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CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Congress of Graduate Students

Meeting of the Executive Board

April 17, 2020

Call to order: 1:04 pm

- Senator Mathesie, not present
- Discussion of summer coursework
 - o Positions on the board can only be held by active students
- The content of the meetings over summer
 - o All meetings will be virtual
 - o No travel awards will be granted until FSU lifts the travel restriction
 - o Begin discussing how cogs will continue to serve and recruit graduate students outside of funding concerns
 - Focus on the concerns facing graduate students today
 - o Internal affairs meeting was canceled due to one of the chairs of the committee being called into active duty
 - Will temporarily vacate the seat, because he will not be available or taking classes
 - Leadership and composition of the committee need to be discussed further
 - o Overall, the Congress needs to move forward with better communication.
 - o LSC and MSC have been asking for further training on Nole central
 - How can we make this easier for other groups to use and provide more face time with the speaker and deputy speaker.
 - The speaker is usually at the fall orientations, but possibly include information on the process, like a checklist or example document on how to fill out forms and such on Nole Central, possibly through a power point
 - There should be more cohesion between COGS, LSC and MSC, a better relationship
 - o Updates on the current ideas for recruitment
 - This summer there should be a social media effort
 - o Discussion of SBA account
 - There is some confusion over receipts and account information for a recent request, covering gas, registration and hotel. Was the money going to one student or to an account.
 - SBA does collect mandatory dues, supposedly, so that needs to be investigated for COGS funding purposes
 - Whether or not the dues were for national fees
 - o Updates on the business of the execs
 - o Speaker
 - Has been speaking to LSC about the current state between LSC and COGS, mediating
 - o Speaker of Communications



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- Has been updating the social media pages, working through the emails, and planning for summer recruitment
- Speaker of Judicial Affairs
 - Not sure where his progress lies
- There seems to be confusion about committee meetings and duties of committee members
 - Perhaps there should be better onboarding training for students coming into the committees so that they should
 - Maybe committee chairs could draft a list of duties and things to know for new committee members
- In the upcoming meeting, representative Mendez will sponsor the bill #4 coming before congress in the next meeting
 - The voting may be anonymous, so students can all feel free to vote, regardless of college

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm