

TWENTY-SIXTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Regular Session
COGS
HCB, Room 103
October 22nd, 2018
6:30 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Petitions into the Assembly: NONE

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

Messages from Student Government:

Report of Officers:

- The Report of the Speaker
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications

Committee Report:

- Internal Affairs
- Student Affairs
- Student Advocacy

Funding Requests:

- Bill 30: *Allocation to Art Therapy Association*
- Bill 31: *Allocation to Ecology and Evolution Research Discussion Group*
- Resolution 5 Sponsored by C-SAC: *Allocation to Materials Research Society FAMU-FSU Chapter*

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: November 5th, 2018

COGS Financial Report Fiscal Year 2018-2019

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
COGS ADMIN	\$28,000	Includes Speakers Request, Food, Wages, Maintenance Fees, Overhead and Office phone services	\$26,240.39
UNALLOCATED	\$39,521	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$31,274.52
ORGANIZATIONAL (C-SAC)	\$4,000	RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year	\$4,000
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$60,000	Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$40,100
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$6,000	Attendance Grant balance for the November – February funding period	\$3,800

Recent Allocations:

- Bill 13 Allocation to Public Administration Graduate Association; Clothing/Awards: \$900
- Bill 14 Allocation to Neuroscience Graduate Student Association; Contractual Services: \$500, Food: \$1,500
- Bill 16 Allocation to ChemiNoles; General Expense: \$520.48, Food: \$100
- Bill 17 Allocation to Art History Association; Clothing/Awards: \$850
- Bill 18 Allocation to Philosophy Graduate Student Association; Contractual Service: \$1500, General Expense: \$100, Food: \$340
- Bill 19 Allocation to Physics Graduate Student Association; Food: \$1,650
- Bill 22 Allocation to Music Theory Society; Contractual Services: \$1,500
- Bill 23 Allocation to Graduate Women in Science; Clothing/Awards: \$250, Contractual Service: \$250, General Expense: \$500, Food: \$1000
- Bill 24 Allocation to School of Teacher Education Graduate Student Association Food: \$462
- Bill 26 Allocation to Public Health Student Association; Food: \$992.17, General Expense: \$310.57
- Bill 28 Allocation to Turkish Student Association; Food: \$286

TWENTY-SIXTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
HCB Classroom, Room 103
October 1st, 2018
6:32 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order: 6:32 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Blake-Hedges, Brinkman, Burns, Chase, Collopy, Demirsoy, Engelbrecht, Eovito, Gerardi, Hernandez, Nordstrom, Oloye, O'Neill, Scriven, Solano, Stewart, Swanson, Uttermark, Zhang

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Reyna, Sorribes

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Asturizaga, Khazem

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Approved. Engelbrecht 2nd.

Petitions into the Assembly: Michael J. Morgan (Education Seat 3)

Special Introductions and Student Comments: Lauren Brooker (LSC Chair)

Messages from Student Government: NONE

Funding Requests:

- *Bill 28 Allocation to Turkish Student Association*
The organization explains that they will be hosting several events throughout the year including a barbecue in the fall semester. One of the events will be an off campus event joining with UF and transportation will be provided. All FSU students are welcome. They would like financial assistance for food and supplies. Representatives inquire if any on-campus venues were considered, where will the events be located and how do the events benefit the student body. **FIRST PRO:** Swanson is in favor of the request as well as exposing their culture to other students and hosting a joint event with UF. Uttermark admires how much the organization is doing with the requested amount. Motion to call to question. Second. Closing: The organization thanks COGS for their support. Bill passes by majority voice vote with one abstention; **Bill 28 Food: \$286.**

Unfinished Business:

- *Bill 17: Allocation to Art History Association*
The organization details that they are requesting funds for 100 t-shirts which will be used to help promote and market their organization. They received quotes from several vendors in

the area and chose the quote for the lesser amount. Representatives inquire about the t-shirt design, price per t-shirt, the benefits of t-shirts and where can shirts be retrieved from. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Stewart thinks it's one of the best marketing strategies organizations use to promote and believes it is a good allocation to support. Motion to call to question. Second. Motion to vote by acclamation. Second. **Bill 17 Passes: Clothing/Awards: \$850**

Motion to Reorder the Agenda to hear Resolution 4. Second. Motion Passes.

