TWENTY FOURTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting
COGS Assembly Room
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
May 16th, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Agenda

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Petitions into the Assembly: Zhiqiang Shu (Arts & Sciences)

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Special Introductions and Student Comments:
• Jeanette Lehn (GAU)

Messages from Student Government:

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs

Report of Officers:
• The Report of the Speaker
• The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
• The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs
• The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications

Committee Report:
• C-SAC:
• Internal Affairs:
• Academics & Student Life:
• Ways & Means:

Unfinished Business:

Funding Requests:
• Bill 26 Sponsored by Speaker Elwood: Purchase of COGS Office Supplies
• Bill 27 Sponsored by Speaker Elwood: Purchase of COGS Promotional Items and Polo Shirts
• Bill 28 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark: Transfer of COGS Funds

New Business:
• Resolution 5 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark: COGS OPS Officer’s Wages

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: June 6th, 2016
COGS FINANCIAL REPORT
May 13th, 2016

COGS Administrative Account (244001)
(Includes)
- COGS Officers/OPS Accounting Assistant
- Food
- Contractual Services
- Speaker’s Request
- Clothing & Awards

Balance: $32,540.48

COGS Unallocated (244003)
(Includes)
- Organization Funding Support (Requests more than $1000)
- Sweepings Bill 2015 Allocation $3108
- Bill 19- Transfer of Travel Grant Funds ($13,275.36)

Balance: $11,775.25

COGS Organizational (244005)
(Includes)
- Organization Funding Support

Balance: $2,853.05

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT GRANTS ACCOUNTS

Presentation Grants= $155,000

- July-October
  Total: $71,800
  Balance: $0

- November-February
  Total: $38,800
  Balance: $0

- March-June
  Total: $50,300
  Balance: $157.00

Attendance Grants= $25,000

- July-October
  Total: $12,400
  Balance: $0

- November-February
  Total: $6,600
  Balance: $0

- March-June
  Total: $6,000
  Balance: $0
Deputy Speaker Uttermark presided over the meeting until a new Speaker was elected.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 p.m.


QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Luttrell

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Peruche, Sanogo, Scriven, Sulentic

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

ELECTIONS FOR COGS SPEAKER

- Representative Luttrell nominates Benjamin Elwood.
- Representative Elwood accepts the nomination.

Election results from the congress for the newly appointed Speaker of COGS:
- Benjamin Elwood

Speaker Elwood now presides over the rest of the meeting.

ELECTIONS FOR DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR COMMUNICATIONS:

- Representative Garson nominates Representative Solomon.
- Solomon accepts the nomination.
- Representative Garcia nominates Representative Asturizaga.
- Asturizaga accepts the nomination.

Election results from the congress for the newly appointed Deputy Speaker for Communications:
- Vivianne Asturizaga

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Jason Guilbeau (Education), Jorge Oseguera Gamba (Minority Student Advocate)


SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

STUDENT COMMENTS: NONE.

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE
Unfinished Business:  NONE

Funding Requests:

- Bill 24: Allocation to the University Libraries-Scholars Commons
  Abby Scheel from University Libraries is requesting funds for 2 presentation kits. Graduate students will be able to check the kits out from the library and use the equipment at conferences or other presentation venues. The idea was suggested by the Graduate Student Advisory Council. The presentation kit will include a projector, wireless clicker, cables dongles and a Pelican case with the COGS logo for travel. Representatives inquire if the kits will be available to graduate students only, what is the life span of the technology, and the cost of technology fees at conferences. FIRST PRO: Garson is in favor of bill. Solomon is in favor of using funds to support funding. Luttrell likes the idea of the promotion COGS will get if they support the bill. Baker explains her experience with unsuspected technology fees and thinks that the kits are a great addition to University Libraries. Motion to call to question. Vote by voce. Bill 24 passes: $2210 in General Expense.

- Bill 25: Allocation to the Physics Graduate Student Association
  The organization is requesting funds for the 2nd annual physics department barbecue. The picnic is an opportunity to say thank you to the faculty and staff of the physics department. This event will also bring the physics community together and allow them to network. Representatives inquire if the organization fundraises, what is their other source of funding if COGS does not fund the event, does the organization charge dues and the benefit to the student body. FIRST PRO: Deputy Speaker Ward reminds the congress that although the event is geared toward the graduate student community, COGS has funded similar events in the past. Akinfaderin applauds the organization for their hard work this year without the assistance of COGS and believes that the amount requested is reasonable. FIRST CON: Luttrell believes that the event is for members only and adds that the event has no academic benefit. Motion to fund at $300 in food. Amendment passes. SECOND PRO: Deputy Speaker Asturizaga is in support of funding the organization and admires that they did not need the help of COGS to promote their organization. SECOND CON: Solomon does not believe that the event should be funded without any academic benefit or benefit to the student body. Miller agrees and believes that the organization should have come forward to request funds for past events. Motion to call to question. Bill 25 failed: 7-9-1.

