The 26th Congress of Graduate Students

BILL 7

Sponsored by Representative Sorribes (ASL Chair); Representative Forsman (IA Chair); and Speaker Scriven

Substantive Edits of the COGS Code, Reorganizing the Standing Committees of COGS

On February 5th, 2018, the body voted to amend the COGS Code in accordance with the attached document.

Purpose: This bill shall provide a clear and consistent language throughout the COGS Code.

Underlines indicate additions. Bolds indicate deletions.

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108.3 The following are the standing committees of COGS:
A) The Student Affairs Committee
B) The Student Advocacy Committee
C) The Internal Affairs Committee
D) The Budget Committee
E) Committee leadership elections shall be held before February 19th, 2018 for any COGS committee not existing prior to February 5th, 2018.
F) On February 5th, 2018, the membership and leadership of the three COGS committees listed here, shall be dissolved, at which point this provision 108.3(E) shall be stricken from the COGS Code: Internal Affairs Committee, Academics & Student Life Committee, Ways & Means Committee.

108.5 Standing committees (with the exception of the Budget Committee) shall meet no less than once every two (2) months. The Chair will have the authority to set the meeting time and location on campus in consultation with the committee. Once a month the chairs of all standing committees (with the exception of the Budget Committee) shall meet with the Speaker to submit a written progress report, establish goals, and assign new members to committees.

108.8 The Student Affairs Committee shall focus on the following areas:
A) Academics and Honor Policy
B) Parking and Transportation
C) Housing and Dining
D) Library
E) Health and Wellness
F) Social and Community Programming

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A) The Ways & Means Committee
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108.8 The Ways & Means Committee shall focus on the following areas:
A) Oversight of the expenditure of the COGS Annual Budget
B) Amendments to the COGS Code
G) All other areas in which the Chair and the Speaker agree the committee should focus

108.9 The Student Advocacy Committee shall focus on the following areas:
  A) Graduate student pay and funding
  B) Childcare
  C) Relations with the Graduate Assistants Union
  D) Diversity on campus
  E) Health Insurance
  F) All other areas in which the Chair and the Speaker agree the committee should focus.

108.10 The Internal Affairs Committee shall focus on the following areas:
  A) Prepare and distribute the monthly COGS newsletter
  B) Keep website information updated
  C) Outreach to fill vacant seats in the Assembly
  D) Relations between COGS and the SGA, MSC, and LSC
  E) Oversight all COGS funding expenditure
  F) Train new COGS members
  G) Make/Propose amendments to the COGS Code
  H) Hear cases of impeachment and removal prior to the full Assembly
  I) Maintain attendance records, and initiate removal proceedings for members who are no longer in compliance with attendance requirements
  J) All other areas in which the Chair and the Speaker agree the committee should focus

C) Relations with the State and Federal Governments
D) Relations between COGS and all other entities of Student Government
E) All other areas in which the Chair and the Speaker agree the committee should focus

108.9 The Academics & Student Life Committee shall focus on the following areas:
  A) Healthcare and insurance
  B) Graduate student pay and funding
  C) Parking, transportation, and housing
  D) Childcare
  E) Academics
  F) Relations with Florida State University administration and the Graduate Assistants Union
  G) Social and community programming
  H) All other areas in which the Chair and the Speaker agree the committee should focus.

108.10 The Internal Affairs Committee shall focus on the following areas:
  A) Oversight and accountability for COGS programs
  B) Hear cases of impeachment and removal prior to the full Assembly
  C) Maintain attendance records, and initiate removal proceedings for members who are no longer in compliance with attendance requirements
  D) Outreach to fill vacant seats in the Assembly
  E) Organize, or select a group to organize, the annual Dialogues Conference,
  F) Oversight of the MSC and LSC funding boards,
  G) All other areas in which the Chair and the Speaker agree the committee should focus
108.12 The following provisions shall govern selection, retention, and replacement of committee leadership:
A) Each committee shall elect its own chair and vice-chair. The Vice Chair shall serve as secretary to the committee and shall also chair committee meetings in the Chair’s absence.
B) Each committee shall also be empowered to recall the Chair or Vice Chair at any time for any reason whatsoever by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the committee.
C) No election or recall of any Chair or Vice Chair shall take place without at least a two (2) school days’ (forty-eight [48] hours) notice to the Assembly of intent to conduct an election.
D) A Chair can be recall by a majority decision of the Executive Committee and the Chairs of all standing committees.

108.17 If the membership of the Student Affairs and the Student Advocacy committees are unbalanced (a difference of three or more members) the consent requirement in § 108.14 of this code shall be waived and it shall be the duty of the Speaker to reassign a sufficient number of Representatives so that the committees are balanced.

Chapter 117 Line of Succession of the Congress of Graduate Students
History: Added by the 18th Congress, Bill 2; Amended by the 20th Congress, Bill 16; 21st Congress, Bill 30.

117.1 In the event of a vacancy in the Office of the Speaker for reason(s) of resignation, incapacitation, ineligibility under the Florida State Student Body Constitution, or for any other lawful reason, the Deputy Speaker for Finance shall act as Speaker until
February 5th, 2018

Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Amy Hecht

Director of Student Affairs

Danielle Morgan Adcock

Deputy Speaker for Finance

Matthew Uttermark

Speaker

Joshua Smith

President

(6) A CSGS Representative selected by the Student Body
(5) Chair of Academic & Student Life
(4) Chair of Internal Affairs
(3) Chair of Ways & Means
(2) Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs
(1) Deputy Speaker for Communication

order of succession, in descending order, shall be:
(4) If the Deputy Speaker for Finance is unavailable, then the
Chair of Academic & Student Life shall assume the role of the Deputy Speaker for Finance until the
next regularly scheduled meeting of the Assembly.

Deputy Speaker for Finance

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(4) If the Deputy Speaker for Finance is unavailable, then the
Chair of Advocate shall assume the role of the Deputy Speaker for Finance until the
next regularly scheduled meeting of the Assembly. At this time, a new Deputy 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 Deputy Speaker, the acting Speaker will continue until the
expiration of the Congress in which the vacancy occurred.