New Business:

- Resolution 4 Sponsored by Speaker Scriven Permission for Travel Reimbursement Approval-Phi Alpha Delta
Chelsea Cabrera explains that on 9/15-16 she attended a district conference at Barry University for the organization. Chelsea further explains that there was an issue with timing since LSC's first meeting was a week before the conference. LSC approved funding for Phi Alpha Delta to attend the conference even though it was outside the 15-day window. Cabrera notes that per LSC rules, she was not able to submit the Purchase Request until the funds were available in the account in Nole Central. Cabrera notes that funds were not available until 9/19, which was after the conference. Purchase request was not submitted until 9/20. Chelsea would like a reimbursement for map mileage and partial hotel fees as approved by LSC. Representatives inquire at what point were the funds unavailable, when were funds approved, if financial certification requirements were met, and clarification if this resolution is similar to the ones in the past. Representatives also inquire are RSOs required to know financial deadlines, are there accountability mechanisms in place, law school year status, when was notice received out about the conference, where will funds come from if approved and why weren't financial rules followed. **FIRST PRO:** Burns notes that there needs to be clarification so that student is aware of what they need to do to receive funds. Engelbrecht notes that the organization did not have time to submit the request and that Nole Central can be confusing to users. Brinkman notes that Cabrera would have known that the time frame would have been so close. **FIRST CON:** Oloye is curious as to why aren't deadlines applicable in this situation. Scriven notes that in general if you passed a deadline you would not receive funds but since LSC approved funding they added to the confusion of whether **SECOND PRO:** Engelbrecht notes that LSC allocated Phi Alpha Delta the funds so they should be able to use it. Scriven notes that LSC approved funding even if they were ineligible, the student was led to believe she could get the money and for this reason should receive the funds. Swanson echoes the sentiments and adds the time limit was wrong but they were already approved and this demonstrates confusion when the group should not have received funds. Blake Hedges notes how Phi Alpha Delta is accountable for making the conference mandatory for their members. **SECOND CON:** Deputy Speaker Stewart by thinks that by approving funds we are directly giving LSC indirect authority to go above the COGS Code. **THRID PRO:** Burns notes that the allocation was approved and it appears that COGS is part of the problem in this situation. Motion to call to question. Second. Vote by Roll Call. Second. Blake Hedges: Ay, Brinkman: Ay, Burns: Ay, Chase: Ay, Collopy: Ay, Demirsoy: Ay, Engelbrecht: Abstain, Eovito: Ay, Gerrardi: Nay, Hernandez: Ay, Oloye: Ay, O'Neil: Ay, Scriven: Abstain, Solano: Ay, Stewart: Abstain, Swanson: Jeffrey, Zhang: Ay
Resolution 4 Approved.
- Bill 29 Sponsored by Speaker Scriven: *Amendments to Chapter 211 of the COGS Code, Compliance and Enforcement Mechanisms*
The speaker notes that the revisions made are in regards to freezing RSO accounts. Speaker Scriven details each of the amendments in depth. Amendment will make the threat of freezing accounts much stronger by increasing the time frame that funds can be frozen with additional approval from the COGS assembly. **FIRST PRO:** Solano is in favor of the bill

and notes that this is something COGS should have that will come in handy for these situations. Blake Hedges notes that the revisions were discussed in the Internal Affairs Committee meeting and now the assembly can be included in the process. Collopy adds that the time frame now makes sense especially until COGS can have a meeting to discuss the frozen funds. **FIRST CON:** Engelbrecht does not agree with the time frame and believes it is too presidential for the extent of time. Blake-Hedges would like to add language advising organizations how to unfreeze accounts. **SECOND PRO:** Burns believes it is important to lengthen the time frame in cases of an inability to follow rules. Blake-Hedges would like to add something to the language that can prevent prejudice. Solano notes that the language works by setting the maximum limit which is good for the congress to vote on. O'Neil echoes Blake-Hedges and that new language would allow for correction and unfreezing of funds. Motion to amend the bill text submitted via email. 2nd Amendment passes. Motion to approve. 2nd. Bill passes by majority with one abstention.