New Business:

- Resolution 4 Approval for History Graduate Student Association to Use Funds
  The organization explains that COGS approved funding for the HGSA’s conference in March. Due to mistakes in paperwork and a miscommunication within the organization, they were unable to pay Dr. Weinberg for his services. The organization will host a Webinar with the same speaker in hopes of using money that is already in their account to pay for his services and will not need extra funding assistance. The organization also tells the congress that the event was very successful. Representatives inquired if the organization has learned from this experience. Motion to accept by acclamation. Approved. Resolution 4 passed.


ADJOURNMENT: 7:16 p.m.
The 24th Congress of Graduate Students  
BILL 26  
Sponsored by Speaker Elwood  
*Purchase of COGS Office Supplies*

On May 16th, 2016, the body voted to spend the following amount from the COGS Unallocated Account (244003):

**General Expense:** $510.18

**Purpose:** To provide various office supplies for the COGS Executive office and COGS Program Associate.

**Proviso:** All COGS Funds not spent for this request shall be returned to the COGS Organizational Account.

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Ben Elwood  
*Speaker*

Danielle Morgan Acosta  
*Director of Student Affairs*

Matthew Uttermark  
*Deputy Speaker for Finance*

Dr. Mary Coburn  
*Vice President for Student Affairs*

May 16th, 2016
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The 24th Congress of Graduate Students

BILL 27

Sponsored by Speaker Elwood

Purchase of COGS Promotional Items and Polo Shirts

On May 16th, 2016, the body voted to spend the following amount from the COGS Unallocated Account (244003):

General Expense: $4108.43

Purpose: To purchase promotional items (mugs, pens, flag books) for distribution to graduate students at the Fall 2016 Orientation, as well as Polo shirts for COGS members.

Proviso: All COGS Funds not spent for this request shall be returned to the COGS Organizational Account.

Ben Elwood
Speaker

Danielle Morgan Acosta
Director of Student Affairs

Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance

Dr. Mary Coburn
Vice President for Student Affairs

May 16th, 2016
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Price on Quote is good for 30 days from date on quote Price DOES NOT include sales if tax applicable
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Ben Elwood | Dawn Earl | cogsspeaker@admin.fsu.edu

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The 24th Congress of Graduate Students

BILL 28

Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark

Approval to Transfer Funds

On May 16th, 2016, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS 2015-2016 Unallocated Account and C-SAC Organizational Account to the March-June Academic & Professional Support Grants Accounts and March-June Presentation Grant Accounts:

Sweep From:

COGS 2015-2016 Unallocated Account: $ 6,656.64
COGS 2015-2016 C-SAC Organizational Account: $ 2,853.05

Sweep To:

March - June Presentation Grants Account: $(remaining funds)
March - June Attendance Grants Account: $1000.00

Purpose: To provide additional funding for graduate and professional students to attend conferences through the months of March through June.

Proviso: All COGS Funds not spent for this request shall be returned to the COGS Unallocated Account.

Tristan Hall
Speaker

Danielle Acosta
Director of Student Affairs

Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance

Dr. Mary Coburn
Vice President for Student Affairs

May 16, 2016
The 24th Congress of Graduate Students
RESOLUTION 5
Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark

COGS OPS Officer’s Wages

On May 16th, 2016, the body voted to amend the COGS budget line item OPS Wages to compensate the position of COGS speaker at $11.00 an hour at the rate of 10 hours a week and to compensate the position of COGS Deputy Speaker for Finance at the rate of $10.00 an hour at the rate of 10 hours per week.

Purpose: In order to meet the compliance with Florida State University Human Resources and the contract standards negotiated by Graduate Assistants United, the following changes to COGS officer’s compensation is recommended to allow post-baccalaureate students to serve in these positions.

Proviso: This resolution will go into effect as of July 1, 2016. All COGS Funds not spent for this request shall be returned to the COGS Unallocated Account.

Ben Elwood
Speaker

Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance

May 16th, 2016