COGS Internal Affairs Meeting
10-21-18   6-7:30pm
Strozier Graduate Student Study Room C

Representatives present: Blake-Hedges, Demirsoy, Eovito (Late), Lange, Stewart

New Business:
• Newsletter
  o October edition in the works, or just a Fall semester edition if not finished in time
• Website updates
  o No new updates needed
  o Need to make sure committees are posting their meeting times and minutes on the website
• Code changes
  o Election code
    ▪ We would like to implement our own election code because we do not typically have competition for our seats and therefore do not need many of the rules outlined in the SGA election code.
    ▪ However, if we were not to follow the SGA election code we would need to create our own which would be very time consuming and hard to get approved
    ▪ This year two seats were actually contested and therefore we did need to follow SGA election code and a supervisor of elections was needed to make sure everyone was following the rules
      • As more interest in COGS grows overtime, there is the possibility that many seats may be contested, and therefore we should continue to follow SGA code
    ▪ Another issue is the seat numbers that can cause people to be contested when there are actually enough seats already available
      • SGA Senate has the same issue and Lauren is on the election committee and will keep us updated on how they handle things until we will proceed to change anything in our code
  o RSO Reimbursement
    ▪ Not discussed – Josh introduced a Bill at the last meeting that has made headway on this issue, but more can still be done to make sure this problem does not happen in the future
  o Fund distribution
    ▪ Not discussed – need to set up a meeting with accounting to determine if the changes we want to make are reasonable for them
  o MSC
    ▪ Still waiting on MSC’s updates until we can make changes to COGS code
  o LSC
LSC has made a draft for their own code and once it is established, we can make changes to the COGS code that reflect their code

- Committee assignments/executive member duties
  - Ericha brought up inconsistencies in the code about executive members being assigned to specific committees
    - Currently the deputy speaker for finance is supposed to be a member of the internal affairs committee, but it may be more plausible for a different executive committee member to participate on internal affairs
    - No executive committee members are assigned to the other two committees, Student Affairs and Student Advocacy
  - Deputy Speaker for Finance will no longer be assigned to the Internal Affairs, but rather the Speaker will assign each executive committee member to a different standing committee based off of their preference, but still at the discretion of the Speaker.
    - Since the Speaker already assigns all members to standing committees, it would follow that he/she would also assign the executive committee members
    - One executive committee member on each standing committee would allow for each committee to have opinions from the executive members
  - Duties for the Deputy Speaker for Communications and Judicial Affairs were changed to reflect which task is more appropriate for each position, while still keeping the amount of duties equal
    - Disseminating information about Congress vacancies moved from Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs’ duties to Deputy Speaker for Communications duties
      - More appropriate for Communications, and duty of taking executive committee meeting minutes was moved from Communications to Judicial Affairs to keep the number of tasks similar between each position
    - Training new members is under Internal Affairs' duties, but is actually done by both the Deputy Speaker for Communication and Judicial Affairs, and the code was changed to reflect that

- Attendance records:
  - In this Congress, there are members that should have been on probation or possibly removed due to lack of attendance
  - A spreadsheet was created to keep track of attendance records, but will need Whitney to communicate with us after each meeting to keep track
  - After elections the attendance records reset and since they are so soon, we will start to keep track after elections

- SGA relations
- Lauren is in communication with SGA and will keep us updated on any new information pertinent to COGS

- **Training new representatives:**
  - This has been changed in the code to fall onto the duties of Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs and Communication

- **LSC/MSC oversight:**
  - As a member of MSC, I am aware of what is happening, but a meeting with LSC is needed to determine how they function
  - In the future, it would be smart to have both the MSC and LSC COGS members in Internal Affairs

- **Recruitment:**
  - After elections, vacancies will be assessed, and we can start reaching out to Colleges with openings

- **Upcoming meeting**
  - Lauren will not be in attendance and wants to remind Representatives that want to continue to be COGS members but did not sign up for elections in time that they should petition right away at the following meeting