

TWENTY SIXTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
COGS Assembly Room
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
January 29th, 2018
6:30 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Petitions into the Assembly: Ericha Stewart (Social Sciences Seat 3), Saptarshi Bhowmik (Arts & Sciences Seat 2), Idris Demirsoy (Arts & Sciences Seat 3), Jorge Oseguera Gamba (Minority Student Advocate), Jorge Hernandez (Criminology Seat 1), Aaron Reyna (Education Seat 2)

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

- Representative Batchelder (Graduate Student Survey)

Messages from Student Government:

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:
- Academics & Student Life:
- Ways & Means:

Funding Requests:

- Bill 8: *Allocation to PeaceJam*

Unfinished Business:

- Bill 7 Sponsored by Speaker Scriven: *Substantive Edits of the COGS Code, Reorganizing the Standing Committees of COGS*

New Business:

- Introduction of the 2018-2019 Annual Budget

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: February 5th, 2018

COGS Financial Report Fiscal Year 2017-2018

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
COGS ADMIN	\$26,200	Includes Speakers Request, Food, Wages, Maintenance Fees, Overhead and Office phone services	\$19,451.54
UNALLOCATED	\$20,286.00	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$4400.01 +Sweepings allocation of \$4000; end of 2017
ORGANIZATIONAL (C-SAC)	\$2,000	RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year	\$30
PRESENTATION GRANTS (NOV-FEB)	\$58,300	Presentation Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$0
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (NOV-FEB)	\$4500	Attendance Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$0

Recent Allocations:

- 8/28-Allocation to Public Health Student Association: General Expense \$543.92, Clothing/Awards \$100, Food \$337.15
- 8/28-Allocation to the Society for Musicology: Contractual Service \$4,000
- 9/18-Allocation to College of Social Work Doctoral Student Organization-CSAC Food \$240
- 9/18-Allocation to the School of Teacher Education Graduate Student Association-CSAC Food \$500
- 10/2-Allocation to the Philosophy Graduate Student Association- Food \$300
- 10/16-Allocation to National Art Educators Association-CSAC Food \$250
- 10/16-Allocation to the Indian Students Association of Tallahassee-CSAC Food \$980
- 10/16-Allocation to Sport Psychology Organization and Research Team-Contractual Services \$500, Travel \$900, Food \$500
- 10/16-Allocation to Terra Incognita-Travel 1500, General Expense \$200, Food \$300
- 11/6-Allocation to Minorities & Philosophy: Food \$400
- 11/6-Allocation to Music Theory Society: Contractual Services \$1,500
- 11/6-Allocation to Political Science Graduate Student Association: Contractual Services \$3,000, Food \$1,000
- 11/20-Allocation to Applied Sport Psychology-FSU: Contractual Services \$2,184, Food \$150
- 12/4-Allocation to Art Therapy Association: Contractual Services: \$1300, General Expense: \$244, Food: \$525
- 12/4-Allocation to Materials Research Society (MRS) FSU Chapter: Food: \$179.18, Clothing/Awards: \$222.74

TWENTY SIXTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
December 4th, 2017
6:36 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order: 6:36 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Oloye

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Asturizaga, Batchelder, Engelbrecht, Forsman, Gerardi, Lange, Lehn, Lozano, Oloye, Polischuk, Sanogo, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark, Zhang

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: Polischuk, Khazem

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Blake-Hedges, Burns, Gao

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Pierce

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

Reading and Approval of Minutes: with amendments. Engelbrecht 2nd.

Petitions into the Assembly: Bryan Salvato (Special Undecided Advocate Seat 1), Maher Khazem (Speical/Undecided Advocate Seat 2)

Special Introductions and Student Comments: Leah Sibbitt (Career Center) Kori Pruett (Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness)

Messages from Student Government: NONE

Unfinished Business: NONE

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 5:** *Allocation to Art Therapy Association*

The organization is requesting funding for their Annual Spring Workshop on February 24 from 9-4. The Workshop will host Art Therapists to attract individuals from the mental health field. The keynote speaker will discuss working with clients with disabilities. They are requesting funds for an honorarium, food, and general expenses. Representatives inquire if the workshop is open to all students, is the department willing to provide financial assistance, how they plan to advertise the event, and if the organization is willing to have COGS as a cohost. Representatives also inquire the breakdown of the honorarium, breakdown of the food budget and how does the organization fundraise. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Uttermark believes that this will be a great event and is in favor of funding. Deputy Speaker Lehn appreciates how prepared the organization is in their request. Sorribes agrees with Lehn and enjoys the fact that they are trying to bring something to the community. Lozano appreciates the efforts of the organization. Motion to amend Contractual Service: \$1300 and strike travel from the bill. Second. Motion passes. Motion to

amend Food from \$1135 to \$525. Second. Motion Passes. Bill reads Contractual Service \$1300, General Expense: 244 and Food: \$525. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill Passes: 14-0-0 Contractual Service \$1,300, General Expense: 244 and Food: \$525.**

- **Bill 6: Allocation to Materials Research Society FSU Chapter**
The organization is requesting funding for refreshments for their monthly meetings and assistance with purchasing t-shirts to advertise their program. They plan to have four meetings in the Spring with refreshments from Publix and currently have fifteen active members. Representatives inquire more details about the monthly meetings, a breakdown of food costs and if there is an agenda for the meetings. Representatives also inquire about how the t-shirts will be distributed. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Asturizaga admires the interdisciplinary nature of the organization and is in favor of funding. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill 6 Passes 12-0-1; Food: 179.18, Clothing/Awards \$222.74.**

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business:

Speaker Scriven turns the chair over to Deputy Speaker Uttermark to introduce a bill.

