Resolution

29th Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution #: 2

Sponsored by: Representative Hagemeyer

Date: February 15th, 2021

Update to Virtual Funding Guidelines regarding in-person events moving forward.

Read: 2/15/2021
COGS Vote: 11-0-1

PASSED: February 15, 2021

CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY

Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students

Deputy Speaker for Finance

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Whereas: On March 13th, 2020 Florida State University cancelled all university-sponsored domestic (U.S.) and international travel until further notice;

Whereas: On March 17th, 2020 Florida State University announced all class would be held remotely for the remainder of the Spring 2020 Semester, all campus events were also cancelled until further notice;

Whereas: On April 20th, 2020 the 28th passed Resolution 5: Presentation and Attendance Grant Awards Awarding Suspended until University Sponsored Travel Reinstated

Whereas: Resolution 5 stated that, “no presentation or attendance grants will be awarded until the university reinstates university-sponsored travel and the application to apply for these grants will be closed until that time;”

Whereas: On June 15th, 2020 the 28th passed Resolution 6: Virtual Events Guidelines and Committee Formation;

Whereas: Resolution 6 stated that, “no funding proposals for virtual events out of the COGS Unallocated account will be accepted for review until such a time that the aforementioned committee has created funding guidelines and/or a funding related Code Amendment for virtual events has been ratified;”

Whereas: On October 5th, 2020 the 28th passed Resolution 10: COGS Virtual Event Funding Guidelines;

Whereas: Resolution 10 adopted the following guidelines determined by the Internal Affairs Committee for reviewing funding proposals for the remainder of the semester for Fall 2020:

“1. COGS will not fund requests associated with increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 nor requests that are in violation of University Guidelines for procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic; the kinds of requests that fit into this category include, but are not limited to:
   a. in-person events
   b. food for in-person events
   c. travel requests
2. COGS will apply the regular review process used for In-Person Events/Materials as found in the SGA Code and the SGA Financial Manual for the following requests on a case-by-case basis:
   a. Honorariums to pay a speaker or artist for a Virtual Event
   b. Funding requests to hold Virtual Conferences
   c. Funding requests for Group Travel to present at a Virtual Conference
   d. Funding requests to hold Virtual Meetings or Outreach Events
   e. Promotional Items/Clothing
   f. Office Supplies
   g. Printing & Copying;

Whereas: On August 25th, 2020 the Division of Student Affairs at Florida State University put fourth guidelines and expectations for on- and off-campus events and gatherings to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. These guidelines are in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), local, state, and federal guidelines;

Be it resolved by the Twenty-ninth Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that: Allocation requests for in-person events that are in accordance with the guidelines put forth by the Division of Student Affairs will be accepted starting February 15th 2021;

Be it further resolved that: FSU and COGS encourage students to utilize virtual platforms and avoid in-person events when possible;

Be it further resolved that: Allocation requests that involve travel to conferences, workshops, and other events not organized by the University will not be accepted;

Be it further resolved that: MSC and LSC must inform all of their constituent recognized student organizations (RSO) on these new guidelines;

Be it further resolved that: MSC and LSC may begin hearing funding requests from their RSOs as soon as every RSO has been informed of their new in-person funding guidelines via email to their executive board and advisors;

Be it further resolved that: All RSOs planning an in-person event must provide an explanation in their funding request for how their event abides by the in-person event guidelines supported by this resolution;

Be it further resolved that: The Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Finance reserve the right to deny any graduate registered student organization allocation that they believe are in violation of the in-person event guidelines set forth by the University.

Be it further resolved that: copies of this resolution be sent to the SGA accounting staff, the Interim Director of SGA, Dr. Brandon Bowden, and the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Amy Hecht.