive Committee and may be updated
32 by the Executive Committee and COGS Advisor as necessary to ensure accuracy.

33 **Section 5. Effective Date.**

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

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

FLOOR VOTE: Deputy Speaker to Add Vote Count

COMMITTEE REFERENCES AND DATES OF PASSAGE:

- Referred by Speaker to Internal Affairs.

By: _____
Jack Rowan
Speaker, 33rd COGS

By: _____
Andy Johnson
COGS Advisor

Date: _____

Date: _____

By: _____
Dr. Amy Hecht
Vice President for Student Affairs

Date: _____

Exhibit A: Proposed Recodified Congress of Graduate Students
Administrative Code

Title I: Construction of Code

Chapter 100 Technical Construction of The Code

Chapter 100 Technical Construction of The Code

100.1 Purpose.

100.2 Jurisdiction of code.

100.3 Intellectual property of code.

100.4 Code to be split into titles.

100.5 Severability of code.

100.6 Succession of named entities.

100.7 Definitions

100.8 Abbreviations

1. **Purpose.**— This chapter shall outline the system of the Congress of Graduate Students Administrative Code, hereafter referred to as “this code” or “Code,” observed by the Congress of Graduate Students, hereafter referred to as “COGS”, in enacting and adopting measures, as well as provide definitions and interpretations, in the construction of, and in compliance with, this code.

2. **Jurisdiction of code.**— All provisions of this code are fully applicable to all entities, organizations, and individuals within the jurisdiction of COGS. Any and all funding derivative from COGS is contingent upon the recipient’s compliance with this code.

3. **Intellectual property of code.**— This code shall be considered the copyrighted intellectual property of the Florida State University Student Government Association; however, this code may be reproduced or adopted by any entity for non-commercial purposes, so long as such entity attributes the origination of the work to “The Florida State University Student Government Association.”

4. **Code to be split into titles.**— There shall be three titles within this code, each containing related or similar topics, and each composed of numerically ordered chapters and sections as follows:

(a) Title I: (100-199) Construction of Code

(b) Title II: (200-299) The Congress of Graduate Students

(c) Title III: (300-399) Finance Provisions

(d) Title IV: (400-499) Specific Provisions for Select Graduate Entities and COGS Funding Boards

5. **Severability of code.**— All provisions of this code are fully severable. If any word, clause, or provision of this code is found to be in violation of federal law, the laws of the State of Florida, or the Florida State University Student Body Statutes or Constitution, it will in no way affect the validity or applicability of the remainder of this code.

6. **Succession of named entities.**— In the event that an entity referred to within this code should lawfully become identified by another name, or have its responsibilities divested to another entity, the COGS Advisor shall have the authority and responsibility, independent of any action of the Assembly, to replace the inaccurate name in the text of this code to reflect reality.

80 **7. Definitions.—** In construing these statutes and each and every word, phrase,
81 or part hereof, where the context will permit:

82 (a) The singular indicates the plural and vice versa.

83 (b) The terms “Congress of Graduate Students,” “COGS,” and “the
84 Assembly” may be used interchangeably throughout this code and are
85 intended to identify the entity empowered by Article IX of the Student Body
86 Constitution.

87 (c) The term “student” shall be defined as any individual enrolled in a
88 postbaccalaureate, special, master’s, professional, specialist, or doctoral
89 program.

90 (1) Within this code, the terms “student” and “graduate student”
91 may be used interchangeably and shall only refer to the
92 aforementioned individuals.

93 (d) The term “presentation” shall be defined as anything relating to the
94 applicant’s course of study augmenting professional development and
95 stature in the field. Presentations may include, but are not limited to,
96 papers, speeches, demonstrations, art, photography, competition
97 performance, and conferences.

98 (e) The following shall constitute the standards for voting within the
99 Assembly:

100 (1) The term “majority” shall refer to a simple majority unless
101 otherwise specified, which shall be defined as greater than half of
102 the votes cast when an item is under consideration.

103 (2) The term “two-thirds (2/3) majority” shall be defined as greater
104 than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast when an item is under
105 consideration.

106 (3) The term “majority of the entire membership” shall be defined
107 as greater than half (1/2) of all Representatives, whether present or
108 not, except those Representatives on Leave of Absence.

109 (f) The term “Speaker” shall be defined as the Speaker of COGS.

110 (g) The term “Executive Committee” shall be defined as the entity
111 composed of the elected officers of COGS, as listed in s. 204.1, COGS
112 Code, and may be used interchangeably with “Executive Board”.

113 (h) The term “A&S Funds” shall be defined as the funds appropriated to
114 COGS under the Florida State Student Body Constitution from Activities
115 and Service Fees, restricted in use by the Florida State Student Body
116 Constitution, Statutes, and Policies and state and federal laws.

117 (1) The term “A&S Fees” may be used interchangeably with “A&S
118 Funds.”

119 (2) The term “COGS Funds” will encompass “A&S Funds” and
120 any other funds COGS received.

121 **8. Abbreviations.—** The following shall serve as accepted abbreviations
122 throughout this code and in COGS records and papers:

123 (a) A&S: Activity & Service.

124 (b) COGS: Congress of Graduate Students.

125 (c) DSE: Department of Student Engagement.

- 126 (d) IROP: COGS Internal Rules of Procedure.
- 127 (e) LSC: Law School Council.
- 128 (f) MSC: Medical Student Council.
- 129 (g) OPS: Other Personnel Services.
- 130 (h) RSO: Recognized Student Organization.
- 131 (i) SGA: Student Government Association.
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133 **Title II: The Congress of Graduate Students**

134 Chapter 200 Purpose of the Congress of Graduate Students

135 Chapter 201 Membership

136 Chapter 202 Organization of the Congress

137 Chapter 203 Membership Requirements

138 Chapter 204 Officers

139 Chapter 205 Elections

140 Chapter 206 Committees

141 Chapter 207 Proceedings

142 Chapter 208 Budget

143 Chapter 209 Strategic Planning

144 Chapter 210 Ethics

145 **Chapter 200 Purpose of the Congress of Graduate Students**

147 **200.1 Purpose.**

148 1. **Purpose.**— The Congress of Graduate Students, in accordance with Article IX
149 of the Florida State University Student Body Constitution, shall:

150 (a) Defend the interests of graduate, special, master, specialist,
151 professional, doctoral, and post-baccalaureate students in graduate
152 student life, services, and academics.

153 (b) Manage the funds within its purview in a fiscally responsible manner.

154 (c) Work to ensure the greatest participation by graduate students in the
155 immediate governance of, and policy development for, the Florida State
156 University.

157 (d) Provide an official voice through which the opinions of the Graduate
158 Student Body may be expressed.

159 **Chapter 201 Membership**

160 **201.1** Elected Congress.

161 **201.2** Seats.

162 **201.3** Leaves of Absence.

163 **201.4** Resignation.

164 **201.5** Impeachment.

165 **201.6** Vacancies.

166
167 1. **Elected Congress.**— The Congress shall be an elected body of graduate and
168 professional students, with vacancies to be filled by petition. The procedure for the
169 election of Representatives shall be defined in Chapter 205 of the Code.

170 **2. Seats.—** The Congress shall be composed of forty-three (43) Representatives
171 with the following allocation:

172 (a) Thirty (30) seats for the members of each college/academic unit,
173 except for the College of Applied Studies and Special Students,
174 apportioned annually through the D'Hondt Method, based on the most
175 recent annual population data for each college, as provided by the
176 University.

177 (1) By the second COGS Assembly meeting of the Fall Semester,
178 the SGA Supervisor of Elections shall provide the Assembly, by
179 memo and personal appearance at the meeting, with a list detailing
180 the number of seats apportioned to each college/academic unit, as
181 well as an accounting of the calculations used to determine the
182 apportionment. Should the list not be provided by this deadline, the
183 COGS Executive Board shall be empowered to facilitate the
184 apportionment in the Supervisor's place.

185 (2) Should there be a discrepancy that results in the erroneous
186 allocation of seats, the Assembly may move to reject the
187 apportionment and request that the Supervisor (or COGS Executive
188 Board, if providing the list under paragraph (1)) provide a corrected
189 apportionment to the Assembly at their next meeting. Such motion
190 requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote to pass and is debatable.

191 (3) If no motion to reject is passed, the apportionment shall
192 become official upon adjournment of the Assembly meeting in
193 which it is presented.

194 (b) Six (6) advocate seats under the following titles: Graduate Student
195 Housing Advocate, International Student Advocate, LGBTQ+ Student
196 Advocate, Minority Student Advocate, Veteran's Advocate, and Student
197 with Disabilities Advocate. Any graduate student, regardless of college,
198 may serve as an Advocate,

199 (c) Six (6) At-Large seats, which may be filled by any graduate student,
200 regardless of college, and

201 (d) One (1) seat for the combined grouping of Special Students, the
202 College of Applied Studies, and the Panama City Campus. Should this
203 seat be filled, attendance by the representative will count towards quorum,
204 but failure to attend will not count against quorum.

205 **3. Leaves of Absence.—** A "leave of absence" shall be understood as creating
206 a temporary vacancy in the seat of, and for a period of time requested by, the
207 Representative requesting the leave.

208 (a) The Representative's seat may be temporarily filled through petition
209 by another student with similar qualifications; the Representative on a
210 leave of absence shall resume his or her seat upon the end of the leave.

211 (1) The student temporarily filling the vacant seat shall be
212 informed, prior to accepting the position, of the length of his or her
213 seat. Such a temporary Representative may petition the Congress
214 to fill another vacant term (for which he or she is qualified), either
215 temporary or permanent, without submitting an additional petition

- form, if the new term would be effective not more than one (1) regular meeting after the old term.
- (b) No leave of absence shall become effective unless a written or electronic letter requesting a leave of absence has been communicated to the COGS Advisor and Speaker or acting Speaker. Such letter must contain the individual's name, position, duration of leave of absence (including effective dates of initiation and termination of leave), and reason for the request.
- (c) A representative's requested leave of absence will not be granted unless one of the following conditions is met:
- (1) The representative will not be enrolled in graduate credit hours; or
 - (2) The representative will be out of town for academic opportunities, such as study abroad, or field research, and will be missing at least three regular meetings; or
 - (3) The representative is a member of the U.S. military and is called to Active Duty; or
 - (4) Any other reason, if request is approved by the Internal Affairs Committee.
- (d) A leave of absence may not be granted if the Representative will not return before the end of the Congress.
- 4. Resignation.—** No resignation shall become effective unless a written or electronic letter of resignation has been communicated to the COGS Advisor and Speaker or acting Speaker. Such letter must contain the individual's name, position, and effective date of resignation. Such letter should be signed by the individual resigning and submitted in person or by e-mail. No letter may have an effective date more than thirty (30) calendar days from submission of the letter.
- (a) In the event of resignation of the Speaker or any Deputy Speaker, the Advisor shall notify the Assembly within two (2) school days (forty-eight [48] hours) from the receipt of resignation.
- (b) In the event of resignation of the Chair or Vice Chair of any committee, the individual resigning shall notify the committee within two (2) school days (forty-eight [48] hours) of resignation.
- 5. Impeachment.—** COGS Representatives, members of the Law School Council, and members of the Medical Student Council may be removed from office by impeachment. The provisions of this section, as it applies to COGS Representatives, is merely an additional method of recommending impeachment to the Student Senate and does not create additional requirements for impeachment over those set out in the Student Body Constitution or Statutes.
- (a) The scope of impeachable charges shall be limited to misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance of the following: the COGS Code, the Florida State University Student Body Statutes, Constitution, and Conduct Code, or state or federal law.
- (1) This provision shall not interfere with legislative immunity enjoyed by Representatives on the floor of the Assembly.

(b) The following procedures shall be used for the initiation of impeachment proceedings against an officer covered by this section:

(1) The Internal Affairs Committee, by a majority vote, shall be responsible for initiating impeachment proceedings against any officer, only after formal charges have been presented to the Chair of the Committee by the COGS Advisor, or upon vote of the Committee to recommend impeachment pursuant to § 203.3.

(2) Charges must be filed within fifteen (15) business days of the alleged offense. This section shall not apply to impeachment proceedings occurring as a result of action under § 203.3.

(3) The formal charges must include the name of the student lodging the charge, the name of the officer who committed the alleged offense, the provision of the regulation which the officer has allegedly violated, as well as the date, time, and location where the offense was alleged to occur.

(i) The charge may include multiple offenses.

(ii) The charge must be signed by the student lodging the complaint. If the charge is truancy, pursuant to § 203.3, the charge shall be signed by the Speaker or their designee.

(4) Any member of the Student Body may file a charge with the COGS Advisor, so long as the charge is consistent with this chapter.

(5) Once formal charges have been filed, the Speaker of COGS shall request that the Chief Justice of the Student Supreme Court designate a law student to be assigned as counsel to the accused officer. The officer charged may also retain outside counsel at their expense if they so choose.

(c) The Internal Affairs Committee must meet within fifteen (15) business days after said charges have been filed and decide whether to recommend impeachment to the Congress. The fifteen-day rule shall not apply to impeachment proceedings occurring as a result of action under § 203.3.

