

## TWENTY FOURTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting  
COGS Assembly Room  
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union  
August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
6:30 p.m.  
Agenda



Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Petitions into the Assembly: Shiva Charan Indrakanti (Veteran's Advocate)

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

Messages from Student Government:

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:

Report of Officers:

- The Report of the Speaker
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications

Committee Report:

- C-SAC:
- Internal Affairs:
- Academics & Student Life:
- Ways & Means:

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:

- Bill 34: *Allocation to the Music Theory Society*
- Bill 35: *Allocation to INSAT/BONGONOLE*

New Business:

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

# COGS FINANCIAL REPORT

August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## COGS Administrative Account (244001)

(Includes)

- COGS Officers/OPS Accounting Assistant
- Food
- Maintenance
- Speaker's Request
- NAGPS Membership
- Overhead
- Office Phone Services

**Balance: \$25,513.22**

## COGS Unallocated (244003)

(Includes)

- Organization Funding Support (Requests more than \$1000)

**Balance: \$23,497.85**

## COGS Organizational (244006)

(Includes)

- Organization Funding Support (requests less than \$1000 for fiscal year)

**Balance: \$4,000**

## ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT GRANTS ACCOUNTS

### Presentation Grants=

\*July-October  
Total: \$66,800

**Balance: \$36,600.19**

### Attendance Grants=

\*July-October  
Total: \$9,400

**Balance: \$6,700**

\*November-February  
Total: \$43,800

**Balance: \$43,800**

\*November-February  
Total: \$4,000

**Balance: \$4,000**

\*March-June  
Total: \$44,400

**Balance: \$44,400**

\*March-June  
Total: \$4,000

**Balance: \$4,000**

# TWENTY-FOURTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016  
6:30 p.m.



**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m.

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Allen, Clark, Elwood, Guilbeau, Lehn, Mendez, Scriven, Shu, Ward, Williams

**QUORUM:** YES

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Guilbeau

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Baker, Mazzie, Peruche, Uttermark

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** Indrakanti, Sharifi-Raini

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED:** NONE

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** Clark

**PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY:** NONE

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Ward.

**SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS:**

- Dr. Jhunu Chatterjee, Representative from the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program discusses the need of graduate student participation in their program. Graduate Students are encouraged to provide research proposals and mentorships. Incentives include research awards, research grants and a hiring opportunity within the department. Representatives are advised to inform other students from their department.

**MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** NONE

**REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS:** NONE

**Unfinished Business:** NONE

**Funding Requests:**

- *Bill 32: Allocation to the Society for Musicology*  
The organization's Treasurer explains that they are requesting funds for two visiting scholars in October and April. Ellen Koskoff is a scholar in music and gender research and William Cheng researches video game music as well as disabilities studies and gender and sexuality in music. The organization would like to receive funds for honorariums and four receptions. Representatives inquire how the organization plans to advertise for the events, if there is any

departmental support and to explain the financial breakdown of the request. Representatives also inquire how many students can attend the receptions and the reception schedule and the justification for the scholars staying 3 nights in a hotel. **FIRST PRO:** Mendez is in favor of the bill. Clark believes that the amount requested for honorariums is a standard amount and that the request was well researched. Deputy Speaker Guilbeau appreciated the sponsor for sharing the story of how the events broadened their research interests in their career. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Ward is in favor of the bill but is hesitant about funding the speakers for three nights in a hotel for each speaker one talk. Motion to amend the bill to \$3500 in Contractual Services and \$200 in food. Second. Objection. Deputy Speaker Ward questions the merit of the three-night hotel stay for the speakers and also believes that the amount that will be given to the speakers without the three-night hotel stay is reasonable. **SECOND PRO:** Representative Scriven believes that since the scholars have the option to choose which hotel they would like to use for their stay, they have the opportunity to adjust to their expenses to the amended amount. Motion to call to question. Vote by voice. Amendment passes. Return to the bill which now reads \$3500 in contractual services and \$200 in Food. Motion to call to question. Vote by voice. **Bill 33 passes as amended; \$3500 in Contractual Services and \$200 in Food.**