Motion to adjourn. Second. Motion Passes.

Adjournment: 8:03 pm

Next Meeting: October 15th, 2018

Congress of Graduate Students Florida State University

446 Thagard Building 109 Collegiate Loop Tallahassee, FL 32304 (850) 644-6950

The 26th Congress of Graduate Students

BILL 30

ON PETITION

Allocation to FSU Art Therapy Association

On October 22nd, 2018, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS 2018-2019 Unallocated Account (244003) to FSU Art Therapy Association's Account:

Travel: \$6,125

Purpose: Funds will be used to reimburse students for annual conference tickets.

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

Joshua Scriven
Speaker

Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance



October 22nd, 2018

Dr. Danielle Morgan Acosta
Director of Student Affairs

Dr. Amy Hecht
Vice President for Student Affairs

Response Summary:

Organization Info

Requesting Organization: FSU Art Therapy Association

Date Requested: 9/28/2018

Academic Term: Fall 2018

President: Emma McGovern

President's Email: ecm17b@my.fsu.edu

President's Phone Number: (336) 671-2515

Treasurer: Emily Illig

Treasurer's Email: eri17b@my.fsu.edu

Treasurer's Phone Number: (443) 870-1776

Funding Source:

COGS

Budget Categories and Amount Requested

Contractual Services 0

Expense General 0

Expense Travel 6125

Food 0

Clothing/Awards 0

OCO 0

Organization's full name

Florida State University Art Therapy Association

Have your organization's president and treasurer taken and passed the financial certification qui...
Yes

Is your organization a recognized student organization (RSO) for this fiscal year?
Yes

Does your organization do fundraising?
Yes

What is the total amount of funds your club has raised for this event/item?
0

How many active members are in your organization?
29

Does your organization charge dues?
Yes

If your organization charges dues, how much does it charge?
\$20 for new members, \$10 for returning

members

How much A&S money did your organization spend last year?
\$2,284 requested

Purpose for which the funds will be used
Reimbursement for annual conference tickets

What is your organization doing to market the event/your organization?
Working with the Florida Art Therapy Association and Local Arrangements Committee to plan an alumni reception at the conference in Miami this year. Being connected to the only graduate art therapy program in the state of Florida, FSU ATA has been working to showcase the work of its members and alumni.

What is your organization's official Facebook/social media page?
<https://proxy.qualtrics.com/proxy/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FATAFSU%2F&token=BCeiZu7G0xnQfIGN8sTkpvnlBE6zrbSlrBkwsucX49Y%3D>

What are the social media page/website links for your event (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)?
<https://proxy.qualtrics.com/proxy/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.arttherapyconference.com%2F&token=hT%2FqvU3lezBfDpV96N2zHXEgV9mfn3X3A1FpQmlq2s%3D>

What is the email address of the person COGS should contact for photos of your event for our outr...
Emma McGovern ecm17b@my.fsu.edu

What is the date and time of the event in which the requested funds will be used?
November 1st-4th

Is there anything else you would like us to consider?
With the conference taking place in Miami this year FSU ATA will be serving as the unofficial host in representing the graduate art therapy program while working with the Florida Art Therapy Association.

By signing in the space provided below, I hereby certify that all the information contained in t...
Emma McGovern

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The 26th Congress of Graduate Students

BILL 31

ON PETITION

Allocation to Ecology and Evolution Research Discussion Group

On October 22nd, 2018, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS 2018-2019 Unallocated Account (244003) to Ecology and Evolution Research Discussion Group's Account:

Food:	\$850
Clothing/Awards:	\$400
General Expense:	\$510

Purpose: Funds will be used for outreach purposes, food for meetings and t-shirts.