(1) The Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee shall notify the accused officer of the date, time, and location of any hearing to consider the impeachment, no less than twenty-four (24) hours before the hearing. At the hearing, the accused shall have the right to speak in his/her defense, refuse to appear, remain silent, or refer to counsel at any time. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Committee shall openly deliberate, and then vote by secret ballot on whether or not to recommend impeachment to the full Assembly.

(i) The student lodging the complaint is encouraged, but not required to appear before the Internal Affairs Committee and testify.

(2) The Committee, through its Chair, shall have the power to subpoena witnesses to testify before it during the course of the proceedings. Such witnesses must be given no less than a twenty-

four (24) hours' notice. Non-compliance with a subpoena without good cause shall be considered nonfeasance.

(3) If the Committee does not vote to recommend impeachment, the charges shall be dismissed, and no appeal to the Assembly shall be available.

(i) This shall not prejudice the ability of individuals to initiate impeachment proceedings with the Student Senate after the fact.

(4) If the Committee does recommend impeachment, by majority vote, impeachment proceedings for the officer in question will be added to the agenda of the next regularly scheduled session of the Assembly.

(d) Should the Internal Affairs Committee recommend impeachment, the Assembly shall follow the following procedures:

(1) The rules governing impeachment proceedings within the Assembly may be laid down in the COGS Internal Rules of Procedure, but in the absence of such provisions, the Speaker shall determine through memorandum what rules shall be followed. In either event, the proceedings shall conclude with a roll-call vote as to whether or not the officer should be impeached. Impeachment shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly; abstentions shall not be entertained.

(2) The Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs shall preside over the Assembly during the consideration of any impeachments.

(3) The Assembly, through the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs, shall have the power to subpoena witnesses to testify before it during the hearing. Such witnesses shall be notified no less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the hearing. Non-compliance with a subpoena without good cause shall be considered nonfeasance.

(4) If the impeachment vote is unsuccessful, the charges will be dismissed.

(i) This shall not prejudice the ability of individuals to initiate impeachment proceedings with the Student Senate after the fact.

(e) If the Assembly Impeaches:

(1) The Speaker shall immediately transmit a report of the proceedings to the Student Senate President and Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee explaining the proceedings and identifying the officer who was impeached.

(2) The officer shall be immediately suspended from their position, and shall lose all rights and privileges of office.

(f) If after the impeachment report has been lodged with the Senate, the Senate declines to initiate impeachment proceedings, the officer will be immediately reinstated with all rights and privileges of office thereto appertaining.

(g) If after the impeachment report has been lodged with the Senate and the Senate should sustain it, then provisions for the removal of the officer will proceed in accordance with § 405.5 of the Florida State University Student Body Statutes.

(1) Both plaintiff and defendant have the right to appeal the decision of the Student Supreme Court to the Vice President of Student Affairs. Appeals must be submitted within three (3) business days of the decision of the Supreme Court.

(h) For members of the Law School Council and Medical Student Council, the provisions of subsections (f) and (g) shall not apply and the impeachment charges approved by the Assembly shall be filed with the Supreme Court for trial.

(1) The Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs shall serve as the lead impeachment manager on behalf of the Congress and may appoint any other graduate students, as necessary, to assist in prosecuting the impeachment.

(2) The impeached officer shall have the right to be represented by student counsel. The Chief Justice of the Student Supreme Court may appoint a law student as student counsel for the officer if requested.

(3) The Student Supreme Court shall set the procedures for impeachment trials, except that the officer shall be removed by majority vote of the justices participating in the case and shall have the right to appeal their removal to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

6. Vacancies.— Vacancies in the Congress may be filled by petition of a student qualified to hold the vacant seat.

(a) The Deputy Speaker for Communication shall advertise vacancies on a regular basis.

(b) A graduate student may fill a vacant seat with the signature of twenty (20) enrolled students within their college, or 10% of the graduate student body of that college, whichever is less. Petitioners must file their petitions with the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs and shall be heard at the next Assemble meeting after their eligibility to serve is certified by the COGS Advisor. All petitioners must be accepted by a majority vote of COGS members present at an official meeting.

(c) In cases where two (2) or more petitions are received for the same seat, COGS shall fill the seat by a majority vote after deliberation, as per the COGS Internal Rules of Procedure.

(d) If two (2) or more petitions are received for the same seat and an at-large seat is vacant, the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs may redesignate the petitioner that was not selected for the seat originally petitioned for by COGS to be a petition for the vacant at-large seat, so long as the petition has twenty (20) signatures.

Chapter 202 Organization of the Congress

397 202.1 Quorum.

398 202.2 Adoption of internal rules of procedure.

399 202.3 Meetings of the Congress.

400 1. **Quorum.**— A quorum is required to conduct business in the Assembly, or any
401 committee thereof.

402 (a) A quorum exists if both of the following conditions are met:

403 (1) The Speaker (in the Assembly), the Chair or Vice Chair (in a
404 committee), or a presiding officer designated by § 204.4 is present,
405 and

406 (2) A majority of Representatives, or a majority of the committee's
407 members in committee, is present at a meeting called in
408 accordance with the FSU Sunshine Act, COGS Code, and IROP.

409 (b) In the absence of a quorum, the Assembly, or any committee thereof,
410 may not take any formal action, except to make a call of the house or
411 adjourn, and may only:

412 (1) Take roll calls,

413 (2) Take public comment,

414 (3) Hear reports and announcements, and

415 (4) Discuss matters not before the body for final decision.

416 2. **Adoption of internal rules of procedure.**— COGS, as per Article IX of the
417 Florida State University Student Body Constitution, shall have the authority to
418 adopt its own internal rules of procedure by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. A resolution
419 adopting the Assembly's IROP shall be considered and adopted by the second
420 meeting of each Congress.

421 3. **Meetings of the Congress.**— The Assembly shall meet on the first and third
422 Monday of each month during the fall, spring, and summer academic semesters.

423 (a) If a regularly scheduled meeting of the Assembly would fall within
424 any of the following occurrences, then such meeting shall be considered
425 waived:

426 (1) Within seven (7) days prior to the official Florida State diploma
427 date.

428 (2) During Spring Break.

429 (3) During observed University holidays.

430 (b) If an emergency situation should arise during any of the times
431 identified in subsection (a), the Speaker, upon the concurrence of the
432 COGS Advisor, shall be empowered to call a special session of the
433 Assembly. At such special session, no other business than that which is
434 on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting shall be entertained.

435 **Chapter 203 Membership Requirements**

436 203.1 Definitions.

437 203.2 Attendance requirement.

438 203.3 Attendance enforcement.

439 203.4 Financial certification requirement.

440 203.5 Exceptions.

441 1. **Definitions.**— For the purpose of this chapter:

442 (a) The term “excused absence” shall be defined as an absence for
443 which either:

444 (1) Advanced notice was provided to the Speaker (or Chair for a
445 committee meeting) at least one (1) hour prior to the start of an
446 Assembly (or committee) meeting, and:

447 (i) Is defined as an excused absence under the University’s
448 Attendance policy, or

449 (ii) Is otherwise deemed a valid reason by the Speaker (or
450 Chair for a committee meeting).

451 (2) Or the absence is declared “excused” by a majority of the
452 Executive Committee.

453 (b) The term “unexcused absence” shall be defined as an absence that
454 is not excused.

455 (c) The term “unexcused late” shall be defined as an occurrence where
456 a Representative arrives at least five (5) minutes after a meeting is called
457 to order, and the Representative does not provide notice to the Speaker
458 (or Chair for a committee meeting) prior to the start of the meeting.

459 **2. Attendance requirement.**— A Representative and their seat shall be up for
460 review when a Representative has accumulated four (4) total absences from
461 Assembly and committee meetings within the same Congress, unless a leave of
462 absence is granted.

463 (a) For the purpose of this section, the total number of absences is
464 calculated as follows:

465 (1) Unexcused late: 0.5 absence

466 (2) Excused absence: 0.5 absence.

467 (3) Unexcused absence: 1.0 absence.

468 **3. Attendance enforcement.**— The Deputy Speaker for Communication shall
469 keep track of all absences and inform the Speaker, Deputy Speaker for Judicial
470 Affairs, and Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee when a member reaches the
471 threshold set in § 203.2.

472 (a) When a Representative meets the threshold in section (2) of this
473 Chapter, they shall appear before the next meeting of the Internal Affairs
474 Committee, who shall decide, by majority vote, on whether to provide a
475 certain number of additional absences or to recommend the
476 Representative for impeachment, pursuant to § 201.5. The Deputy
477 Speaker for Judicial Affairs shall provide notice to the Representative at
478 least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the committee meeting.

479 (b) If the member is recommended for impeachment, they shall be
480 suspended from COGS pending final disposition of the impeachment
481 proceedings. If final disposition results in action other than the removal of
482 the member, the Internal Affairs Committee shall grant, by majority vote, a
483 specified number of additional absences to the member, which shall be at
484 least one.

485 **4. Financial certification requirement.**— All Representatives must become
486 financially certified, as defined by SG&A Accounting, by their second Assembly

meeting. Upon the start of a new fiscal year, Representatives must be re-certified by the second Assembly meeting after the start of the new fiscal year.

(a) The Representative shall inform the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs upon becoming financially certified. The Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs shall maintain a record of all Representatives and whether they are financially certified.

(b) Failure to be certified within the period set by this section shall make the Representative ineligible to vote on any matters involving the allocation or transfer of A&S Funds and they should be recorded as abstaining on the matter.

5. **Exceptions.**— Exceptions to sections (2) and (4) of this Chapter may be granted upon unanimous recommendation of the Executive Committee and ratification by a majority of the entire membership of the Assembly.

Chapter 204 Officers

204.1 Creation.

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204.11 Duties.

1. **Creation.**— The Congress shall have five (5) officers which shall be the Speaker, Deputy Speaker for Finance, Deputy Speaker for Communication, Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs, and Deputy Speaker for Advocacy. Together, the officers are referred to as the “Executive Board” or “Executive Committee.”

2. **Election of officers at start of each Congress.**— 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.

3. **Procedures for organizational session.**— 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.

(a) 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,
- (b) 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.
- (c) The Speaker shall serve as Chair for the organizational session.
- (1) Should the Chair be a candidate in the election of a COGS officer, the Chair shall be assumed by the next eligible person in the Chapter 117 line of succession for the purpose of that election.
- (d) The Speaker shall begin by tabling the certificates of election of COGS Representatives. The Speaker shall then call the roll of Representatives-elect to determine whether a quorum is present. Should a quorum be present, the Speaker shall immediately proceed to the election of a Speaker for the next Congress. Upon the election of a Speaker, the Chair shall move to the elections of the Deputy Speakers for Finance, Communications, Judicial Affairs, and Advocacy, respectively.
- (1) If a quorum is not present, the Congress shall recess for fifteen (15) minutes and, upon reconvening, call the roll of Representatives-elect again. If a quorum is still not present, the Speaker shall adjourn the meeting and call another organizational session to convene no later than seventy-two hours after the noticed meeting time of the original organizational session.
- (e) A Speaker and two other members of the COGS Executive Committee must be elected before the organizational meeting adjourns.
- (f) The Chair shall then move to a period of closing announcements, followed by the adjournment of the meeting, upon the election of all members of the Executive Committee or upon a two-thirds majority vote of the members-elect to adjourn after the requirements of paragraph (f) are met.
- 4. Procedure of officer elections.—** COGS officer election procedures shall be the following:
- (a) Members of the COGS Executive Committee shall be elected from among the membership of COGS. Election shall be by secret ballot and shall require a majority vote in order to elect a candidate. Quorum of the

Congress must be present for the election of each member of the COGS Executive Committee.

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

(1) At the organizational session, called pursuant to section (3), only those candidates for Speaker who have returned a completed form, as specified in section (3), 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.

(2) Nominees for Deputy Speaker for Finance, prior to accepting their nomination, must affirm to the Congress that they are willing and able to serve the remainder of the term they are being elected for.

(c) 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.

5. Oath.— 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.”

6. **Resignation.**— Officers may resign from their position, while retaining their seat in the Congress, by providing a written or electronic letter to the Speaker informing the Speaker of their resignation and the effective date of their resignation. The Speaker may only tender their resignation to the COGS Advisor and the Student Body President.

(a) The Speaker, or the COGS Advisor in case that the Speaker resigns, shall inform the Congress of the officer’s resignation within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the resignation, except that weekends and university holidays shall not count towards the time limit.

(b) The resignation of an officer may take effect upon the election of a successor but shall take effect no later than thirty (30) days after the resignation is tendered.

(c) Upon the receipt of any officer’s resignation that takes effect at any time after the next scheduled Assembly meeting, the Speaker or acting Speaker under § 204.4 is authorized to hold an election under section (4) of this Chapter, with the elected Representative taking office upon the resigning officer’s effective date.

7. **Line of succession to Speaker.**— 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 for Advocacy
- (4) Chair of Internal Affairs
- (5) Chair of Outreach
- (6) Chair of Advocacy
- (7) The most senior member of COGS.

(i) The most senior member of COGS shall be defined based on the date of swearing in (ties broken by alphabetical order of last name). The Temporary Chair shall have the right to cast a vote for election of the Speaker in such cases where his/her vote would be decisive.

(ii) The COGS Advisor shall, with the assistance of the Deputy Speaker for Communications, maintain a list noting the order of seniority among members of COGS.

