



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

MEMORANDUM

To: Members-Elect of the 34th Congress of Graduate Students

From: Speaker Jack Rowan

Date: October 14, 2025

Subject: 34th Congress Organizational Session

Representatives-Elect,

Pursuant to section 111.8, COGS Code, I hereby call the 34th Congress into organizational session on **November 3, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.** The representatives-elect are invited to attend. Immediately following the adjournment of the organizational session, the 33rd Congress will be called to order for its final meeting.

At the organizational session, we will be electing the Speaker, Deputy Speaker for Finance, Deputy Speaker for Communications, Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs, and Deputy Speaker for Advocacy.

To run for the office of **Speaker**, you must complete the form attached to this memorandum to me at SGA-COGSSpeaker@fsu.edu **no later than 6:30 P.M. on November 1, 2025.** Candidates for Speaker must complete and turn in the form in order to be a candidate. Those running for **Deputy Speaker for Finance** must, pursuant to section 111.9(b)(2), COGS Code, affirm to the Congress that they are willing and able to serve for the entirety of the 34th Congress.

All Deputy Speakers will be nominated and seconded from the floor. If you wish to be a candidate for Deputy Speaker, you must have a representative-elect nominate you and a different representative-elect second your nomination.

Pursuant to section 111.9(c), COGS Code, the process for debate in officer elections is as follows:

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.

All contested elections will occur by secret ballot.

I look forward to the organizational session, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss any position up for election.

In Graduate Student Solidarity,

Jack Rowan
Speaker



FSU Congress of Graduate Students Declaration of Candidacy for Office of Speaker

I, _____, 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.

Candidate Signature

Date

Nominator

Nominator Signature

Date

Seconder

Seconder Signature

Date

Received this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Speaker