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

Joshua Scriven
Speaker

Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance



October 22nd, 2018

Dr. Danielle Morgan Acosta
Director of Student Affairs

Dr. Amy Hecht
Vice President for Student Affairs

Response Summary:

Organization Info

Requesting Organization: EERDG
Date Requested: 10/15/2018
Academic Term: Fall 2018
President: Jessica Cusick
President's Email: jcusick@fsu.edu
President's Phone Number: 914-588-5476
Treasurer: Benjamin Pluer
Treasurer's Email: bpluer@bio.fsu.edu
Treasurer's Phone Number: 704-315-7325

Funding Source:

COGS

Budget Categories and Amount Requested

Contractual Services 0
Expense General 510
Expense Travel 0
Food 850
Clothing/Awards 400
OCO 0

Organization's full name

Ecology and Evolution Research Discussion Group

Have your organization's president and treasurer taken and passed the financial certification qui...

Yes

Is your organization a recognized student organization (RSO) for this fiscal year?

Yes

Does your organization do fundraising?

No

What is the total amount of funds your club has raised for this event/item?

NA

How did you raise the funds?

NA

How many active members are in your organization?

50

Does your organization charge dues?

No

If your organization charges dues, how much

does it charge?

NA

How much A&S money did your organization spend last year?

NA

Purpose for which the funds will be used

Biological Outreach, Food for EERDG Meetings, and EERDG T-shirts for outreach.

What is your organization doing to market the event/your organization?

Advertisement with flyers around campus and through Biological Sciences Facebook page.

What is your organization's official Facebook/social media page?

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What are the social media page/website links for your event (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)?

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<https://proxy.qualtrics.com/proxy/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FFSUEE%2F&token=f62Xo4RPcXU5MSCID%2FxiCXr6CH1OPIgggUHNhY3Ngc%3D>

What is the email address of the person COGS should contact for photos of your event for our outr...

jgraham@bio.fsu.edu

What is the date and time of the event in which the requested funds will be used?

- November 3rd: Tallahassee Science Festival
- November 7th: Virtual School of Leon County (Middle School)
- November 14th: Virtual School of Leon County (High School)
- Date TBD: Ask a Scientist! - Tables at Market Wednesday and Booth at First Friday
- Date TBD: Science Made Simple - Graduate Science Connecting with The Public

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Benjamin Pluer

COGS BUDGET REQUEST PACKET

ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION RESEARCH DISCUSSION GROUP (EERDG) BUDGET HEARING 2018 – 2019

2017-2018 ACTIVITIES BUDGET REPORT

Mission Statement:

The Ecology and Evolution Research Discussion Group (EERDG) aims to foster solidarity among students in the Ecology and Evolution graduate program within the Department of Biological Sciences at Florida State University, and disseminate scientific research to the community. By providing students with opportunities to present their research, communication is facilitated amongst graduate and undergraduate students, and faculty within the Department of Biological Science. Interdisciplinary interactions are also encouraged with students from various fields of study (Cell & Molecular, Coastal & Marine Lab, as well as Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science). Additionally, our outreach events encourage the general public to become involved in science and learn about the current ongoing research at Florida State University.

All the activities done during the 2017-2018 session were either self-funded, free of cost, or provided by individual voluntary contributions from participating members of the organization.

PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENTS IN 2017:

Talks at Raa Middle School's SciGirls club

SciGirls is a club for girls that provides exposure to the STEM fields by bringing in researchers from many different fields to talk about research and engage in activities that foster excitement and learning in the fields of STEM. The SciGirls club meets in the mornings before the regularly scheduled school day and is comprised of about 25 girls. These girls have expressed interest in the STEM field and are eager to learn more about what's out there. Several members of EERDG did talks and activities at the SciGirls meeting last year, discussing we do as scientists, how we got to where we are, and why we love working in this field.