(b) If the current acting Speaker is nominated for the office of Speaker, the next officer willing, able, and eligible to serve as identified in subsection (a), in descending order, shall immediately assume the Chair for the purpose of conducting the election. If no officer is willing and able, the most senior member of COGS (as defined in § 204.7(a)(7)), who is willing and able, shall immediately assume the Chair for the purpose of conducting the election.

8. Permanent vacancies of deputy speakers.— Upon a permanent vacancy in the Office of any Deputy Speaker, the Speaker, on advice of the Executive Committee and in a published written memorandum, shall appoint an Acting Deputy Speaker, who shall only serve until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Assembly. At this time, a new Deputy Speaker may be elected to serve until the expiration of the Congress in which the vacancy occurred. If the Assembly does not elect a new Deputy Speaker, the acting Deputy Speaker will continue until a new Deputy Speaker is elected.

9. Vacancies of deputy speakers created by leave of absence.— Upon a vacancy in the Office of any Deputy Speaker created by the officer taking a leave of absence, the Speaker, on advice of the Executive Committee and in a published written memorandum, shall appoint an Acting Deputy Speaker, who shall only serve until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Assembly. At this time, a new Deputy Speaker may be elected to serve until the original Deputy Speaker's leave of absence expires.

10. Vacancy in all officers and chairs.— In the event that the position of Speaker, Deputy Speaker for Finance and all positions identified in § 204.4(a)(1)-(6) are vacant simultaneously after the first meeting of the Congress, the most senior member of COGS, as defined in § 204.7(a)(7) shall be requested to temporarily chair an emergency meeting of the Congress until a Representative is elected to the office of Speaker. The COGS Advisor shall notify all COGS Representatives and call an emergency meeting of COGS no later than one (1) week from when the concurrent vacancies were discovered. Quorum shall not be required for such a meeting. In such a meeting the only business conducted shall be the election of a Speaker and Deputy Speaker for Finance who shall serve until the expiration of the Congress in which the vacancies occurred.

11. Duties.— The duties of each officer shall be:

(a) The Speaker shall:

- (1) Preside over all COGS functions.
- (2) Represent COGS and the Graduate Student Body to the University and the public.
- (3) Create and oversee the implementation of COGS functions.
- (4) Appoint Representatives to committees.
- (5) Take care that the COGS Code, Budget, and the Florida State University Student Body Statutes are faithfully executed.
- (6) Chair the Executive Committee and serve as a member of the Internal Affairs Committee.

- (7) Perform all other duties and responsibilities as may be required by law and the Florida State University Student Body Statutes and Constitution.
- (b) The Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs shall:
- (1) Audit the COGS Code and bylaws to ensure continued compliance with the Florida State University Student Body Constitution and Statutes.
 - (2) Preside over the impeachment process.
 - (3) Swear in new members of the Assembly and inform them of their responsibilities prior to their petition hearing before the Assembly.
 - (4) Conduct an audit of COGS financial records no less than once per fiscal year, or upon request of the Speaker.
 - (5) Assemble and disseminate to the members of the Assembly an extensive list of pertinent questions to be asked in consideration of petitions of new members.
 - (6) Serve as a member of the Internal Affairs Committee.
 - (7) Assist the Speaker as needed with the administration of COGS.
- (c) The Deputy Speaker for Communication shall:
- (1) Inform all members of meeting dates and happenings.
 - (2) Create and supervise COGS announcements and bulletins.
 - (3) Act as the public relations liaison between COGS, Florida State University, and public press domains.
 - (4) Record minutes of all Executive Committee meetings.
 - (5) Work with SGA Student Publications to maintain a website.
 - (6) Disseminate information concerning vacant seats in the Assembly to Florida State University students.
 - (7) Serve as a member of the Outreach Committee and assist the Committee with its mission.
 - (8) Assist the Speaker as needed with the administration of COGS.
- (d) The Deputy Speaker for Finance shall:
- (1) Oversee the expenditure of the Annual Budget.
 - (2) Prepare budget request guidelines for the upcoming fiscal year for ratification by the Budget Committee.
 - (3) Issue reports on the balance and expenditures of COGS accounts.
 - (4) Oversee Conference Grant disbursement.
 - (5) Serve as a member of the Internal Affairs Committee.
 - (6) Assist the Speaker as needed with the administration of COGS.
- (e) The Deputy Speaker for Advocacy shall:
- (1) Oversee the advocacy work of COGS,
 - (2) Serve as a member of the Advocacy Committee,

- 759 (3) Work with the Advocacy Committee to implement the
760 advocacy goals of COGS,
761 (4) Serve on the Strategic Planning Committee, as set out in
762 Chapter 209,
763 (5) Act as a liaison between COGS and Graduate Assistants
764 United,
765 (6) Assist the Speaker as needed with the administration of
766 COGS.

767 **Chapter 205 Elections**

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775 205.8 Elections to be held during fall SGA elections.

776 205.9 Franchise.

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778 205.11 Certification of elections.

779 1. **Adoption of SGA election code with exceptions.**— Pursuant to Student
780 Body Statutes, the Congress adopts the SGA Election Code, as laid out in Student
781 Body Statutes Title VII, as the governing instrument for COGS elections, except
782 that the procedures of this Chapter shall control for COGS elections,
783 notwithstanding conflicting provisions of the Election Code.

784 2. **Supervisor of elections to conduct elections.**— The SGA Supervisor of
785 Elections shall be responsible for conducting elections for the Congress of
786 Graduate Students.

787 3. **Non-partisan elections.**— COGS elections shall be non-partisan.

788 4. **Candidates to not attend seminar.**— Candidates for COGS do not need to
789 attend the Candidate Seminars.

790 5. **Combined financial statements for COGS candidates.**— Candidates for
791 COGS shall file a combined Campaign Finance Statement by the Final Expense
792 Statement deadline, as set out in Title VII, which shall include:

793 (a) An itemized list of all campaign contributions and expenditures, or

794 (b) A statement, under penalty of disqualification, that the candidate
795 received no contributions, nor made any expenditures.

796 6. **Breaking of ties.**— Any ties in a COGS election shall be resolved by a vote of
797 COGS immediately upon the convening of the new Congress, taken by secret
798 ballot, with the tied candidates being on the secret ballot.

799 7. **Judicial branch to resolve disputed elections.**— Election appeals shall be
800 made to the Student Government Elections Commission, as specified by Title VII.
801 Appeals from the Elections Commission shall be to the Florida State University
802 Student Supreme Court.

803 8. **Elections to be held during fall SGA elections.**— Elections will be held in
804 conjunction with the regular fall semester Student Government elections.

805 9. **Franchise.**— All enrolled graduate and professional students are eligible to
806 vote in COGS elections, provided that college-specific seats shall only be voted
807 on by students of the said college.

808 10. **Notice of elections.**— The Supervisor of Elections shall advertise the seat
809 allocation information at least twenty-four (24) hours before the first day of the
810 Declaration of Candidacy date, as specified by the Student Government Election
811 Code. The Deputy Speaker of Communications shall also advertise the seats up
812 for election on the Congress's social media pages.

813 11. **Certification of elections.**— No more than two weeks after election day,
814 the Supervisor of Elections shall certify, in writing to the Speaker, the election of
815 all COGS representatives whose elections are not under active appeal. This
816 certification shall include, at minimum:

- 817 (a) The date of the Supervisor's certification,
- 818 (b) The name of each Representative certified as elected and their seat,
- 819 (c) A statement of certification under the Elections Code and COGS
820 Code,
- 821 (d) The signature of the Supervisor and a witness, whose name shall be
822 listed in print as well as the signature, and
- 823 (e) The SGA seal.

824 **Chapter 206 Committees**

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834 206.10 Committees authorized to propose matters to Assembly.

835 206.11 Charges of standing committees.

836 206.12 Charges of select committees.

837 1. **Establishment of standing committees.**— There shall be three standing
838 committees of COGS:

- 839 (a) The Outreach Committee
- 840 (b) The Advocacy Committee
- 841 (c) The Internal Affairs Committee

842 2. **Establishment of select committees.**— There shall be select committees of
843 the Congress, including:

- 844 (a) The Budget Committee,
- 845 (b) The Strategic Planning Committee,
- 846 (c) Any select committee formed under the following procedure:

847 (1) All select committees shall be formed upon:

- 848 (i) Request of any member of COGS that is ratified by a
849 majority vote of the Assembly, or

- (ii) Recommendation of the Speaker that is approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- (2) The individual initiating the request for formation of the select committee shall describe the purpose, intent, timeframe, and scope of the committee.
- 3. Committee assignments.—** The Executive Committee, by majority vote, shall appoint Representatives to the standing committees no later than each Representative's second meeting of the Congress.
- (a) All members of the Assembly shall be a member of one (1) a standing committee. If for a legitimate reason a member is unable to serve on a standing committee, waiver of this provision may be granted at the discretion of the Speaker. Appeals of the Speaker's decision shall be made to the Assembly which shall ultimately approve or deny the request for waiver.
- (1) Any member of the Assembly receiving a waiver under the provisions of subsection (a) will be assigned associate membership on a standing committee. Such associate members may participate in their assigned committee, with all voting privileges, and will count towards quorum when present, but shall never count against quorum, nor be assessed as absent, when not present.
- (b) After initial committee assignments are made, transfers to a specific committee shall only be made if both the Speaker and the Representative to be transferred give consent. Any Representative shall be transferred out of a committee to an undesignated committee upon request.
- (c) If the membership of any standing committee should fall below five (5) members, the consent requirement in subsection (b) shall be waived and it shall be the duty of the Speaker to reassign a sufficient number of Representatives so that no committee has less than five (5) members. Deference should be given where possible to the desire of Representatives to be transferred.
- 4. Deferral of committee assignment.—** Upon joining the Congress, a Representative may elect to defer their committee assignment until after the Representative attends a meeting of each standing committee. Should the Representative defer their assignment, the Representative shall attend one meeting of each standing committee and, upon attending all standing committees, provide the Speaker with their preference for assignment. Such preference is not binding, and the decision of the Executive Committee may not be appealed to the Assembly.
- 5. Committees to be led by chair and vice chair.—** Each committee shall be led by a chair and vice chair. Unless otherwise indicated by Code, the chair and vice chair of each committee shall be elected by a majority of the committee's members.
- (a) The Chair shall preside over all meetings of the committee, decide points of order, recognize members, set the agenda for meetings, and ensure that all committee meetings are properly noticed. The Chair shall

895 meet with the Speaker on a regular basis to discuss the committee's
896 business and discuss future opportunities for the committee.

897 (b) The Vice Chair shall preside over the committee in the absence of
898 the Chair, shall take minutes of all committee meetings, and ensure that
899 all meeting minutes are posted.

900 **6. Removal of chair and vice chair.—** Except when the chair or vice chair of a
901 committee is prescribed by Code, a chair or vice chair may be removed by either:

902 (a) A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee, or

903 (b) Majority vote of the Executive Committee sitting with the chairs of all
904 standing committees.

905 **7. Committees to report to Assembly.—** At each meeting of the Assembly, each
906 standing committee will be required to inform the Assembly of its activities. This
907 shall be the responsibility of either the Chair, or a committee member designated
908 by the Chair. The Budget Committee and Strategic Planning Committee shall only
909 be required to report when the committees are sitting.

910 **8. Committees to meet regularly.—** Standing committees shall meet no less
911 than once every two (2) months. The Chair will have the authority to set the
912 meeting time and location on campus (or by teleconference) in consultation with
913 the committee.

914 **9. Referral of business to committees.—** The Speaker shall be entitled to refer
915 any measure for consideration by the Assembly to an appropriate committee
916 before a floor vote. This decision may only be overturned by a majority vote of
917 members present at a COGS meeting. The Assembly may also refer a measure
918 to an appropriate committee by majority vote.

919 **10. Committees authorized to propose matters to Assembly.—** Each
920 committee shall be empowered to propose any measure it feels appropriate to the
921 Assembly.

922 **11. Charges of standing committees.—** The standing committees are
923 charged with the following competences:

924 (a) The Internal Affairs Committee shall focus on the following areas:

925 (1) Prepare and distribute the monthly COGS newsletter,

926 (2) Keep website information updated,

927 (3) Relations between COGS and the SGA, MSC, and LSC,

928 (4) Oversight all COGS funding expenditure,

929 (5) Train new COGS members,

930 (6) Make/Propose amendments to the COGS Code,

931 (7) Hear cases of impeachment and removal prior to the full
932 assembly,

933 (8) Maintain attendance records, initiate removal proceedings for
934 members who are no longer in compliance with attendance
935 requirements,

936 (9) Implementing the Aspects of the Strategic Plan within the
937 Committee's Jurisdiction, and

938 (10) All other areas in which the Chair and Speaker agree the
939 Committee should focus.

