



THE THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

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**THE THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES**
Date: December 1, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Location: Senate Chambers

Call to Order

The Call to Order was issued at 6:36 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker Mederev led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Roll call was made, and the quorum was verified.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Speaker Mederev entertained a motion to approve the minutes as a whole.

Deputy Speaker Serrone moved to approve the minutes as a whole.

Representative Rowan seconded the motion.

No objections were made

Motion to approve the minutes as a whole passed.

- 34th COGS Organizational Session Meeting
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- COGS Meeting 11-03-25
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- COGS Meeting 11-17-25
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Petitions into the Assembly

No new petitions were submitted in the assembly; however, Deputy Speaker Lanane administered the oath to representatives who were unable to attend the first meeting of the 34th Congress.

Special Introductions and Student Comments

No Special Introductions and Student Comments were made.

Messages from Student Government

No Messages from Student Government were made

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs

No reports from the Office of Governmental Affairs were made.

Report of Officers

- Report of the Speaker
 - Met with Nicole from the Career Center, who shared information on how the Career Center supports graduate students. She highlighted the *Beyond Program*, which offers tailored programming for both master's and doctoral students. This is a new system, and while current participation is at 20%, this is considered a strong start. The Career Center is focused on increasing engagement and visibility moving forward.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
 - Grant funding is in place, with approximately \$85 remaining. There is hope that an upcoming roll over will provide continued or additional funding.
- Financial Report as of 12/01/25
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- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications
 - Nothing new to report on
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs
 - Two petitioners from the medical school will be presenting to the Assembly at the next meeting.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Advocacy
 - Nothing new to report

Advisor Announcements

Discussed plans for a lunch involving all areas governed by Tanner. It was also noted that the inauguration is scheduled for the 13th.

Committee Report

- Internal Affairs
 - Bill 2, the tie-breaker bill, was approved for the COGS officer elections.
- Student Advocacy
 - Nothing new to report on.
- Outreach
 - Met to discuss potential content ideas and plans, including participating in Market Wednesday to increase visibility.

Funding Requests

- Bill #2: Speaker Pay

- **Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Lanane**

Deputy Speaker Lanane introduced a bill amending the 2025–2026 Annual COGS Budget to adjust the Speaker's work hours and hourly rate. The purpose of the amendment is to ensure compliance with Graduate Assistant work-hour limits under the collective bargaining agreement while maintaining the Speaker's total annual compensation. The proposal reduces the Speaker's weekly hours from 12 to 10 and increases the hourly rate accordingly, resulting in no change to the total budgeted personnel cost. The bill was reported favorably by the Internal Affairs Committee.

general questions

Deputy Speaker Stokes: When would it take effect?

Deputy Speaker Lanane: It would take effect once everyone has signed it, so almost immediately

Pro

Representative Rowan: Happy the change is being made, it was like this before when they were Speaker

Con- none

Deputy Speaker Stokes calls to question

Deputy Speaker Serrone- seconds

Deputy Speaker Lanane waives motion

Vote Record

yes-16

no-0

obtstain-1

The bill was passed.

- Bill #3: LSC Funding Allocation Bill

- Devin, Chair of the Law School Council (LSC), was present and serves as the final judge for the current Law School Council funding decisions. It was noted that organizations submitted funding requests for consideration.

Discussion included questions regarding whether an amendment was required in the previous year. It was clarified that no amendment was necessary at that time. The Student Bar Association was noted as having received \$25,000 in funding.

Comparisons were made to prior years' budgets, with clarification that the overall budget has increased. Approximately \$80,000 in funding was requested, and as a result, several proposed events could not be funded.

It was clarified that the funding under consideration applies only to the spring semester.

Pro Statements:

Remarks were made by Dasean, Lanai, and Nicollete in support of the proposal.

Vote:

- Yes: 15
- No: 0
- Abstain: 1

Unfinished Business

New Business

Round Table

A motion to waive Representative Peters was made and seconded by Deputy Speaker Stokes. There were no objections

Closing Announcements

Representative Wyckoff announced that he will be leaving due to graduation.

Adjournment

Representative Rowan motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Deputy Speaker Stokes seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as of December 1st, 2025

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AVAILABLE
Reserves	\$92,787	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$68,159
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$110,000	Presentation Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$9,349
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$110,000	Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$716
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$20,000	Attendance Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$7,447
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$20,000	Attendance Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$12,826