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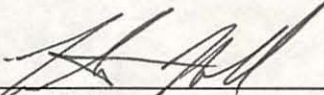
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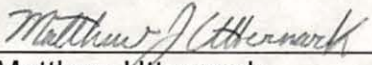
Substantive Edits of the COGS Code, Amending Chapter 201: General Restrictions on Spending

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.

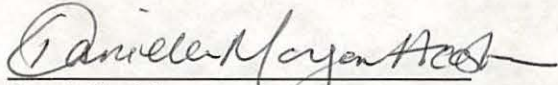
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Chapter 201: General Restrictions on Spending

- 201.2 ~~All funds~~ Funds allocated by COGS to other organizational entities shall be considered COGS Organizational Grants. This includes, but is not limited to, any funds dispersed allocated by COGS or its sub-allocation authorities, such as ~~the~~ graduate funding boards. ~~Such grants shall be offered in an effort to nurture the highest levels of scholarship, research, creativity, and social activities necessary to support a comprehensive graduate research university.~~
- 201.3 No ~~organization~~ RSO which receives funding from COGS will practice de facto or de jure discrimination against any of the individuals or classes protected in the Florida State University Student Body Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination Statement as determined by the Senate. Additionally, no entity which receives funding from COGS will engage in de facto or de jure differential treatment in membership or otherwise on the basis of race, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family status, or socio-economic status.
- 201.6 All events funded, in whole, or in part, by COGS Funds or derivative resources must be equally accessible to all enrolled graduate students at Florida State University, or serve a legitimate academic purpose. All purchases for events held off of the Florida State University campus require the approval of the Assembly by resolution in a majority vote.
- 201.7 ~~No RSO shall~~ COGS shall enforce a incur more than \$15 per person ~~limit~~ on catering fees when using COGS Funds. No ~~organization~~ RSO receiving funding from COGS may charge Florida State University students for food purchased with ~~said monies~~ COGS Funds. ~~Purchase of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Approval for funds requested in the food line item will require a majority vote of the Assembly. This section can be overridden by a two-third (2/3) vote of the Assembly.~~
- 201.8 COGS Funds cannot be used to fund alcoholic beverages.
- 201.89 COGS shall enforce a \$1,000 aggregate limit on literature purchases per ~~organization~~ RSO. Requests for such funding shall be in support of academically and/or vocationally appropriate materials. Said materials must be provided to ~~FSU~~ Florida State University students free of charge. If the allocated COGS funding Funds does not ~~provide for cover~~ the entire cost of the materials, the ~~organization~~ RSO requesting funds may charge for the materials at a rate consistent with the total cost of the materials ~~with by using the following formula;~~ total cost, less allocated funding COGS Funds, divided by the number of materials purchased.
- 201.4011 RSOs within the jurisdiction of COGS may not charge Florida State University students admissions fees to any event subsidized or paid for by ~~student~~ COGS Funds.

201.1112~~Student organizations~~ RSOs may request, receive, and expend a reasonable amount, not to exceed ~~fifteen~~ twenty percent (2015%) ~~15% (fifteen percent)~~ as gratuity, for food purchases for events. Reimbursement shall not be granted on meals for individuals who are receiving a per diem in conjunction with travel. The gratuity must be ~~included~~ recorded in on the receipt, and should be reflected in the total; ~~therefore, it will need to be requested by the RSO to be reflected on the receipt.~~

201.1213Any RSO requesting single-item purchases totaling \$1,000 or more must have the approval of COGS ~~in~~ by a majority vote. Proper inventory must be kept for all items and they must have ~~an~~ a COGS inventory sticker prominently displayed on them.

201.1314All funds shall be spent in accordance with the COGS Code and, the Florida State University Student Body Statutes and A&S ~~fee~~ Fee guidelines ~~Guidelines.~~