940 (b) The Outreach Committee shall focus on the following areas:

- (1) Social and Community Planning
(2) Recruiting New Members to COGS
(3) Connecting RSO's across programs and colleges,
(4) Planning and executing events under the COGS banner,
(5) Relations with Graduate Assistants United (GAU),
(6) Managing responsibilities for orientation,
(7) Implementing the Aspects of the Strategic Plan within the Committee's Jurisdiction, and
(8) All other areas in which the Chair and the Speaker agree the committee should focus.
- (c) The Student Advocacy Committee shall focus on the following areas:
(1) Graduate student pay and funding, in conjunction with GAU
(2) Childcare
(3) Diversity on campus
(4) Health Insurance
(5) Academics and Honor Policy
(6) Parking and Transportation
(7) Housing and Dining
(8) Library
(9) Health and Wellness
(10) Implementing the Aspects of the Strategic Plan within the Committee's Jurisdiction,
(11) All other areas in which the Chair and the Speaker agree the committee should focus.
12. **Charges of select committees.**— The select committees shall be charged with specific competences as determined by memorandum of the Speaker (which shall, if the standing committee was created by motion of the Assembly, include the scope set by the motion), but the following select committees shall at least have the following competences:
(a) The Budget Committee shall draft the Annual Budget, as prescribed by Chapter 208, review and recommend changes to the conference grant amounts outlined in § 307.9, and discuss any other matters agreed upon by the Chair and the Speaker.
(b) The Strategic Planning Select Committee shall focus on the preparation and updating of the Congress of Graduate Students Strategic Plan, associated metrics, and accountability mechanisms as described in Chapter 209.

Chapter 207 Proceedings

207.1 Construction.

207.2 Ratification of actions of officers.

207.3 Bills.

207.4 Resolutions.

207.5 Investigative rights of the Congress.

1. **Construction.**— The provisions of this Chapter shall be read in conjunction with IROP. But in case of conflict, the provisions of this Chapter shall preempt IROP.

987 **2. Ratification of actions of officers.**— Ratification of actions, shall be
988 conducted by motion, and shall follow the Internal Rules of Procedure. A
989 confirmation or ratification vote shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority, except as
990 otherwise required by this code.

991 **3. Bills.**— Bills shall be used to amend COGS Code, Annual Budget, and Annual
992 Budget proviso. Amendments to the COGS Code shall require a two-thirds (2/3)
993 vote of COGS.

994 (a) Bills shall include a title which summarizes the bill, a short title for the
995 bill, and shall include the enacting clause “Be it Enacted by the [Number
996 of Congress] Congress of Graduate Students that:”

997 (b) Bills may include proviso language to take ancillary actions,
998 including, but not limited to:

999 (1) Setting an effective date later than upon becoming law.

1000 (2) Issuing waivers under COGS Code (unless Code requires the
1001 waiver to be made by resolution)

1002 (3) Providing limitations on funds allocated by COGS

1003 (4) Providing approval for COGS to enter into written agreements
1004 related to the bill.

1005 (c) Bills amending COGS Code shall be signed in the following order
1006 after approval by the Assembly:

1007 (1) The Speaker, who signs in a ministerial capacity to signify the
1008 Assembly’s approval of the bill

1009 (2) The COGS Advisor, who shall sign, in a ministerial capacity,
1010 within two (2) school days of receipt to signify receipt by the SGA
1011 Advising Staff

1012 (3) The Vice President for Student Affairs, who has ten (10)
1013 school days from being presented with the bill to sign or veto the
1014 bill. Should the bill not be acted upon within the aforementioned
1015 time limit, the bill shall be deemed as approved and enrolled.

1016 (d) Bills amending the Annual Budget or its Proviso shall be signed in
1017 the following order after approval by the Assembly:

1018 (1) The Speaker, who signs in a ministerial capacity to signify the
1019 Assembly’s approval of the bill

1020 (2) The Deputy Speaker for Finance, who signs in a ministerial
1021 capacity to acknowledge the amendment to COGS finances

1022 (3) The COGS Advisor, who shall sign, in a ministerial capacity,
1023 within two (2) school days of receipt to signify receipt by the SGA
1024 Advising Staff

1025 (4) The University President or their designee, who has ten (10)
1026 school days from being presented with the bill to sign or veto the
1027 bill. Should the bill not be acted upon within the aforementioned
1028 time limit, the bill shall be deemed as approved and enrolled.

1029 **4. Resolutions.**— Resolutions shall be used to convey the opinion of the
1030 Congress, amend the Internal Rules of Procedure, and issue waivers (as required
1031 by Code). Resolutions shall be signed by the Speaker, acting in a ministerial
1032 capacity, to signify the Assembly’s approval of the resolution.

- 1033 (a) Resolutions shall include the following resolved clause: “Be it
1034 Resolved by the [Number of Congress] Congress of Graduate Students:”
1035 (b) The Congress may not enter into written agreements unless
1036 approved by resolution, except for those agreements allowed for in bill
1037 proviso.

1038 **5. Investigative rights of the Congress.**— COGS, and its committees, shall be
1039 vested with the necessary powers to investigate acts of students, RSOs, and other
1040 entities or officers who are associated with COGS. This shall include, but not be
1041 limited to, subpoenaing witnesses, hearing testimony, and reviewing documents.
1042 The exercise of this power shall be delineated in the COGS Internal Rules of
1043 Procedure, or in the absence of such provisions, at the discretion of the Speaker.

1044 **Chapter 208 Budget**

1045 208.1 Short title.

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1053 208.9 Amendments to budget.

1054 208.10 Student organizations held harmless.

1055 208.11 Authority to create reserves.

1056 208.12 Authority to designate funding as discretionary.

1057 1. **Short title.**— This chapter may be referred to as “The Annual Budget
1058 Procedures Act of 2012.”

1059 2. **Purpose.**— This chapter is to establish a procedure by which the COGS
1060 Annual Budget is produced and passed.

1061 3. **Budget to be completed by start of fiscal year.**— The Annual Budget shall
1062 be approved by COGS before the beginning of the fiscal year that it affects.

1063 4. **Source of funds.**— The Annual Budget will derive its funds from those funds
1064 appropriated to it under the Florida State Body Constitution and any other source.

1065 5. **Proposed budget to be drafted by Budget Committee.**— The Annual
1066 Budget shall be prepared and proposed by the Budget Committee.

1067 (a) The membership of the committee shall be appointed by the Speaker
1068 and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly. The committee
1069 shall be comprised of at least four COGS members and the Deputy
1070 Speaker for Finance. The Deputy Speaker for Finance shall serve as chair
1071 of the Budget Committee.

1072 (b) Hearings, deliberations, and meetings of the Budget Committee shall
1073 be properly noticed to the public.

1074 (c) Hearings, deliberations, and meetings of the Budget Committee are
1075 public and shall be advertised in the Congress. The Chairperson of the
1076 Budget Committee shall not exclude any student from witnessing the
1077 hearings or deliberations in accordance with the FSU SGA Sunshine Act.

(d) The Budget Committee, through its chair and vice chair, shall provide proper notice at the beginning of the budget drafting process, which shall include:

- (1) Notifying graduate RSOs of the budget process fifteen (15) school days before the deadline to submit budget requests, and
- (2) With the COGS Advisor, notifying the graduate RSOs at Florida State University by email letter educating them of their opportunity to receive annual funding during the budget process.

(e) Each organization receiving money from the Annual Budget shall make a budget request.

(1) A budget request shall consist of questions pertaining to the organization's activities in a form designed by the Deputy Speaker for Finance and approved by the Budget Committee.

(2) All RSOs that are eligible to receive COGS fundings, and are not funded by MSC and LSC, are eligible to submit a budget request.

(3) The Budget Committee is authorized to fund more than the amount requested.

(f) The Budget Committee shall hold hearings during which budget requests are defended. Each budget request shall have a separate hearing. The procedures for hearings shall be set by the Chair of the Budget Committee prior to the start of hearings.

(g) At the conclusion of all hearings, the Budget Committee shall openly deliberate on the budget and create a proposed Annual Budget bill, including any proviso language. The bill shall be officially proposed upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Budget Committee. The Chair of the Budget Committee shall have the authority to make technical and formatting changes prior to presenting the proposed Annual Budget bill.

6. Proposed budget to be noticed.— The proposed Annual budget shall be noticed as follows:

(a) Upon completion of technical and formatting changes to the proposed Annual Budget Bill, the Chair of the Budget Committee shall present the bill to the Congress, either in person or via email, at least ten (10) school days prior to a floor vote.

(1) The Chair of the Budget Committee shall provide an electronic copy of the proposed Annual Budget, as presented to the Assembly, to the COGS Advisor.

(b) The proposed Annual Budget and proviso language must be advertised on the COGS website by the Chair at least five (5) school days before it is considered in a meeting of the Assembly. Such publication must include the date, time, and location of the COGS meeting where the proposed Annual Budget is to be debated, along with the phrase "public comment is welcome."

7. Budget to be approved by Assembly.— The Annual Budget shall be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly.

- 1123 (a) Amendments to the proposed Annual Budget must follow a majority
1124 vote to unlock a specific line item and category of the proposed Annual
1125 Budget or a line of the proviso language. Any amendment which affects
1126 the allocation amount in any line of any recipient shall require a two-thirds
1127 (2/3) vote of the Congress.
1128 (b) The Annual Budget and proviso language cannot be approved
1129 separately.
1130 (c) The final vote on the proposed Annual Budget shall be by roll-call
1131 vote.
1132 (d) If COGS fails to pass the proposed Annual Budget, the Budget
1133 Committee shall propose a new Annual Budget with substantial changes
1134 within three (3) weeks of the prior proposed Annual Budget's failure in the
1135 Congress.

1136 **8. Budget to be reviewed by university.**— Once approved by COGS, the
1137 Annual Budget shall be presented to the University President, or their designee,
1138 for signature. If the University President, or their designee, should veto the Annual
1139 Budget, it shall be returned to COGS for revision. If the University President, or
1140 their designee, does not sign or veto the Annual Budget within fifteen (15) school
1141 days of receipt, the Annual Budget will be considered approved.

1142 **9. Amendments to budget.**— After the Annual Budget has been approved,
1143 amendments to the Budget, as well as Budget proviso, may be made by bill.

- 1144 (a) Monies may be moved within a line item between the categories of
1145 Salary, OPS Wages, Contractual Services, Expense, or OCO upon
1146 request of any COGS-funded entity by a majority vote of the Assembly.
1147 Such transfers of \$500 or less shall be deemed approved when, during
1148 New Business, the Deputy Speaker for Finance presents en bloc all
1149 pending transfers of \$500 or less and no Representative objects. If there
1150 is an objection, each bill shall be debated as normal.

- 1151 (b) Any amendment to the Annual Budget, or its proviso, shall require
1152 the signature of the University President or his/her designee.

1153 **10. Student organizations held harmless.**— If this chapter is violated by
1154 COGS with respect to any RSO, no prejudice shall be held against the RSO for
1155 failure to appear or failure to comply with the process before the RSO learned of
1156 the meeting or process.

1157 **11. Authority to create reserves.**— The Budget Committee and Assembly
1158 shall have the option to set aside funding to the "COGS Reserves" account.
1159 Requests to allocate COGS Reserves funds to other accounts shall be proposed
1160 as a COGS Funding Bill and must be approved by a majority of the COGS General
1161 Assembly. The organizations, and internal COGS accounts, throughout the fiscal
1162 year, may request transfers from reserves through a form promulgated by the
1163 Executive Committee.

1164 **12. Authority to designate funding as discretionary.**— Within the COGS
1165 Budget Bill, the Budget Committee and Assembly shall have the option to set
1166 aside "Discretionary Funding" for organizations requesting COGS funding for
1167 each budget category. Discretionary Funding may be utilized for approved

purchases within the allocated budget category not defined in organizations' annual budget requests.

Chapter 209 Strategic Planning

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1. **Creation.**— There is created a Congress of Graduate Students Strategic Plan.

2. **Purpose.**— The Strategic Plan shall provide for an organized document to identify the long-term growth and sustainability of COGS. The Strategic Plan shall serve as a guiding document to improve cohesion between sessions, and provide for a reference point to improve the identified goals of graduate students in student governance.

3. **Strategic plan requirements.**— The COGS Strategic Plan shall:

(a) Provide a Mission and Vision Statements for COGS.

(1) The Mission Statement shall be a succinct summary of what COGS is, and provide a easily identifiable foundation for developing name and identity recognition for the body.

(2) The Mission Statement must align with the mission statement identified in the Florida State University strategic plan.

(3) The Vision Statement shall provide the long term goals and aspirations for which COGS seeks to achieve.

(4) The Vision Statement must complement the mission and vision statement identified in the Florida State University strategic plan.

(b) Identify goals in advocacy, community building, and internal operations to support the achievement of the Mission and Vision Statements.

(c) Provide measurable goals to monitor attainment, where applicable.

(d) Adhere to all applicable laws of the State of Florida, Board of Governors regulations, and regulations of the Florida State University Board of Trustees.

4. **Strategic planning committee.**— There shall be a Strategic Planning Committee, which shall be a select committee of the Congress.

(a) The committee shall consist of at least five members, as well as the Deputy Speaker for Advocacy (who shall be Chair), who shall be appointed by the Speaker, and confirmed by a majority vote of the Assembly, no later than the final Assembly meeting of the Fall semester. The Vice Chair shall be elected by the committee.

(b) For the 33rd Congress, the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee shall be appointed by the Speaker and confirmed by majority vote of the Congress.