Volunteering at the Tallahassee Science Festival

The Tallahassee Science Festival is an annual event where scientists from all over Tallahassee set up booths that people can visit to learn about the different scientific research happening in Tallahassee. Last year, several members of EERDG volunteered to assist with the scavenger hunt, which sent kids around the festival to find answers to some scientific questions. This encouraged them to explore the different booths and helped them retain the information. Volunteers assisted in passing out the scavenger hunts, counting attendees, and assisting families in finding booths and prize locations.



Darwin Day Celebration

This event is hosted by EERDG and the department of Biological Sciences. Featuring live music performed by bands of Biology graduate students, a Charles Darwin themed cake, a Darwin photo booth, and of course the traditional Yo Chuck! Salute, we celebrate Charles Darwin and his contributions to biological science. Everyone across the university is welcome to join in celebrating the originator of one of history's most influential ideas. A colloquium is hosted following the celebration to learn how Darwin's theory of evolution continues to influence modern cutting-edge research. This event is advertised university wide and is hosted every year on the 12th of February.



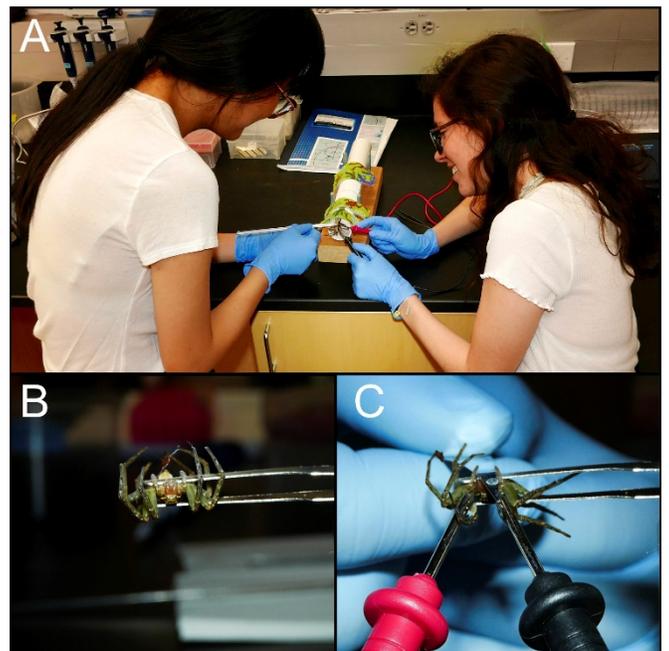
Animal Encounters at the Museum of Natural History

Many graduate students from a variety of research labs in the Ecology and Evolution program volunteer at the Tallahassee Museum of Natural History. Every other Sunday graduate students go to the museum and participate in "animal encounters" where they present different animals (snakes, alligators, tortoises, etc.), teach the visitors about them, and let the kids see and touch them. They also help with some of the basic animal care duties, like feeding and cleaning.



Museum Venom Camp

Each summer our venom-based lab brings in kids from the museum venom camp to learn about the venom research happening at FSU. EERDG graduate students in this lab give the budding young scientists a tour of the facilities and all of the venomous animals that are worked with at FSU (snakes, scorpions, centipedes, etc.), all while teaching them about all things venom. In association with this program, they bring in several exceptional high school students each summer as part of the YSP program. They take classes at FSU and work in the research lab for a total of six weeks. These high school students conduct a research project (this past year it was looking at sex-based variation in spider venoms) and at the end the summer give a poster presentation and write a paper about their experience.



Booth for Earth Day at Tallahassee's Downtown Farmer's Market

At this event, the EERDG outreach team set up a booth focused on how people are connected to the ecosystem around us and how people can positively and negatively affect the ecosystem. As part of the booth, we had a giant food web Jenga game where participants selected cards that described actions that either hurt or helped some level of the food web. If it was a positive action, they got to add a block to that level, and if it was negative, they had to take away a block from that level. The game continues until all of the cards are gone or the food web (Jenga tower) has collapsed. We also had a watershed model in which we demonstrated how different pollutants can seep into the watershed and wash down to our lakes, rivers, and oceans.