- *Bill 33: Allocation to the Public Health Student Association*  
The organization plans to host event a 5k fun run geared towards raising awareness in the big bend area. They plan to donate any food items brought to the fun run and donate any funds acquired at the event. The organization would also like to host a kickball tournament to raise awareness of childhood diabetes. The remaining funds will be used to purchase food for the organization's meetings, orientation breakfast and spring social in an effort to bring awareness to the public health field. Lastly the organization would like to send 4 members of their organization to the national conference for networking opportunities. Representatives inquire the importance of attending the annual meeting, if the organization is aware of the academic and professional conference grants, the level of experience the organization has with budgeting the expenses for each event. Representatives also inquire if the organization will be tabling at the annual conference in Denver, the justification for why the food costs are not broken down, if the organization is aware of restriction of dates and costs of facilities usage and regulations. Representatives extend questions by inquiring if the organization is aware of the restriction on using COGS fees for fundraising, how the organization plans to reach out to the graduate student community, the purpose of purchasing polos as opposed to t-shirts and a breakdown for the Clothing & Awards category. Motion to table bill to the August 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Second. Objection. Deputy Speaker Guilbeau believes that there are many technical questions about the bill and thinks that it would be a good idea to table the bill until the Deputy Speaker for Finance returns to the next meeting to answer any questions and help with the consideration. Deputy Speaker Ward inquires if there is a possibility to not table the bill since some funding is time sensitive. Motion withdrawn. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Guilbeau is excited for the organization and the events they plan to host throughout the year. **FIRST CON:** Shu is not in favor of funding for travel to the conference since the students are eligible to receive funding through COGS' travel grants. Clark is hesitant about purchasing t-shirts for the organization and is concerned about the missing estimates from the request. Scriven is hesitant about the complexity of the bill and is in favor of the organization hosting and organizing one event at a time to gain knowledge and experience. Motion to \$0 fund the organization in all categories. Second. Objection. Deputy Speaker Ward informs the congress that it is not the intention to \$0 fund the organization but would like to focus on the travel expenses for their conference. Deputy Speaker Ward continues by reviewing the provisions of the COGS Code for group conference travel and believes that the organization should apply for conference travel requests and return to the congress with a more detailed request for their events. **FIRST CON:** Shu would like to fund the organization for the orientation breakfast. Motion to call to question. Second. Vote to \$0 fund the organization. Amendment passes. Motion to amend the bill to read \$87.15 in Food. Second. **SECOND PRO:** Deputy Speaker Guilbeau is in favor of funding the organization for food but believes it is unfortunate that the organization was not additionally funded. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill 33 passes \$87.15 in Food.**

**New Business:** NONE

**ROUNDTABLE:** Allen, Clark, Elwood, Guilbeau, Lehn, Mendez, Scriven, Shu, Ward, Williams

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:15 p.m.

# Congress of Graduate Students Florida State University

A207 Oglesby Union Tallahassee, FL 32306-4027 Phone: (850) 644-6950

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

### BILL 34

#### ON PETITION

#### *Allocation to the Music Theory Society*

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS 2016-2017 Unallocated Account (244-003) to the Music Theory Society:

Contractual Services:        \$1,500

**Purpose:** Funds from this account will be used to cover honorarium expenses for a keynote speaker.

**Proviso:** All COGS Funds not spent for this request shall be returned to the COGS Unallocated Account.

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Ben Elwood  
*Speaker*

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Matthew Uttermark  
*Deputy Speaker for Finance*



August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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Danielle Morgan Acosta  
*Director of Student Affairs*

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Dr. Mary Coburn  
*Vice President for Student Affairs*

**Response Summary:**

Organization Info

Requesting Organization: Music Theory Society

Date Requested: 08/25/2016

Budget Number: 247005

Academic Term: 2016-2017

President: Josh Tanis

President's Email: [jt15d@my.fsu.edu](mailto:jt15d@my.fsu.edu)

President's Phone Number: 845-988-6351

Treasurer: Daniel Thompson

Treasurer's Email: [djt13b@my.fsu.edu](mailto:djt13b@my.fsu.edu)

Treasurer's Phone Number: 918-645-0765

Funding Source:

COGS

Budget Categories and Amount Requested

Contractual Services 1500.00

Expense General 0

Expense Travel 0

Food 0

Clothing/Awards 0

OCO 0

Organization's full name

Florida State Music Theory Society

Have your organization's president and treasurer taken the financial workshop?