1214 **5. Timeline.**— The committee shall run in a 12-week period to commence no later
1215 than the second full week of classes in the spring term following the
1216 commencement of a new session of COGS.

1217 (a) At the conclusion of the 12-week period, the Strategic Planning
1218 Select Committee shall approve a strategic plan to forward to the
1219 Congress of Graduate Students for consideration and approval.

1220 (1) During the 12-week regular session of the Committee, there
1221 shall be two sessions: a steering session, and a plan development
1222 session.

1223 (2) The first six weeks shall be the steering session. During this
1224 portion, the Committee shall hear presentations and updates on
1225 COGS and graduate student governance from the Speaker and
1226 stakeholders within the university community. The Committee shall
1227 consider the presentations against the mission and vision
1228 statements, and identify portions of the strategic plan that need
1229 updating.

1230 (3) The second six weeks shall be the plan development session.
1231 During this portion, the Committee shall conduct the necessary
1232 drafting and editing process to update the Strategic Plan.

1233 (b) Special meetings prior to the 12-week period may be requested as
1234 needed by the Speaker, or by simple majority vote of the Congress. Such
1235 special meetings must have a specifically identified topic for discussion.

1236 (c) The committee shall meet, at minimum, during the COGS session in
1237 which the expiration of the plan falls. The Speaker retains the right to call
1238 the Committee more frequently. The committee shall not have more than
1239 one 12-week period per session of COGS.

1240 **6. Adoption of strategic plan.**— The Strategic Planning Select Committee shall
1241 develop the mission and vision statement, associated goals and metrics, and
1242 strategic plan narrative. The Committee shall approve the Strategic Plan by
1243 majority vote. Upon committee approval, the chair and vice chair of the Committee
1244 shall present the Strategic Plan to the Assembly, who shall adopt it by majority
1245 vote.

1246 **7. Duration of strategic plan.**— The Strategic Plan shall be valid for the three
1247 subsequent academic years after approval.

1248 **8. Amendments to strategic plan.**— Amendments to the mission and vision
1249 statement prior to the expiration of the Strategic Plan shall require a 2/3 majority
1250 vote of COGS.

1251 **Chapter 210 Ethics**

1252 210.1 Short title.

1253 210.2 Ethics and professional conduct rules.

1254 210.3 Enforcement.

1255 210.4 Non-exclusivity.

1256 1. **Short title.**— This chapter may be referred to as the “Ethics Code.”

1257 2. **Ethics and professional conduct rules.**— The following shall constitute the
1258 individual rules governing the ethical and professional conduct of COGS
1259 Representatives and members of funding boards:

(a) Representative Office in COGS is a trust to be performed with integrity in the public interest. By personal example and by admonition to colleagues whose behavior may threaten the honor of the Congress, they shall watchfully guard the responsibility of their Office and the responsibilities and duties placed on them by the Congress.

(b) A member shall respect and comply with the law and shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and independence of the Congress. Each member shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner that promotes a professional environment, free from discrimination.

(c) A member shall accept nothing which reasonably may be construed to improperly influence their official act, decision, or vote.

(d) A member shall scrupulously comply with the requirements of all laws related to the ethics of public officers.

(e) No member shall knowingly make or issue false or malicious statements about other Representatives or officers of the Student Body.

(f) With the exception of the Annual Budget, no member shall vote on any measure which will personally and directly impact them financially. With the exception of the Annual Budget, or sub-allocation budgets from MSC or LSC, no member shall vote on any measure which will directly impact any organization of which that member is a member of their executive board. The Speaker or Chair may, on their own action upon personal knowledge or upon being informed by point of order, require that a member abstain from a vote that implicates this subsection. This decision is appealable and may be overturned by majority vote of the Assembly. Voting incompatible with this subsection is an actionable violation of the Ethics Code.

3. Enforcement.— Violations of the Ethics Code are to be filed in writing with the COGS Advisor and COGS Speaker. Allegations of violations of this chapter shall be referred to the Internal Affairs Committee within ten (10) school days of receipt of the charges, who shall investigate the allegations. Should the committee determine, by majority vote, that a violation occurred, it may:

(a) Initiate impeachment proceedings under § 201.5,

(b) Present a resolution of censure to the Assembly, which shall only be adopted with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly,

(c) Suspend the Representative or funding board member for a period of no more than fourteen (14) calendar days, or

(d) Any combination thereof.

4. Non-exclusivity.— Punitive action under this chapter shall in no way affect liability for violation of the Florida State Student Code of Conduct, Student Body Statutes, or any other lawful procedure.

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- 1321 1. **Organization recognized by university for four weeks.**— All student
1322 organizations must be recognized by the Division of Student Affairs for a minimum
1323 of four (4) weeks in order to receive COGS Funds.
1324 2. **Organization officers financially certified.**— The president and treasurer of
1325 an RSO must be financially certified by COGS in order to receive COGS Funds.
1326 3. **Elected president and financial officer.**— RSOs are required to elect a
1327 Financial Officer to oversee budgetary accounts and a President to countersign
1328 for expenditures. To be eligible for COGS Funds, the President and Treasurer of
1329 the RSO must be A&S fee-paying graduate or professional students at Florida
1330 State University.
1331 4. **Majority graduate student membership.**— To be eligible for COGS Funds, a
1332 majority of the organization's members must be A&S fee-paying graduate
1333 students at Florida State University.
1334 5. **Second signer for expenditures.**— All expenditures of COGS Funds by said
1335 organizations will require a signature from the Financial Officer and President, or
1336 other financially certified officer.
1337 6. **Abiding by organizational constitution.**— No RSO which receives funding
1338 from COGS, or any of its sub-allocation authorities, may violate the provisions of
1339 its individual RSO constitution. Failure of an RSO to abide by, or secure any right
1340 granted under its constitution, shall make the organization subject to the measures
1341 outlined in Chapter 308 of this Code.
- 1342 (a) The Speaker shall enforce this provision upon application from any
1343 student, or upon being made aware of an ongoing violation of an RSO's
1344 constitution.
1345 (b) The Florida State University Student Supreme Court shall have
1346 concurrent jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this section through
1347 appropriate writs. In the event of a conflict between the Speaker and the
1348 Student Supreme Court, the determination and orders of the Student
1349 Supreme Court shall prevail.

- (c) The copy of an RSO's constitution, filed with the University during the annual RSO recognition process, shall be considered authoritative.
7. **Mandatory dues prohibited.**— RSOs within the jurisdiction of COGS may only collect voluntary dues. This provision shall not require RSOs to pay state or national membership dues on behalf of members.
8. **Compliance does not guarantee funding.**— No provision under this chapter shall guarantee an RSO to receive COGS Funds from the SGA Accounting office.

Chapter 301 General Restrictions on Spending

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301.9 Limits on per person expenditures for food.

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1. **Purpose of entities when allocating COGS funds.**— COGS and all entities within its jurisdiction, or which receive its support, shall promote accessibility to education, effective funding of RSOs, and support to Florida State University administrative functions or offices which contribute to the assimilation, organization, and professional development of graduate students at Florida State University.

2. **Purpose of receipt of COGS funds.**— All Funds allocated by COGS or its sub-allocation authorities, such as graduate funding boards, shall be offered in an effort to nurture the highest levels of scholarship, research, creativity, and social activities necessary to support a comprehensive graduate research university.

3. **Compliance with applicable policies.**— Activities funded must not conflict with the purpose and regulations of this code, the Florida State University Student Body Constitution, Statutes, and Board of Trustees' policies, or with state or federal laws.

4. **Anti-discrimination policy.**— No RSO which receives funding from COGS will practice de facto or de jure discrimination against discrimination or differential treatment in membership or otherwise on the basis of race, creed, nationality, alienage, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family status, or socio-economic status.

5. **Events to be open and available.**— All events funded in whole, or in part, by COGS Funds or derivative resources must be equally accessible to all enrolled graduate students at Florida State University, or serve a legitimate academic purpose.

- (a) All purchases for events held off of the Florida State University campus require the approval of the Assembly by resolution in a majority vote, unless approved by proviso to a funding bill.

- (b) MSC and LSC are authorized to waive this section for events funded by the respective councils by motion approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote.
6. **Events to be free to students.**— RSOs within the jurisdiction of COGS may not charge Florida State University students admissions fees to any event subsidized or paid for by COGS Funds.
- (a) No RSO receiving funding from COGS may charge Florida State University students for food purchased with COGS Funds.
7. **Prohibition on use of funds to support political parties or campaigns.**— Funds may not be expended to support, in whole or in part, a candidate for political office, nor for contribution to a political party. This provision shall also apply to on-campus SGA political parties and campaigns.
8. **Prohibition on use of funds for alcohol.**— COGS Funds cannot be used to fund alcoholic beverages.
9. **Limits on per person expenditures for food.**— NO RSO shall incur more than \$20 per person, per meal, when using COGS Funds.
- (a) This section can be overridden by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the Assembly.
10. **Limits on expenditures for gratuity on food.**— RSOs may request, receive, and expend a reasonable amount not to exceed twenty percent (20%) as gratuity, for food purchases for events. Reimbursement shall not be granted on meals for individuals who are receiving a per diem in conjunction with travel. The gratuity must be recorded on the receipt and should be reflected in the total.

Chapter 302 Funding of OPS Positions

302.1 OPS positions to be held by enrolled students.

302.2 Advertisement of non-elective OPS positions.

1. **OPS positions to be held by enrolled students.**— Elected and non-elected OPS positions shall be held by persons currently enrolled at FSU unless otherwise specified in this Code, the rules of procedure, or Student Body Constitution and Statutes.
2. **Advertisement of non-elective OPS positions.**— All OPS non-elected positions under COGS, or its organizations, shall be advertised in a widely publicized campus forum for a minimum of two (2) weeks.

Chapter 303 Self-Generated Funds

303.1 Definitions.

303.2 Deposit of self-generated funds.

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303.4 Reimbursement of COGS funds when used in part to generate funds.

1. **Definitions.**— The term “self-generated funds” shall be defined as funds earned or obtained without the expenditure of COGS Funds, or COGS-Fund derivative resources.
2. **Deposit of self-generated funds.**— Self-generated funds may be housed within the organization’s current DSE or FSU Foundation account. A copy of all

deposit transmittals of Self-Generated Funds must be submitted to the DSE Accounting Office in accordance with DSE procedures.

3. **Prohibition.**— COGS funding may not be used solely for fund generation.

4. **Reimbursement of COGS funds when used in part to generate funds.**— If funds are generated from an event that is paid in whole, or in part, by COGS Funds, the funds generated will be used to offset the cost of the event.

Chapter 304 Purchase Request Procedures

304.1 Requirements of purchase requests.

304.2 Mandatory denial of purchase requests.

304.3 Discretionary denial of purchase requests.

304.4 Submission does not guarantee receipt.

1. **Requirements of purchase requests.**— All requests for expenditures shall:

- (a) Be submitted to NoleCentral, or a successor platform,
- (b) Be submitted at least ten (10) business days in advance,
- (c) Include estimates of all materials to be produced or purchased, and
- (d) Include a justification identifying benefit(s) of the expense to all students at Florida State University.

2. **Mandatory denial of purchase requests.**— Any request shall be denied by the Speaker, Deputy Speaker for Finance, or SG&A Accounting for:

- (a) Failure to meet any of the requirements of section (1), or
- (b) Violations of Code or any other applicable law.

3. **Discretionary denial of purchase requests.**— The Speaker and Deputy Speaker for Finance shall reject requests for expenditures that they deem fiscally irresponsible and/or excessive. Reasons for rejection include, but are not limited to, any request deemed excessive or irresponsible.

- (a) Denials on discretionary grounds may be appealed through writ of injunction to the Student Supreme Court, which shall only issue if clear error is shown.

4. **Submission does not guarantee receipt.**— The initiation of a request in no way guarantees the receipt of funds.

Chapter 305 Printed Materials

305.1 Acknowledgement of COGS funding.

305.2 Disclaimer of COGS neutrality.

305.3 Inclusion of organization branding.

1. **Acknowledgement of COGS funding.**— All printed materials for any and all advertisements, services, activities, programs, or events sponsored by a recipient of COGS Funds must adequately display the COGS logo or the phrase “Paid for by COGS.”

2. **Disclaimer of COGS neutrality.**— All printed materials of a COGS-Fund recipient that contain a political or controversial message shall carry the phrase “The views expressed herein do not necessarily reflect those of COGS or SGA.”

3. **Inclusion of organization branding.**— Printed materials paid for, or in part by, COGS Funds must display the organization's name or logo.

Chapter 306 General Travel Policies

306.1 Application of chapter.

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306.3 Paperwork.

306.4 Per diem.

306.5 Group travel policy.

1. **Application of chapter.**— This chapter applies to students, whose travel and/or accommodations are being funded by COGS Funds.

2. **Types of funded travel.**— All funded individual travel must be:

- (a) In the performance of official duties on behalf of COGS,
- (b) By a student making a presentation at an academic conference,
- (c) By a student attending an academic conference,
- (d) Part of an honorarium given for services to the Student Body, or
- (e) For persons contracted to provide a service to the Student Body.

3. **Paperwork.**— Paperwork must be completed as required by the Florida State University Travel Office and the DSE Accounting Office.