Saturday at the Sea

Saturday at the Sea is run by the Office of Science Teaching and Outreach and it provides opportunities for students to gain an understanding of both marine life and Florida coastal system as a whole. Middle school age students from diverse backgrounds are picked up and driven to the Coastal & Marine lab. We first teach them how to identify adaptive physiological traits on fish and how to use microscopes. They also learn about sea grasses and the importance of phytoplankton. Students also get the opportunity to go out to the gulf to collect different organisms in otter trawls. During that time students are encouraged to think about why certain organisms are found in particular locations and how they interact with their environment. This is an engaging and interactive way to get students out into the field and get excited about marine sciences. Many of the group leaders are EERDG graduate students.



Science Salon at Waterworks

Most recently, Jess Cusick, an FSU Biology PhD student and EERDG President, gave an informal presentation on her dissertation research (cooperation in birds) for Waterworks' Science Salon. As scientists, it is critically important to be able to convey your research to a general public and teach about the relevance and importance of basic biological research. To a group of about 40 people, Jess gave a ~30 minute informal talk and held a question and answer session, and even brought in specimens of the birds she talked about. Many other members of the Biology Department have also presented at Science Salon in previous years.



Outreach with Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle

Some of the EERDG outreach members work with local Girl Scout troops. Recently, the Girl Scouts have released a lot of science-related badges that troop leaders are excited to implement. EERDG members have been working with these leaders to help the troops earn these badges. In particular, several troops are pursuing a "Think Like a Citizen Scientist" patch. EERDG members have helped troop leaders construct activities that will teach the girls how to observe their surroundings like a scientist and will continue to visit these troops when they work on these activities to tell them about being a scientist.

Outreach Abroad

EERDG Members doing outreach in Bonaire actively coordinate with Stichting Nationale Parken (STINAPA) Bonaire to involve STINAPA Junior Park Rangers (ages 13-17) in their research. The Junior Park Rangers dive with them to assist in setting up and maintaining scientific equipment in reef study areas, giving them an inside look at some of the research being conducted on their reefs, while encouraging more active stewardship. In Panama, during their field season, other members of EERDG bring children from the local elementary school out to field sites for activities focused on research, conservation, and appreciation for natural resources. During the outreach day they mist-net for birds to show the children how scientists catch birds for research and to give them a close-up look at wild birds. They also set up ecology and evolution games for the students to play, plant native trees in an area that was recently clear cut, and end the day with a picnic lunch on the beach and more games.



EERDG RETREATS AND EVENTS IN 2017:

EERDG & TCGA Bearpaw Float Trip 2017

Members of EERDG and TCGA (The Cell and Molecular Graduate Student Group) like to start the semester off in true Floridian style by spending an afternoon floating the Chipola River! This activity allows members of the Ecology & Evolution as well as the Cell and Molecular Biology programs; both in the department of Biological Sciences; to interact, discuss research interests, and to enjoy some of Florida's natural environments. The scenic Chipola river runs through river swamps, hardwood forests, limestone bluffs, and caves; many of which are environments where graduate students conduct their research. This will be an annual retreat and is scheduled for the first weekend of October 2018.



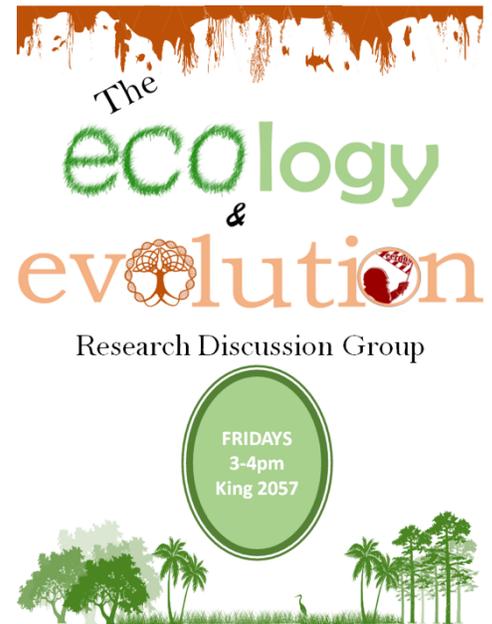
EERDG Scavenger Hunt for New Graduate Students