Yes

Is your organization a recognized student organization (RSO) for this fiscal year?

Yes

Does your organization do fundraising?

Yes

What is the total amount of funds your club has raised for this event/item?

1,000.00

How did you raise the funds?

Bake sales, shirt sales, charitable donations

How many active members are in your organization?



40

Does your organization charge dues?

No

How much A&S money did your organization spend last year?

1,500.00

Purpose for which the funds will be used

Honorarium for keynote speaker, paying for housing, transportation, etc.

What is the date and time of the event in which the requested funds will be used?

January 21, 2017

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

We look forward to your continued support of this important scholarly event.

By signing in the space provided below, I hereby certify that all the information contained in this...

Danielle Wulf

# Congress of Graduate Students Florida State University

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

### BILL 35

#### ON PETITION

#### *Allocation to the INSAT/BONGONOLE*

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS Unallocated Account (244-003) to INSAT/BONGONOLE:

General Expense:                    \$150.00

**Purpose:** Funds will be used to organize a welcome social on September 18<sup>th</sup> for new students.

**Proviso:** All COGS Funds not spent for this request shall be returned to the COGS Unallocated Account.

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Ben Elwood  
*Speaker*

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Matthew Uttermark  
*Deputy Speaker for Finance*



August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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Danielle Morgan Acosta  
*Director of Student Affairs*

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Dr. Mary Coburn  
*Vice President for Student Affairs*

**Response Summary:**

Organization Info

Requesting Organization: INSAT/BONGONOLE

Date Requested: 18/25/2016

Academic Term: Fall 2016

President: Shiva Charan Indrakanti

President's Email: [si15@my.fsu.edu](mailto:si15@my.fsu.edu)

President's Phone Number: 8509806681

Treasurer: Ashish Reddy Mekala

Treasurer's Email: [am15am@my.fsu.edu](mailto:am15am@my.fsu.edu)

Treasurer's Phone Number: 848 213 2171

Funding Source:

COGS

Budget Categories and Amount Requested

Contractual Services 0

Expense General 150

Expense Travel 0

Food 0

Clothing/Awards 0

OCO 0

Organization's full name

Indian Student Association of Tallahassee & Bengali Student Association

Have your organization's president and treasurer taken the financial workshop?

Yes

Is your organization a recognized student organization (RSO) for this fiscal year?

Yes

Does your organization do fundraising?

Yes

What is the total amount of funds your club has raised for this event/item?

0

How many active members are in your organization?

95

Does your organization charge dues?

No

Purpose for which the funds will be used

INSAT & BONGONOLE wish to organize a welcome social event for the new students who are coming to Florida State University for Fall-2016. This event will be a great way for the new students to meet & make friends at FSU. This will also provide them a good opportunity to get accustomed with the new culture and feel comfortable in their new environment. We plan to serve Indian food for lunch. We got an estimate for food from two Indian restaurants which are \$750 & \$950 for 90 students. Apart from them we may need \$200 for general expenses which include sodas, water, cutlery etc., which we buy from walmart/costco.

What is the date and time of the event in which the requested funds will be used?

Date:08/18/2016

Time: 11:00AM

Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

This event is organized by 2 International Student Organizations for the new students who are coming from their home country. This event will also help them to overcome feeling of loneliness and homesickness. Both the organizations, INSAT & BONGONOLE share this view & hence want to jointly organize the event. It will also help us to enroll more members to our organization.

By signing in the space provided below, I hereby certify that all the information contained in this...

Shiva Charan Indrakanti