4. **Per diem.**— All per diem shall be funded at the state rate. No per diem shall be authorized for any purposes other than food. This provision shall include, but is not limited to, a prohibition on entertainment and/or alcoholic beverage expenses.

5. **Group travel policy.**— As a general policy, COGS does not fund travel for RSOs.

- (a) COGS shall not fund RSO travel for career development and conference travel.
- (b) RSO group travel is limited to travel that serves the promotion of the mission and goal of the RSO as well as to the betterment of the FSU student body.
- (c) Group travel may only be approved by bill proviso or resolution of the Assembly, passed by a two-thirds (2/3), however no such funding may exceed \$1,500 except by unanimous vote of the Congress.

Chapter 307 Conference Grants

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307.9 Amounts of conference grants.

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307.11 Interpretation of chapter.

- 1527 1. **Creation.**— There shall be a system of individual conference grants by which
1528 the Congress supports graduate and professional students to attend conferences
1529 that further their academic or professional endeavors.
- 1530 2. **Administration.**— The conference grants system shall be administered by the
1531 Deputy Speaker for Finance, in coordination with the COGS Advisor and any other
1532 persons designated by the Speaker, and shall be administered on a first-come,
1533 first-serve basis.
- 1534 3. **General restrictions for conference grants.**— No student shall:
1535 (a) Receive more than two (2) grants per fiscal year. Any student
1536 receiving a Combined grant shall be considered to have received two
1537 grants.
1538 (b) Receive more than seven hundred dollars (\$700) in total grants per
1539 fiscal year.
1540 (c) Receive more than one (1) grant per conference attended.
- 1541 4. **Types of conference grants.**— There shall be four (4) types of conference
1542 grants awarded by the Congress:
1543 (a) Attendance grants,
1544 (b) Domestic presentation grants,
1545 (c) International presentation grants, and
1546 (d) Combined grants.
- 1547 5. **Budgeting of funds for conference grants.**— The Annual Budget shall
1548 allocate funds for conference grants, with funding split between attendance grants
1549 and presentation grants. Combined grants, domestic presentation grants, and
1550 international presentation grants shall be considered “presentation grants” for the
1551 purpose of this section.
- 1552 6. **Distribution of funds into three periods.**— Annual COGS Conference Grant
1553 allocations shall be equally distributed into at least three grant funding periods,
1554 each lasting four (4) months, defined in the Annual Budget’s proviso language.
1555 (a) One month following the close of a conference grant funding period,
1556 the remaining funds shall be moved forward to the current funding period.
- 1557 7. **General eligibility for conference grants.**— Enrolled and A&S Fee-paying
1558 graduate and professional students at Florida State University are eligible to be
1559 awarded conference grants so long as they:
1560 (a) Complete an application promulgated by the Deputy Speaker for
1561 Finance and posted on the COGS website,
1562 (b) Submit their application no fewer than fifteen (15) calendar days prior
1563 to the conference,
1564 (c) Provide proof of registration for the conference, and
1565 (1) Proof of attendance shall require one or more (at the
1566 discretion of the Deputy Speaker for Finance) of the following:
1567 conference registration receipt, conference materials, or a
1568 conference program.
1569 (d) Are not, individually or as a member of an RSO, receiving any other
1570 SGA funds for their conference travel.
1571 (e) Are attending a conference more than two hundred (200) miles away
1572 from Tallahassee.

1573 (1) Students may apply for a grant for a virtual conference but
1574 may only be reimbursed for the cost of conference registration and
1575 such reimbursement shall not exceed the amount given as an
1576 Attendance grant.

1577 **8. Specific eligibility for conference grants.—** The following grants shall have
1578 the following specific eligibility requirements:

1579 (a) Domestic presentation grants:

1580 (1) The student shall provide proof that they have been accepted
1581 to present at the conference the grant is for. Presentations may
1582 include, but is not limited to, being a solo presenter, serving on a
1583 discussion or presentation panel, or giving a poster presentation.

1584 (2) The conference must be within the United States.

1585 (b) International presentation grants:

1586 (1) The student shall provide proof that they have been accepted
1587 to present at the conference the grant is for. Presentations may
1588 include, but is not limited to, being a solo presenter, serving on a
1589 discussion or presentation panel, or giving a poster presentation.

1590 (2) The conference must be outside the United States.

1591 (3) The student shall provide proof of approval by the University
1592 for international travel.

1593 (c) Combined grants:

1594 (1) The student shall provide proof that they have been accepted
1595 to present at the conference the grant is for. Presentations may
1596 include, but is not limited to, being a solo presenter, serving on a
1597 discussion or presentation panel, or giving a poster presentation.

1598 (2) The student must not have received any grants for the current
1599 fiscal year.

1600 (3) The student shall make an acknowledgement that receiving
1601 the Combined grant makes them ineligible for any further grants in
1602 that fiscal year.

1603 **9. Amounts of conference grants.—** The amount of each grant shall be as
1604 follows:

1605 (a) Attendance grants: \$200.

1606 (b) Domestic presentation grants: \$350.

1607 (c) International presentation grants: \$700.

1608 (d) Combined grants: \$600.

1609 **10. Reimbursement of funds.—** Conference grants shall be awarded as a
1610 reimbursement of funds spent, pursuant to any requirements set by SG&A
1611 Accounting.

1612 **11. Interpretation of chapter.—** The Deputy Speaker for Finance, in
1613 consultation with the Speaker and COGS Advisor, is authorized to interpret the
1614 provisions of this Chapter. Such interpretations shall be binding, unless
1615 invalidated by the Student Supreme Court.

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1617 **Chapter 308 Compliance and Enforcement Mechanisms**

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 1630 308.13 Non-exclusivity of chapter.
 1631 1. **Definitions.**— For the purpose of this chapter:
 1632 (a) The term “applicable rules” shall be defined as the provisions of the
 1633 Florida State University Student Body Statutes, as well as the provisions
 1634 of this code.
 1635 (b) The term “violation” shall be defined as misfeasance, nonfeasance,
 1636 or malfeasance of any responsibility under the applicable rules, or as
 1637 conduct which is a violation prohibition contained within any of the rules,
 1638 or as fraud or misrepresentation in interactions with COGS or SGA.
 1639 2. **Methods of enforcement.**— To enforce the provisions of this Title, the
 1640 Congress may freeze the accounts of, restrict the accounts of, or publicly censure
 1641 non-compliant entities and organizations.
 1642 3. **Public censure.**— COGS may issue a public censure for RSOs or officers who
 1643 engage in conduct that is either dishonest, unethical, or a violation of this code, if
 1644 the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker for Finance concur.
 1645 (a) The censure shall include the reason for issuance, as well as the
 1646 name of the officer or RSO responsible for the action.
 1647 (b) The original censure will be retained by the COGS Advisor. A copy
 1648 of the censure will be sent to the officer or RSO, and to any funding board
 1649 that administers the RSO.
 1650 (c) A censure may only be revoked by the Speaker or by an affirmative
 1651 vote of the Congress.
 1652 (d) Any censure will be included read aloud in the Assembly and
 1653 included, in its totality, in the minutes of the next Assembly meeting.
 1654 4. **Purpose of freezing accounts.**— The purpose of freezing funds is to prohibit
 1655 the RSO from spending funds, to give the RSO the opportunity to correct the
 1656 problem(s), and to deter future actions that are inconsistent with the applicable
 1657 rules.
 1658 5. **Effect of freezing accounts.**— Upon a freeze being placed on an
 1659 organization’s account, no purchase requests, allocations, or transfers involving
 1660 the frozen account shall be approved or processed.
 1661 6. **Freezing of accounts.**— Upon the concurrence of the Speaker and the Deputy
 1662 Speaker for Finance, a freeze may be placed upon the account of any RSO within

the jurisdiction of COGS for violations of applicable rules. The duration of the freeze is not to exceed fifteen (15) school days.

7. Purpose of restricting accounts.— Restriction of accounts should be reserved for:

- (a) The most egregious violations of applicable rules,
- (b) Organizations who have failed to comply with applicable rules after a freeze,
- (c) Organizations who have violated applicable rules multiple times, or
- (d) Organizations that have demonstrated a lack of institutional or financial control.

8. Restriction of accounts.— Upon the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the representatives in regular Assembly, restrictions, in the form of a bill, may be placed upon the account of any RSO within the jurisdiction of COGS for violations of applicable rules.

- (a) The duration of the restrictions are not to exceed the remainder of the fiscal year in force at the time the bill is enacted.
- (b) The bill shall make legislative findings as to the grounds for issuing the restrictions.
- (c) The bill shall detail the restrictions placed on the RSO's accounts. Restrictions may include, but are not limited to:
 - (1) A ban on specific expenditures from the restricted RSOs accounts,
 - (2) Requiring pre-authorization from the Internal Affairs Committee prior to approval of an expenditure, or
 - (3) A complete ban on the use of funds in any or all funding categories.
- (d) Due to the emergency nature of the placement of restrictions and notwithstanding s. 203.3(c), COGS Code, the effect of a bill placing restrictions shall go into effect immediately upon passage by the Assembly. Should the bill be vetoed by the Vice President for Student Affairs, the restrictions shall be void.

9. Written notice of freeze or restriction.— When the Speaker or Deputy Speaker for Finance initiates a freeze or the Assembly imposes restrictions, the cause and duration of the freeze/restrictions shall be identified in a written memorandum from the Speaker and Deputy Speaker for Finance to the frozen/restricted organization, with copies to the Student Body Treasurer, Business Manager, and COGS Advisor. In the case of restrictions, the memorandum should include the restrictions placed by the bill.

10. Frozen or restricted entity to present to Assembly.— Any entity whose accounts are frozen/restricted must have its Treasurer/Financial Officer (or designee) make a presentation to the COGS Assembly. This presentation shall be scheduled at the behest of the COGS Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of Finance.

11. Voluntary removal of freeze or restrictions.— A freeze initiated by the Speaker and Deputy Speaker may be rescinded at any time by the Speaker by written notification to those required in section (7). A freeze may also be removed

by majority vote of the Assembly. Restrictions may only be removed by majority vote of the Assembly in the form of a bill.

12. **Appeal of freeze or restrictions.**— The decision to freeze/restrict funds may be appealed to the Student Senate Finance Committee, Student Body Treasurer, or any other officer authorized in the Student Body Statutes. An order by any such entity to lift the freeze/restrictions shall be directly and immediately applicable.

13. **Non-exclusivity of chapter.**— This chapter shall not prejudice the rights of any student body officers under the Florida State University Student Body Constitution or Statutes to impose sanctions on RSOs without the authorization of COGS.

Title IV: Specific Provisions for Select Graduate Organizations

Chapter 400 Law School Council

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1. **Creation.**— There is created a Law School Council (LSC). LSC shall be organized and administered by COGS, and housed under the Student Bar Association as a funding board within its jurisdiction in accordance with the Florida State University Student Body Statutes.

2. **Purpose.**— The purpose of LSC is to represent Law School RSOs before all budgetary committees of SGA and COGS, to sub-allocate funds to Law School RSOs, and to monitor and coordinate the budget activities of the various Law School RSOs.

3. **Council composition.**— LSC shall be composed of law students with the following composition:

(a) Three (3) members being appointed from the membership of the Student Bar Association through procedures set by the Student Bar Association, provided that the President, Vice President, Secretary, and

Treasurer of the SBA shall not serve as a member of the LSC and that the elections occur no later than the final day of February in each year,

(b) The COGS Representatives for the College of Law, serving as ex officio members,

(c) Five (5) members being students elected at-large from the student body of the College of Law, and

(d) A chair elected by the student body of the College of Law.

4. Election of at-large members.— At-Large Elections shall take place in the Spring SBA Elections, shall be non-partisan, and shall take place under the same procedures used by SBA to elect their executive board.

(a) Candidates for the at-large positions shall declare their candidacy by the candidate declaration deadline, in accordance with SBA procedures.

(b) The at-large members shall be the five candidates who receive the most votes.

(c) The at-large candidate who receives the most votes at the Spring election shall become the Vice Chair of the LSC. The at-large candidate who receives the second-most votes at the Spring election shall become the Treasurer of the LSC.

(1) If there are not more candidates for the at-large seats than open seats at the Spring election, the Vice Chair and Treasurer of the LSC shall be elected from the at-large members at the first meeting of the new LSC board.

(d) LSC board members shall train the Members Elect. At-Large Members' terms will end at the conclusion of the final board meeting of March, at which time At-Large Members Elect and the SBA representatives shall take office.

5. Election of chair.— The Chair shall be elected in the same manner as the at-large members, with the candidate receiving the most votes being the winner. Candidates must have previously served on the LSC in some capacity prior to declaring their candidacy for Chair, unless no candidates with such service have declared.

6. Advisor to council.— An administrative or faculty representative shall serve as an advisor to the LSC Board. This representative shall assist the Board in ensuring that LSC is compliant with the COGS Code, the Florida State University Student Body Statutes, Law School Policy, and Florida State University Policies and Procedures.

7. Vacancies.— Vacancies of the LSC Board shall be filled by appointment. Vacancies in the at-large positions shall be filled through two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining LSC members after a publicly noticed application and interview period. Vacancies in the seats representing the SBA shall be filled by the procedures set by SBA.