This is an awesome time for both new and old graduate students to meet, have fun, goof off as they run around town, and win some fabulous prizes! The scavenger hunt acts as a way for new students to interact and meet others in the department that aren't necessarily in their lab or area of study, while also learning their way around Tallahassee. Challenges include taking pictures at assigned locations or getting a stranger to sing a song with you. This event has been going on for several years and is always a big hit for both incoming graduate students and grizzled veterans alike. Prizes, gift cards to local coffee and pizza shops, are awarded to the winning team.



EERDG TALKS: WEEKLY GRADUATE SEMINARS

EERDG TALKS are weekly seminar sessions where graduate students in the biological sciences department or other related departments can present their research or research topics of interest to peers and receive important feedback on their work and ideas. We also hold a mental health seminar, where we invite the FSU Counseling Center to present on mental issues specific to graduate students. This seminar is uniquely offered by EERDG and open to anyone in biology to attend. This year we plan to hold an additional Mental Health First Aid Course. We have been having weekly seminars since the start of this organization, but recently have been trying to increase our advertising of the seminars to increase outside participation bringing new insight to our work. Below are the 2017-present seminars that have been advertised on our Facebook page as well as through the intra-departmental email newsletter "Bionotes" which details upcoming seminars and colloquia. All speakers are from the Department of Biological Sciences at FSU unless otherwise noted.



EERDG flyer placed around campus

Date - Presenter – Talk- (Attendance)

- 9/15/2017 Liz Lange: How social environment affects mating strategy in livebearing fish (20)
- 9/22/2017 Eve Humphrey: Implicit bias in teaching (24)
- 9/29/2017 Luke Jones: Parallel evolution at genetic level in *Drosophila melanogaster* (18)
- 10/6/2017 Natali Ramirez-Bullon: Plant Populations & Rarity (24)
- 10/13/2017 Kate Hill: How to create a teaching portfolio (17)
- 10/20/2017 Jess Cusick: SUNY Binghamton practice talk (14)
- 10/27/2017 Jessie Mutz: Summer results – spatial structure in insect herbivore populations (14)

- 11/3/2017 Alex Hooks: Crown conch reproduction (18)
- 11/17/2017 Andrew Merwin: How to make your classroom more cognitively demanding (23)
- 12/08/2017 Will Ryan: Conservation of the African Elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) (27)
- 1/12/2018 Natali Ramirez-Bullon: Being your best you in the Spring Semester (19)
- 1/19/2018 Scott Miller: Past research at Moss landing Lab (13)
- 1/26/2018 Kate Hill: Canvas training (Transitioning from Blackboard to Canvas) (18)
- 2/2/2018 Pearl Rivers: Multiple mating and paternity in lance-tailed manakins (19)
- 2/9/2018 Cheston Peterson: Comparison of gillnet and longline gear in FSU shark survey (14)
- 2/16/2018 Dr. Marsha Cohen: Stress Management and Self-Care (19)
- 2/23/2018 Katie Pearson: Effects of climate on flowering time in the southeast United States (15)
- 3/2/2018 Alex Hooks: Potential for polyandry to create conflict for mollusk offspring (12)
- 3/9/2018 Jess Cusick: How physiological mechanisms can influence behavior in birds (16)
- 3/23/2018 Liz Lange: Do mollies use social cues to change their developmental paths? (18)
- 3/30/2018 Katie Kaiser: Distribution and ecological interactions involving local sponges (22)
- 4/6/2018 Abbey Engleman: Maintaining Resilience under Extreme Anthropogenic Stress (25)
- 4/13/2018 Brendan Scherer: Mangroves and their associated microbes: A proposal (10)
- 4/20/2018 Jasmin Graham: Tracking the Movements of Sawfish using Acoustic Telemetry (13)
- 4/27/2018 Mike Hogan: Chemosensation and the trophic context for venom evolution (18)

