COGS Deliberations Minutes – 02/09/2017:

- Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM.
- Members present: Mendez, Lehn, Uttermark, Solomon, Oseguera, Elwood, Arif, Peruche.
- Solomon inquires about major changes to proposals; none brought forward.
- Uttermark states that $94,000 needs to be trimmed to make budget.
- Uttermark presents initial recommendations.
- COGS food recommended to be cut by $1500.
- Orientation required ~ $3700.
- NAGPS membership proposed to be cut ($500).
- **No objections to proposed changes in COGS admin.**
  - Uttermark reminds that salary, COGS officers, and OPS office staff must remain.
- **Uttermark makes motion to set stated line items in COGS admin; seconded, no objections ($143,000 total).**
  - Proceed to grants; Uttermark proposes to reduce grants by 6.5%.
  - Uttermark proposes only moderate cuts to presentation grants, due to popularity.
  - Uttermark recommends grant funding to $151,000.
  - Mendez inquires about how grants have been used in the past; at least $155,000 have been previously spent.
  - Lehn inquires how dissertation research grants are distributed; not all funds have been fully distributed by the graduate school. Danielle reminds of the amounts awarded as stated on the FSU website.
  - Uttermark remarks that CSAC requests have dropped; if funds run out, he recommends replenishing via unallocated account.
  - Uttermark opens floor for debate on grants.
  - Elwood inquires about the possibility of increasing presentation grant amount.
- **Lehn motions to approve grant line items; seconded, no objections.**
  - Proceed to Child-care request.
  - Considering 3% increase; Solomon inquires about new facility opening and if costs to students or COGS support will rise.
  - Mendez inquires if increase should be above 3%; Solomon voices concern about cost-per-student compared to total graduate student body.
  - Danielle recommends focusing on salary increases for CC, rather than OPS wages.
  - Uttermark asks how to fund Child-care for next fiscal year; recommends fully funding salary (w/cost of living increase) and cutting OPS wages.
  - Solomon proposes $50,000 to salary and keep OPS wages at last year’s level; Danielle recommends maintaining COL increase for salary.
- **Solomon moves to set salary at proposed line-item salary; seconded, no objections.** Mendez asks about past funding from COGS and SGA.
• Proceed to inquire about OPS wages. Uttermark calculates $38,694 for OPS wages with COL increase.
• **Uttermark moves to fund OPS wages at $38,694; seconded, no objections.**
• Proceeding to Graduate School.
• Concerns are raised about $30,000 for food.
• Solomon objects to the requests by the Graduate school and the lack of detail in the breakdown. Mendez raises similar concerns.
• **Uttermark proposes to set expense request at $1100 (to host in Ruby Diamond); seconded, no objections.**
• **Uttermark proposes to fund $8,900 for food; seconded, no objections.**
• Proceeding to RSO funding.
• Solomon voices concern about the amount of requesting funding by Cheminoles.
• **Lehn moves to zero-fund contractual services for Cheminoles; seconded, no objections.**
• Mendez proposes to proceed to Physics Graduate Student Organization and recommends a 13% reduction.
• Suggesting funding total is $1196.
• **Mendez moves to fund Physics GSA at $1200; seconded, no objections.**
• Lehn inquires about the large amount of LSC and MSC fund requests; Solomon explains purpose and function of the funding boards.
• Solomon requests $41,000 for LSC.
• Arif requests $43,000 for MSC.
• Lehn inquires about food increase for both funding boards.
• Uttermark inquires how LSC would distribute its funds.
• Solomon reduces LSC request to $40,000.
• **Uttermark moves to fund LSC at $28,000 and $12,000 in food; seconded, no objections.**
• Solomon moves to fund MSC at $30,000 in expense, $13,500 in food, $0 in clothing and awards, for a total of $43,500; seconded, no objections.
• Uttermark moves to fund BGSA at $2000 in expense and $2000 in food; seconded, no objections.
• Concerns raised about GWIS spending totals.
• **Lehn moves to zero fund GWIS expenses; seconded, no objections.**
• Uttermark moves to fund GWIS $1055 in contractual services, $695 in food, and $0 in clothing and awards. Total $1750; seconded, no objections.
• Osegoura assists in proposing various cuts to Hispanic GSA events.
• **Uttermark moves to fund Hispanic GSA at $720 in expense and $420 in food; seconded, no objections.**
• Concerns raised over History GSA contractual services request.
• **Lehn moves to fund History GSA at $1500 in contractual services, $0 in expense, and $340 in food; seconded, no objections.**
• Concerns raised over the fact that only $300 has been spent by Neuroscience thus far.
• Uttermark moves to fund Neuroscience at $1000 in contractual services and $1000 in food; seconded, no objections.
• Solomon voices concern over the 5.5% reduction for all RSOs.
• Mendez moves to fund Philosophy GSA at $2500 in contractual services, $0 in expense, and $240 in food; seconded, no objections.
• Total calculated expense comes to $513,714, leaving $20,286 in unallocated.
• Uttermark raises possibility to sweep money from grants or CSAC in the future, should unallocated run out.
• Uttermark moves to fund unallocated at $20,286; seconded, no objections.
• Solomon moves to accept FYI 2017-2018 budget proposal; motion passes unanimously.
• Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.