8. Vacancies of officers.— Should the Chair become permanently vacant, the Vice Chair shall become the Chair. If there is no Vice Chair when the Chair becomes permanently vacant, the Treasurer shall become Chair. If there is no Vice Chair and no Treasurer when the Chair becomes permanently Vacant, the LSC shall elect a Chair for the remainder of their term from the remaining at-large

members by majority vote of the LSC members. Vacancies in the Vice Chair or Treasurer shall be filled by the Chair appointing an at-large member to said position, subject to the confirmation of a majority of the LSC members.

9. **Duties of officers.**— The officers of LSC shall have the following duties:

(a) The Chair shall:

- (1) Preside over all LSC meetings.
- (2) Represent LSC in all official business and budget matters before COGS or the Student Senate.
- (3) Have the authority to call special meetings of LSC.
- (4) Be responsible for all official correspondence of LSC.
- (5) Perform any other duties as assigned by LSC or this code.
- (6) Act as liaison between law school student organizations and SGA Accounting.
- (7) Not vote on any matter before the LSC, except to break a tie vote.

(b) The Vice Chair shall:

- (1) Keep accurate minutes of all LSC meetings.
- (2) Email the minutes to the Chair at the conclusion of each LSC meeting.
- (3) Keep apprised of any changes in SGA Statutes and COGS Code that may affect the bylaws of the LSC and recommend changes to the Council if needed to comply with SGA Statutes and COGS Code.
- (4) Serve as presiding officer of the LSC in the absence of the Chair, during which time the Vice Chair shall not vote, except as to break tie votes.
- (5) Perform any other duties as assigned by the LSC Chair or this Code.

(c) The Treasurer shall:

- (1) Keep an accurate and up-to-date budget.
- (2) Perform any other duties as assigned by the LSC Chair or this code.
- (3) Attend any budgetary meetings as an LSC representative.
- (4) Work with the Deputy Speaker of Finance in order to perform any requested external audits in compliance with this Code.
- (5) Be listed as an officer of each member RSO in NoleCentral, or its successor platform, to maintain oversight of member RSO accounts.

10. **Compliance with applicable rules.**— LSC shall sub-allocate its ordained funds to its member RSOs consistent with the Florida State University Student Body Constitution, Statutes, and A&S Fee Guidelines, as well as this code and any other applicable rules and regulations. LSC shall only sub-allocate funds to law school organizations which have been registered, in accordance with COGS and SGA guidelines.

11. **Appropriation of budgeted funds.**— LSC shall allocate those funds granted to it by COGS to the Recognized Student Organizations at the Law School

1845 in a fiscally responsible manner, keeping in mind the purpose of the allocation,
1846 which is to provide activities and services for the benefit of the maximum number
1847 of students.

1848 (a) LSC shall submit a proposed semesterly budget on behalf of all Law
1849 School RSOs to COGS in compliance with all requirements of the Annual
1850 Budget process. COGS shall make all budget allocations to the LSC in the
1851 Expense category.

1852 (b) The LSC Chair and Treasurer shall be responsible for ensuring that
1853 members and member RSOs are properly informed about the budgetary
1854 process, its timelines, and the total budget allocated to the LSC by COGS.

1855 (c) The LSC Chair, at the above-mentioned meeting and through email
1856 to the members and member RSOs, shall announce the dates that:

1857 (1) The Budget Request Form opens,

1858 (2) The Budget Request Form closes,

1859 (3) The LSC will hold hearings on budget requests,

1860 (4) The LSC will deliberate on the final LSC budget.

1861 (d) The Budget Request Form shall be created by the Treasurer, in
1862 consultation with the Chair, the LSC, and SG&A Accounting. If at all
1863 possible, the Form need not be overhauled every year.

1864 (e) The procedures for budgetary hearings and deliberations shall be
1865 determined under the LSC bylaws.

1866 (f) Any member representing the SBA who sits on their executive board
1867 shall abstain from voting or debating on the SBA line item, as required by
1868 Student Body Statutes. Likewise, any LSC member who sits on an RSO
1869 executive board shall abstain from voting or debating on their RSO's line
1870 item.

1871 (1) The LSC Chair may also determine whether a member has a
1872 conflict of interest and may bar them from voting or debating on the
1873 conflicted line item.

1874 (2) Any such determination by the Chair may be appealed to the
1875 Board and overturned by majority vote.

1876 (g) The LSC Budget shall contain an "Unallocated" line item, which shall
1877 be used to fund requests by RSOs made outside the annual semesterly
1878 budget cycle. It shall also contain an "LSC Expense" line item, which may
1879 be drawn upon by the Chair, with the agreement of the Treasurer, in
1880 support of the mission of the LSC.

1881 (h) The Chair shall make every effort to complete the budgetary process
1882 prior to the start of the semester that the budget is being made for.

1883 (i) A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the LSC is required for final passage of the
1884 budget.

1885 (j) Upon passage of the budget by LSC, the allocations shall be submitted
1886 to the COGS Assembly, in the form of a bill, for final approval.

1887 12. **Emergency allocations and transfers.**— All LSC allocations and transfers
1888 made outside of the semesterly budget shall require the signature of either the
1889 Speaker of COGS, or the Deputy Speaker for Finance. The Speaker or Deputy
1890 Speaker may deny any allocation or amendment deemed excessive or

irresponsible. If an allocation or transfer is denied, the LSC Chair may, within seventy-two (72) hours of being notified of the denial, appeal the denial to the Congress, where it shall be debated and voted on during the "Funding Requests" agenda item. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of COGS members present and voting is required to approve the allocation or denial, notwithstanding the Speaker or Deputy Speaker's denial.

13. **Funds not to be expended until annual budget signed.**— The allocation to LSC shall not be obligated or expended until the COGS annual Budget has been approved by the COGS Speaker and the Deputy Speaker for Finance, and the University President, or their designee.

14. **Further duties of council.**— LSC shall have the following powers and duties under this code and shall be subject to all other applicable Florida State University Student Body Statutes in the exercise of its powers and duties:

(a) LSC shall hold budgetary hearings at which member RSOs present their requests. In the event that a member of an RSO that submitted a request is unable to attend, the LSC Chair may present the RSO's request on their behalf.

(b) LSC shall then represent its member RSOs at all budgetary hearings and procedures of COGS.

(c) LSC shall report to the Internal Affairs Committee of COGS as requested by the Internal Affairs Committee, with a minimum fifteen (15) school days' notice.

(d) LSC may pass Resolutions on behalf of the Law School Student Body.

(e) LSC may remove any non-ex officio council member for nonfeasance by an affirmative, majority vote of all those board members not being considered for removal in the instant controversy.

(f) LSC may, by a majority vote, recommend any member for impeachment for misfeasance or malfeasance in accordance with Chapter 114 of this Code.

(g) LSC shall adopt bylaws at the second meeting of the LSC following the annual installation of new at-large board members by a majority vote of the total membership of the LSC.

15. **Meetings of council.**— LSC shall hold open meetings, in compliance with Chapter 203, Student Body Statutes, on a twice-monthly basis and shall send copies of the minutes of such meetings to all Law School RSOs and COGS.

(a) A special meeting of LSC may be called by the LSC Chair or by petition of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Presidents of the Law School RSOs.

(b) Quorum shall be a majority of the total membership of LSC. A quorum must be present for LSC to conduct business.

(c) All LSC action must be approved by a majority vote of those LSC members present and voting.

(d) LSC shall announce and provide notice of its meetings and procedures to Law School RSOs. It shall provide notice at least five (5)

1936 school days before any forms, requests, or petitions are due for the
 1937 meeting.
 1938 (e) Attendance at monthly meetings is mandatory for all LSC board
 1939 members. If a member must be absent from a monthly meeting, they must
 1940 provide adequate notice to the LSC Chair. If a member is absent from
 1941 more than two monthly meetings, that member will be considered for
 1942 removal by members of the board. All board members, except for the
 1943 member at issue, will vote on the removal of the board member. A majority
 1944 vote will effectively remove the member from the board. The vacancy will
 1945 then be filled in accordance to the procedures outlined above.
 1946 (f) Within three (3) business days of any LSC meeting the minutes must
 1947 be submitted to the COGS Speaker for review before the allocations are
 1948 formally authorized.

1949 **Chapter 401 Medical Student Council (MSC)**

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 1958 401.9 Meetings of the general board.
 1959 1. **Creation.**— There shall be created a Medical Student Council
 1960 2. **Purpose.**— The purpose of the Medical Student Council is to represent
 1961 Medical School RSOs before all budgetary committees of COGS, to sub-
 1962 appropriate funds to MSC RSOs, enhance medical education at Florida State
 1963 University by promoting a variety of speakers, conferences, and academic
 1964 projects, express the will of the Medical School Student Body through Resolutions,
 1965 and to monitor and coordinate the budget activities of the various Medical School
 1966 RSOs.
 1967 3. **Composition.**— MSC shall be composed of an Executive Board and a General
 1968 Board.
 1969 (a) The MSC Executive Board shall be composed of a President, Vice
 1970 President, Treasurer, Secretary, and a representative from each degree
 1971 program track in the College of Medicine hereafter referred to as "program
 1972 representatives." Two additional members of the board shall be the MSC
 1973 Representatives to COGS. Elections shall take place every Fall semester.
 1974 Members' terms will end on the last day of the Fall semester, at which time
 1975 Members Elect shall take office.
 1976 (b) The MSC General Board shall be composed of the President from
 1977 each of the MSC RSOs and one representative for all regional campuses.
 1978 4. **Advisor to the council.**— An Administrative Representative appointed by the
 1979 Dean of the College of Medicine shall be an advisory member to the MSC Board.
 1980 This Representative shall assist the Board in ensuring that the MSC follows the
 1981 guidelines established by this code and the Student Government Finance Code.

1982 5. **Vacancies.**— Vacancies of the MSC Executive Board shall be filled in
1983 accordance with the procedures outlined in the MSC Constitution and Bylaws.
1984 Vacancies of the MSC General Board shall be filled pursuant to the RSO's
1985 constitution.

1986 6. **Duties of executive board members.**— The members of the Executive Board
1987 shall have the following duties:

1988 (a) The MSC President shall:

1989 (1) Preside over all meetings of the Board according to Robert's
1990 Rules of Order.

1991 (2) Act as a spokesperson for the Board.

1992 (3) Chair the Executive Committee on all administrative matters.

1993 (4) Determine the MSC General and Executive Meeting
1994 Schedule.

1995 (5) Act in accordance with the Treasurer of MSC and the finance
1996 rules of Student Government on all financial matters.

1997 (6) Have the power to appoint Ad-hoc committees and their
1998 chairmen as deemed necessary with approval from the MSC
1999 General Board.

2000 (b) The MSC Vice President shall:

2001 (1) Assume the duties of President when necessary.

2002 (2) Coordinate all public relations efforts of the Board.

2003 (3) Coordinate a monthly calendar of events.

2004 (4) Work with each student organization and review all
2005 constitutions to insure compliance with student body law.

2006 (5) Chair the Executive Committee for financial special requests.

2007 (c) The MSC Treasurer shall:

2008 (1) Chair the Executive Committee on all financial matters
2009 excluding special requests.

2010 (2) Coordinate all financial matters of the MSC.

2011 (3) Keep an accurate record of the MSC budget.

2012 (4) Request and compile budget proposals from all MSC RSOs
2013 before budgetary hearings every fiscal year.

2014 (5) Submit the MSC Executive Meeting minutes to the COGS
2015 Speaker within three (3) business days of any Executive Board
2016 meeting before the allocations are formally authorized.

2017 (d) The MSC Secretary shall:

2018 (1) Keep accurate minutes of all meetings.

2019 (2) Keep voting records of all meetings.

2020 (3) Keep accurate records of attendance and report any
2021 violation(s) of the attendance policy.

2022 (4) Attend to all correspondence of the Board.

2023 (5) Maintain a current list of all MSC RSOs, organizational
2024 boards, and organizational constitutions on file.

2025 (e) The Program Representatives shall:

2026 (1) Represent the needs of the students in their respective
2027 degree programs.

- 2028 (2) Act as liaisons between the students in their respective
2029 degree programs and the MSC.
2030 (f) The MSC Representatives to SGA and COGS shall:
2031 (1) Keep the MSC Board updated on all events pertaining to SGA
2032 and COGS.
2033 (2) Keep SGA and COGS updated on the activities of the MSC.
2034 (3) Represent the MSC in front of all student government entities
2035 when the MSC President is not present.
2036 (4) Coordinate with the MSC President and formulate a long-term
2037 political strategy for the MSC and its role within Student
2038 Government.
2039 (5) Present requests, information, bills, and other necessary
2040 items to the student government on behalf of the MSC.
2041 (6) Fulfill any obligations as required by the Florida State Student
2042 Government Association or the Congress of Graduate Students.

