

# Congress of Graduate Students Florida State University

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## The 24<sup>th</sup> Congress of Graduate Students


### BILL 13

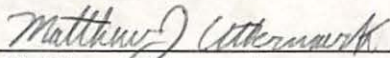
*Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee*  
*Substantive Edits of the COGS Code, Amending Chapter 200:*  
*Provisions for Recognized Student Organizations*

On February 15, 2016, the body voted to amend the COGS Code in accordance with the attached document.

Purpose: This bill shall provide a clear and consistent language throughout the COGS Code.

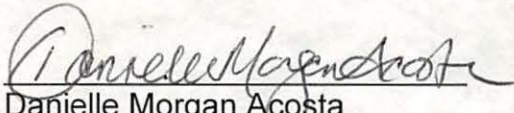
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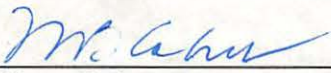
  
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February 15, 2016

  
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## Chapter 200: Provisions for Recognized Student Organizations

- 200.1 ~~All RSOs student organization must be recognized by the Division of Student Affairs for a minimum of four (4) weeks in order to receive COGS Funds.~~
- 200.2 ~~The president and treasurer of Student an RSO organizations must be financially certified by COGS in order recognized by the Division of Student Affairs and COGS to receive A&S COGS funds-Funds. This requirement can be temporarily waived by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly.~~
- A) ~~Recognition procedures for COGS will be determined by the Executive Committee no less than 30 days prior to the annual budget hearings. Failure to fulfill the requirements of (200.2(A)) shall absolve organizations of the responsibility to be recognized by COGS.~~
- 200.4 ~~RSOs shall submit a COGS Funding Request form in order to receive monies COGS Funds outside the Annual Budget process from the current fiscal year's budget. Consideration of the funding request is subject to fund availability. At least fifty percent (50%) of RSO membership must be graduate students to be considered for funding.~~
- 200.7 ~~Upon recognition of a student organization, the Financial Officer and the President shall countersign the following Statement of Understanding:~~

### **Statement of Understanding**

~~The undersigned herein designated as (Name of Office held, name of Organization) fully understands the COGS Code, which applies to all funds allocated from the COGS budget. Furthermore, the undersigned agrees to all procedures for expending funds allocated from the COGS budget. Finally, the undersigned understands that any violations of the Code will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.~~

~~Signature, Financial Officer~~

- 200.8 ~~The original Statement of Understanding will be retained in the account files of SA&O Accounting for audit purposes and a copy will be retained by the COGS Program Associate for COGS records.~~
- 200.97 ~~In order to receive funds from COGS as a recognized student organization during the annual budget process or through any funding boards within the jurisdiction of COGS Funds, all officers the President and Treasurer of the organization RSO, and a majority of its members, must be A&S ~~fee~~ Fee-paying graduate students at FSU Florida State University.~~

~~A) Any graduate student organization with members who are not FSU graduate students must designate a fee-paying FSU student as custodian of A&S funds. This custodian is charged with ensuring that FSU A&S funds are spent primarily for the benefit of A&S fee-paying FSU graduate students. This custodian is answerable to the COGS Deputy Speaker for Finance for responsibilities related to such custodianship.~~

~~200.10 Each funding board and each COGS organization shall submit a financial statement within ten (10) school days of a written request by the COGS Deputy Speaker for Finance or Speaker.~~

~~200.118 No recognized student organization RSO, which receives funding from the Congress of Graduate Students COGS, or any of its sub-allocation authorities, may violate the provisions of its individual RSO constitution. Failure of ~~of the an RSO~~ to abide by the RSO constitution, ~~by, or failure to~~ secure any right granted under the RSO its constitution, shall make the organization subject to the measures outlined in Chapter 211 of the COGS Code ~~this code~~.~~

- ~~A) The Speaker shall enforce this provision upon application from any student, or upon being made aware of an ongoing violation of an RSO's constitution.~~
- ~~B) The Florida State University Student Supreme Court shall have concurrent jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this section through appropriate writs, ~~though in~~ In the event of a conflict between the Speaker and the Student Supreme Court, the determination and orders of the Student Supreme Court shall prevail.~~
- ~~C) The copy of an RSO's constitution, filed with the Student Activities office during the annual RSO recognition process, shall be considered authoritative unless another copy of the of the constitution or a legally adopted amendment is filed with the Congress of Graduate Students in which case such copy shall be deemed authoritative.~~

~~200.9 No provision under this section shall guarantee an RSO to receive COGS Funds from the SGA Accounting office.~~