PAST EVENTS:

- Talks at Raa Middle School's SciGirls club
- Volunteering at the Tallahassee Science Festival
- Capital Regional Science Fair
- Darwin Day Roadshow
- Southeastern Ecology and Evolution Conference, FSU 2015-2016
- Raa Middle School Science Fair
- Brainshops for the Mad Scientist of Tomorrow
- Wild & Scenic Film Festival

FUTURE EVENTS IN PLANNING FOR 2018-2019:

- October 6th: Bearpaw River Float Trip
- November 3rd: Tallahassee Science Festival
- November 7th: Virtual School of Leon County (Middle School)
- November 14th: Virtual School of Leon County (High School)
- Date TBD: Ask a Scientist! - Tables at Market Wednesday and Booth at First Friday
- Date TBD: Science Made Simple - Graduate Science Connecting with The Public

EERDG COGS FUNDING REQUEST FOR 2018-2019:

We request funding for our consistent weekly events, EERDG Talks, which are held Fridays at 3pm in KING biological sciences building. Our EERDG Talks seminars have grown in popularity and after surveying our attendees for ideas on how to improve these events, the overwhelming majority of people suggested that we have food at the seminar sessions as well as external activities to reinforce/build new relationships with peers. We are requesting funding for snacks and pizza at our weekly meetings. Outline for costs are detailed below:

Category	Event or Items	Funds	Purpose and Breakdown of Funds	Justification of Costs
		Requested	Requested	
Outreach Events	Tallahassee Science Festival	\$120	Activity 1: Evolution Trading Cards Activity 2: Graduate Scientists Poster Activity 3: Panhandle Plants	Onetime costs for printing large quantities of educational materials.
	Virtual School (High School)	\$120	Activity 1: Drawing Evolution Activity 2: Predator Tag Activity 3: Evolution: The Board Game	Further printing & supplies to encourage class interaction
	Virtual School (Middle School)	\$90*	Activity 1: Adaptation kickball Activity 2: Darwin's Finches Activity 3: Cave Classroom	*Cost per activity reduction due to reuse of supplies.
	Boy and Girl Scout Ecology & Evolution Talks	\$90	Activity 1: Skype a Scientist Activity 2: A World of Microbes Activity 3: Conservation Activity	Costs associated with activities to appropriately complete Merit Badges and Award
	Booth at Downtown Farmer's Market	\$90	Activity 1: Food Web Jenga Activity 2: Interactive Watershed Activity 3: Southeastern Sharks	3D printing of watershed as well as building large Jenga set from scratch
EERDG	Food for EERDG TALKS	\$850	Food for EERDG Talks meeting \$25 per week for 17 weeks.	Increase EERDG attendance & increase community outreach.
	EERDG Shirts	\$400	50 shirts @ \$8 per shirt	Allow EERDG to be recognized both on campus as well as at all outreach events.

COGS funding request for **General Expenses**: \$510

COGS funding request for **Food**: \$850

COGS funding request for **Clothing/Awards**: \$400

TOTAL 2018-2019 FUNDING REQUEST FOR EERDG = \$1760

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Resolution 5

Sponsored by C-SAC Allocation to Materials Research Society FAMU-FSU Chapter

On October 22nd, 2018, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS 2018-2019 Organizational (C-SAC) Account to Materials Research Society FAMU-FSU Chapter's Account:

Food:	\$228.97
Clothing/Awards:	\$405.86

Purpose: Funds will be used during monthly meetings that supports interests in material research and also for activities encouraging interdisciplinary STEM.

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

Joshua Scriven
Speaker



Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance

October 22nd, 2018