2043 **7. Powers and duties of the council.**— The MSC shall have the following
2044 powers and duties under this code and shall also be subject to all other applicable
2045 Florida State University Student Body Statutes:

- 2046 (a) The MSC shall represent member RSOs at all budgetary hearings
2047 and procedures of COGS.
2048 (b) The MSC shall allocate its obtained funds to member RSOs
2049 consistent with this code, the Florida State University Student Body
2050 Constitution, Statutes, and A&S Fee Guidelines, as well as any other
2051 applicable rules and regulations.
2052 (c) MSC shall only allocate funds to recognized medical school
2053 organizations in accordance with FSU Student Affairs guidelines, for a
2054 minimum of eight weeks, and which have a minimum of 10 student
2055 members.
2056 (d) The allocation to MSC shall not be obligated or expended until the
2057 budget has been approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs. MSC
2058 may set up an MSC unallocated account.
2059 (e) The MSC shall monitor the expenditures of sub-allocated funds to
2060 ensure that they are spent as budgeted and in accordance with this code,
2061 the Florida State University Student Body Constitution, Statutes, and A&S
2062 Fee Guidelines, as well as any other applicable rules and regulations.
2063 (f) MSC shall report to the Internal Affairs Committee, at a Committee
2064 meeting as requested by the Committee with a minimum fifteen (15) school
2065 days' notice.
2066 (g) MSC RSOs shall process budget revisions and transfers on the
2067 forms prescribed by the appropriate authority with all the requisite
2068 approvals prior to implementation.
2069 (1) After the fact amendments to allocations which are greater
2070 than \$100 shall require majority approval of the MSC board prior to
2071 being sent to COGS leadership for signature.
2072 (h) MSC shall promulgate such other rules as deemed appropriate,
2073 which shall be kept on file for public record in the DSE Accounting Office,

2074 the Office of Information Services, and the College of Medicine Student
2075 Organization Office.

2076 (i) The MSC shall pass Resolutions on behalf of the College of Medicine
2077 Student Body.

2078 **8. Meetings of the executive board.—** The MSC shall hold an Executive Board
2079 Meeting on at least a monthly basis and post an electronic copy of the minutes on
2080 CivicPlus, or its successor platform.

2081 (a) The MSC Executive Board shall also make recommendations at this
2082 meeting for all new business, which shall be discussed at the General
2083 Meeting.

2084 (b) Quorum shall be a majority of the Executive Board Members of the
2085 MSC. A quorum is necessary for business to be conducted at the MSC
2086 Executive Board Meeting.

2087 **9. Meetings of the general board.—** The MSC shall hold a General Meeting,
2088 composed of both the MSC Executive Board and the MSC General Board, on a
2089 monthly basis and shall post an electronic copy of the minutes on CivicPlus, or its
2090 successor platform.

2091 (a) The MSC President shall determine the agenda of the General
2092 Meeting and shall present its recommendations to the MSC General
2093 Board.

2094 (b) The MSC General Board shall pass any recommended proposals,
2095 pass new proposals, or alter the agenda by a majority vote of those
2096 present and voting. In the event of a tie, the MSC President will cast the
2097 deciding vote.

2098 (c) Quorum shall be a majority of the RSO Representatives. A quorum
2099 is necessary for business to be conducted at the MSC General Meeting.

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100.1	100.1
100.2	100.2
100.3	100.3
100.4	100.6
100.5	100.5
100.6	100.4
101.1	200.1
102.1	100.7(c)
102.2	100.7(d)
102.3	100.7(e)
102.4	307.7(c)(1)
102.5	100.7(f)
102.6	100.7(b)
102.7	100.7(g)
102.8	207.2
102.9	100.7(h)
103.1	100.8
104.1	204.1 204.2
104.2	204.11(a)
104.3	204.11(b)
104.4	204.11(c)
104.5	204.11(d)
104.6	204.11(e)
105.1	208.2
105.2	208.5 208.5(a) 208.7
105.3	208.5(b)
105.4	208.5(c)
105.5	208.5(e)(2)
105.6	208.5(e) 208.5(e)(1) 208.5(e)(3) 208.5(f)
105.7	208.6(a)
105.8	208.6(a)(1)
105.9	208.6(b)
105.10	208.3
105.11	208.7(b) 208.9
105.12	208.7(a)
105.13	208.7 208.7(c)

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105.14	208.7(d)
105.15	208.8
105.16	208.8
105.17	208.10
105.18	208.4
106.1	208.9(a)
106.2	208.9
106.3	208.9(b)
107.1	207.3
107.2	207.4
108.1	206.2(c)
108.2	206.3 206.4
108.3	206.1
108.4	206.2
108.5	206.7
108.6	206.8 206.5(a)
108.7	206.9
108.8	206.10
108.9	206.11(b)
108.10	206.11(c)
108.11	206.11(a)
108.12	206.12(a) 208.5(a) 208.5(d)(1) 208.5(d)(2)
108.13	206.12(b) 209.4 209.5
108.14	206.5 206.6
108.15	206.3(a)
108.16	206.3(a)(1)
108.17	206.3(b)
108.18	206.3(c)
109.1	202.1
109.2	202.1(a)
110.1	202.2
111.1	205.1 205.2
111.1(a)	205.3
111.1(b)	205.4
111.1(c)	205.5
111.1(d)	205.6
111.2	201.2

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111.3	205.10
111.4	205.8
111.5	205.9
111.6	205.7
111.7	Repealed
111.8	204.2 204.3
111.9	204.4 205.5
112.1	201.6(a)
112.2	201.6(b)
112.3	Repealed
113.1	203.2
113.2	203.1
113.3	203.1(c)
113.4	203.1(a)(2) 203.5
113.5	203.4
114.1	203.3
115.1	201.5
115.2	201.5(a)
115.3	201.5(b) 201.5(c)
115.4	201.5(c)(4) 201.5(d)(1)
115.5	201.5(c)
115.6	201.5(d) 201.5(e) 201.5(f) 201.5(g)
116.1	207.5
117.1	204.7
117.2	204.8 204.9
117.3	204.8 204.9
117.4	204.10
118.1	201.4 204.6 204.6(b)
118.2	204.6 204.6(a)
118.3	201.4(b)
119.1	201.3
119.2	201.3(b)
119.3	201.3(c)

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119.4	201.3(d)
120.1	210.1
120.2	210.3 210.4
120.3	210.2
120.4	210.3
121.1	202.3 202.3(a)
121.2	202.3(b)
122.1	209.2
122.2	209.3
122.3	209.5 209.6
122.4	209.7 209.8
200.1	300.1
200.2	300.2
200.3	208.5(d)(1)
200.4	208.11 300.4
200.5	Repealed
200.6	300.3
200.7	300.3 300.4
200.8	300.6
200.9	300.8
201.1	301.1
201.2	301.2
201.3	301.4
201.4	301.7
201.5	301.3
201.6	301.5
201.7	301.9
201.8	301.8
201.9	Repealed
201.10	300.7
201.11	301.6
201.12	301.10
201.13	Repealed
201.14	208.11
201.15	208.12
201.16	301.3
202.1	306.1
202.2	306.2
202.3	306.3
202.4	303.4

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Code of July 2025	Recodification of September 2025
202.5	Repealed
202.5(a)	306.5(b)
202.5(b)	306.5(c)
202.6	306.5(c)
202.7	306.5(a)
203.1	305.1
203.2	305.2
203.3	305.3
204.1	302.1
204.2	302.2
205.1	303.1
205.2	303.2
205.3	303.3 303.4
205.4	303.2
206.1	304.1(a)
206.2	304.1(b)
206.3	304.1(c)
206.4	304.1(d)
206.5	304.2 304.4
206.6	303.3
207.1	307.2, Repealed in part
207.2	Repealed
207.3	307.3(a)
207.4	Repealed
207.5	307.3(b)
207.6	307.6
207.7	307.6
207.8	307.3(a) 307.4(d) 307.8(c) 307.9(d)
207.9	307.3(c)
208.1	307.4(b) 307.4(c) 307.8(a) 307.8(b)
208.2	307.9(b) 307.9(c)
209.1	307.4(a)
209.1(a)	307.7(a) 307.7(b)
209.1(b)	307.7(d)
209.1(c)	206.12(a)
209.1(d)	307.9(a)

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211.1(a)	308.4 308.6
211.1(b)	Repealed
211.1(c)	308.1
211.1(d)	308.9
211.1(e)	308.11
211.1(f)	308.11
211.1(g)	308.12
211.1(h)	308.13
211.1(i)	308.10
211.2	308.3
300.1	400.1
300.2	400.2
300.3(a)	400.3
300.3(b)	400.4
300.3(c)	400.5
300.3(d)	400.6
300.3(e)	400.7
300.3(f)	400.8
300.4	400.4(c)
300.5	400.9
300.6(a)	400.11
300.6(b)	400.11(a)
300.6(c)	400.12
300.6(d)	400.11(a)-(j)
300.6(e)	400.10
300.6(f)	400.13
300.6(g)	400.12
300.6(h)	400.11(g)
300.6(i)	Repealed
300.7	400.14
300.8	400.15
301.1	Repealed
301.2	Repealed
301.3	Repealed
301.4	Repealed
301.5	Repealed
301.6	Repealed
301.7	Repealed
302.1	401.2
302.2	401.3
302.3	401.3 401.4 401.5
302.4	401.6
302.5	401.7

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Code of July 2025	Recodification of September 2025
302.6	401.8 401.9
302.7	Repealed
303.1	Repealed
303.2	Repealed
303.3	Repealed
303.4	Repealed
303.5	Repealed
303.6	Repealed



33rd Congress of Graduate Students Legislation Cover Sheet

COGS Resolution #: 11

Sponsor(s): Deputy Speaker Baez

Short Title: Recognizing and Thanking Kyanna Austin for Her Service as COGS Advisor

Summary of Legislation:

This resolution recognizes and congratulates Kyanna Austin for her dedicated service as the Student Program Coordinator and Advisor to the Congress of Graduate Students (COGS). It highlights her promotion to Assistant Director of the Office of Student Agencies and Institutes while celebrating her lasting contributions to graduate student leadership and success at Florida State University.

Background Information:

Kyanna Austin has been an essential figure in the success of COGS, providing professional guidance, mentorship, and continuity for graduate student representatives. As the Student Program Coordinator, she consistently went above and beyond her duties, fostering an environment that promoted trust, accountability, and collaboration among student leaders. Her work ensured that COGS operated with efficiency, inclusivity, and accessibility while empowering countless graduate students to grow as leaders. On August 1, 2025, Kyanna was promoted to Assistant Director of the Office of Student Agencies and Institutes, marking the end of her formal advisory role to COGS. This resolution is presented to honor her years of service and recognize the significant positive impact she has made on graduate student governance and the broader FSU community.

Effect of Proposed Legislation:

If enacted, this resolution will formally express COGS's appreciation for Kyanna Austin's service and contributions. It will also ensure that she is honored with a framed copy of the resolution as a lasting acknowledgment of her impact and dedication to graduate student leadership at Florida State University.

Attachment(s):

- Attachment #1: Resolution 11



COGS Resolution #: 11

Sponsor(s): Deputy Speaker Baez

A RESOLUTION

Congratulating Kyanna Austin for Her Service and Contributions as COGS Advisor

1 **WHEREAS**, Kyanna Austin has served as the Student Program Coordinator for the Congress of
2 Graduate Students (COGS), providing essential guidance, structure, and continuity that enables
3 graduate student leaders to thrive in their roles; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in this role, Kyanna has been a cornerstone of professional support, ensuring that COGS
5 officers, representatives, and constituents have the resources, mentorship, and institutional
6 knowledge necessary to maximize their impact at Florida State University; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Kyanna has consistently gone above and beyond her duties by fostering an environment
8 of trust, accountability, and collaboration, helping graduate student leaders develop their skills in
9 advocacy, governance, and service; and

10 **WHEREAS**, her tireless dedication has strengthened the connection between professional staff and
11 student leaders, bridging gaps, streamlining processes, and enhancing the efficiency and
12 effectiveness of graduate student governance; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Kyanna has also played a critical role in ensuring that COGS operations, initiatives, and
14 events reflect the values of inclusion, accessibility, and student success, thus contributing to a
15 stronger and more equitable graduate student community; and

16 **WHEREAS**, through her mentorship and steady leadership, Kyanna has empowered countless
17 graduate students to step into their own leadership roles with confidence, creating a lasting legacy
18 of support and professional development within FSU's graduate student body; and

19 **WHEREAS**, on August 1st, 2025, Kyanna Austin was named Assistant Director of the Office of
20 Student Agencies and Institutes, a fitting promotion for one of FSU's finest advisors, in which she
21 will no longer serve as the advisor to the Congress; and

22 **WHEREAS**, it is fitting for the Congress of Graduate Students to recognize and celebrate Kyanna's
23 invaluable service, which has helped make the Congress a stronger voice for the graduate student
24 body and a more welcoming place for all;

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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 33rd Congress of Graduate Students at Florida**
27 **State University that:** the Congress thanks Kyanna Austin for her service, leadership, and
28 contributions to Florida State University and its graduate student body; and

29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:** the Congress wishes Kyanna continued success in her new role as
30 Assistant Director of Student Agencies and Institutes and looks forward to the many ways she will
31 continue to impact higher education and student leadership; and

32 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that** a framed copy of this Resolution shall be provided to Kyanna Austin
33 by the Speaker.

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

FLOOR VOTE: Deputy Speaker to Add Vote Count

By: _____
Jack Rowan
Speaker, 33rd COGS

By: _____
Tanner McKinley
COGS Advisor

Date: _____

Date: _____