



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

**TWENTY NINTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Assembly Meeting

COGS Regular Assembly Meeting

Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

6:30 PM

Agenda

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Petitions into the Assembly:

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

Committee Report:

- C-SAC:
- Internal Affairs:
- Student Advocacy:
- Student Affairs:

Funding Requests:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- *Resolution #2: Virtual Funding Guidelines*
- *Resolution #3: Student Body President Impeachment*

Round Table/Final Roll Call:

Adjournment:

## COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2020-2021

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
UNALLOCATED	\$21,331.18	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$17,691.18
ORGANIZATIONAL (C- SAC)	\$3,000	RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year	\$3,000
LSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations	\$39,168.39
MSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations	\$43,260.34
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$53,000	Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$0
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$60,000	Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$83,343.04
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$47,000	Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$73,000
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$6,000	Attendance Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$0
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$6,000	Attendance Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$8,740
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$5,000	Attendance Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$8,000

## TWENTY NINTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting  
Special Session  
Zoom  
Monday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
6:30  
MINUTES



**Call to Order:** 6:35 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Rep. Sizemore

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Brinkman, Mendez, Hagemeyer, Ilesanmi, Cheuwa, Sizemore, Smith, Creigh, Sangokunle, Hirsch

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Collins, Blake -Hedges, Morgan, Sussman, Delva,

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:**

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** motion to approve the minutes, Creigh. Second, Smith.

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:** none

**Messages from Student Government:** none

**Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:** none

**Report of Officers:**

- **The Report of the Speaker**
  - Update on upcoming committee meetings. Should any representatives be interested in furthering their role in COGS, reach out to the speaker and they can get more involved in committees outside cogs. Our next meeting will also include voting on committee chairs, so those who are interested keep that in mind. We will also be updating our guidelines for funding during covid.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
  - All of the budget meetings have concluded, but the final vote on the budget will be pushed back to March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**

- Has been working on some complaints about closed facilities.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
  - Has sent out some info on coffee and conversations out. There will also be a cogs movie night soon, so keep a look out for that.

**Committee Report:**

- **C-SAC:** nothing to report
- **Internal Affairs:** nothing to report
- **Student Advocacy:** nothing to report
- **Student Affairs:** nothing to report

**Funding Requests:**

*Bill #2: Organization of Religion Graduate Students Reallocation Request*

- Allocation transfer request
- Previously allocated 4,000 for an annual conference they do every year. However, now they would like to do a workshop. They will use the funds to host a workshop on journal publishing that could be relevant to many graduate students. They will have four speakers and need funds for the honorarium.
- Questions
  - None
- Pros
  - Hirsch – sounds like it's a great event and its money that is already allocated.
- Cons
  - None
- 2<sup>nd</sup> pros
  - None
- Motion to call the question, Mendez. Second Creigh
  - Vote passes, 6-0-1

**Unfinished Business: none**

**New Business: none**

**Round Table:**

**Adjournment/Finale Roll Call:**

**Next Meeting: 7:09 pm**



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# Resolution

## 29<sup>th</sup> Congress of Graduate Students

**Resolution #:** 2

**Sponsored by:** Representative Hagemeyer

**Date:** February 15th, 2021

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

**Whereas:** On March 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Division of Student Affairs at Florida State University put forth 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



# Resolution

## 29<sup>th</sup> Congress of Graduate Students

**Resolution #: 3**

**Sponsored by:** Representative Hagemeyer

**Date:** February 15th, 2021

**Whereas:** On February 9th, 2021 the 73rd Judiciary Committee deliberated on 5 charges for impeachment against Student Body President Jonathan Levin including two counts of nonfeasance, one count of misfeasance, and two counts of malfeasance

**Whereas:** Charges of impeachment are detailed by the following:

- “Charge 1- Nonfeasance; failing to appoint Student Body Supreme Court Justices within (6) weeks of a vacancy
- Charge 2- Misfeasance; Failing to publicly advertise or take minutes of a meeting held under the auspices of the Student Government Association
- Charge 3- Malfeasance; Disclosing of private student information to a private student
- Charge 4- Malfeasance; Willfully instructing a private student to misrepresent themselves as an SGA Officer
- Charge 5- Nonfeasance; Failure to comply with a lawful subpoena;”

**Whereas:** The 73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate Judiciary Committee dismissed Charges 1, 3, and 4, while passing charges 2 and 5 to be voted on by the Senate which shall be referred to as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> articles of impeachment, respectively, from here on;

**Whereas:** On February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the 73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate voted No on 1<sup>st</sup> articles of impeachment (charge 2) with a vote of 20:yes, 30:no, and 0: abstentions;

**Whereas:** The 73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate tabled the 2<sup>nd</sup> article of impeachment to the next Student Senate meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>;

**Whereas:** Student Body President Jonathan Levin’s term in office ends March of 2021;

**Be it resolved by the Twenty-Ninth Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that:** The articles of impeachment filed against Student Body President Jonathan Levin are not viewed as an effective use of the Student Senate’s time nor are they seen to contribute to the betterment of the student body;

**Be it further resolved that:** COGS has not, and is not, forming a judicial ruling on the matter, rather COGS is establishing their stance on the disproportionate action being taken against the Student Body President for the alleged violations;

**Be it further resolved that:** Impeachment of our student leaders is a disheartening process that should be avoided when possible and only exercised if there is no other way to resolve the mistakes or actions made by the accused;

**Be it further resolved that:** COGS always strives to promote unity, fairness, and kindness throughout Florida State University;

**Be it further resolved that:** COGS applauds the hard and meaningful work the Student Senate does for all the students at Florida State University and this resolution is, by no means, an attempt to undermine the credibility of our senators, but an exercise of our right to form an opinion on University matters in the best interest of our constituents;

**Be it further resolved that:** copies of this resolution be sent to:

The Student President, Alexander Harmon

The Senate Pro Tempore, Renee Wang

SGA Accounting staff

Interim Director of SGA, Dr. Brandon Bowden

Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Amy Hecht.