- Introduction of Bill 7 Sponsored by Speaker Scriven: *Substantive Edits of the COGS Code, Reorganizing the Standing Committees of COGS*
Speaker Scriven explains that the purpose of the bill is to create organized committees that focuses on internal and external affairs. Representatives are encouraged to review in their leisure and provide suggestions for edits. **Motion to Refer to Ways & Means. Second. Motion Passes.**

Deputy Speaker Uttermark turns the Chair over to Speaker Scriven.

- Resolution 2 Sponsored by Academics & Student Life Committee: *Opposition to Taxation of Graduate Student Tuition Waivers and Remissions*
Resolution 2 was first introduced to the congress on November 6th, 2017. Sorribes explains the importance of speaking on behalf of the graduate student community in opposition to more taxes. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Lehn believes that this bill is incredibly relevant and its COGS' duty to respond on behalf of the graduate student community. Motion to amend; submitted in writing. Second. Motion Passes. Motion to call to question. **Bill Passes 12-0-0.**

Round Table: Asturizaga, Batchelder, Engelbrecht, Forsman, Gerardi, Lange, Lehn, Lozano, Oloye, Sanogo, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark, Zhang

Adjournment: 9:25 pm

Next Meeting: January 8th, 2018

Congress of Graduate Students Florida State University

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The 26th Congress of Graduate Students

BILL 8

ON PETITION

Allocation to PeaceJam

On January 29th, 2018, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS 2017-2018 Unallocated Account (244003) to the PeaceJam Account:

General Expense: \$1,000

Food: \$3,000

Purpose: Funds will be used to assist in sponsoring the Tenth Annual PeaceJam Conference and Public Talk on April 6-8.

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

Joshua Scriven
Speaker

Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance



January 29th, 2018

Danielle Morgan Acosta
Director of Student Affairs

Dr. Amy Hecht
Vice President for Student Affairs

Response Summary:

Organization Info

Requesting Organization: PeaceJam-Center for Leadership and Social Change
Date Requested: 1/18/18
Budget Number: 0000000
Academic Term: Spring 2018
President: Rody Thompson
President's Email: rthompson@admin.fsu.edu
President's Phone Number: 8506458782
Treasurer: Rody Thompson
Treasurer's Email: rthompson@fsu.edu
Treasurer's Phone Number: 8506458782

Funding Source:

COGS

Budget Categories and Amount Requested

Contractual Services 0
Expense General 1000
Expense Travel 0
Food 3000
Clothing/Awards 0
OCO 0

Organization's full name

PeaceJam- Center for Leadership and Social Change

Have your organization's president and treasurer taken and passed the financial certification qui...

No

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

No

Does your organization do fundraising?

Yes

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

\$15,000

How did you raise the funds?

n/a

How many active members are in your organization?

100 +

Does your organization charge dues?

If your organization charges dues, how much does it charge?

n/a

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

3000

Purpose for which the funds will be used

As you may know, PeaceJam Southeast brings Nobel Peace Laureates to Florida State University for

conferences with high school youth, which are facilitated by college student mentors. The weekend-long conference is preceded by a Public Talk held at Turnbull Conference Center and open to the entire community. In the past, we have had the honor of hosting Nobel Peace Laureates from Ireland, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Colombia, Iran, and the United States. Because of the significant increase in costs for the dinner, we suggest that the Congress of Graduate Students become a Major Sponsor of the 10th Anniversary event and partner with PeaceJam at the \$4,000 level.

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

Tenth Annual PeaceJam Conference and Public Talk will take place during the weekend of April 6-8, 2018.

Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

As one of the most highly-regarded campus events of the year, PeaceJam conferences offer an opportunity for your organization to play a key role in welcoming a Nobel Peace Laureate to our campus. In addition to financial participation, we hope that the Congress of Graduate Students can be a true partner with us by helping to publicize the Public Talk through your networks and encourage your members to attend. The Public Talk will take place on Friday, April 6, and will be attended by President Thrasher. We will honor the Congress of Graduate Students at this event as one of our sponsors of the Public Talk. We also encourage your members to join us at the 10th Anniversary Celebration Dinner directly following the Talk, where again you will be recognized for your donation and partnership.

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

TO: Congress of Graduate Students, Florida State University

Dear student leaders,

I am writing to you on behalf of the PeaceJam Southeast, a program of the Center for Leadership and Social Change and the Division of Student Affairs. As you may know, PeaceJam Southeast brings Nobel Peace Laureates to Florida State University for conferences with high school youth, which are facilitated by college student mentors. The weekend-long conference is preceded by a Public Talk held at Turnbull Conference Center and open to the entire community. In the past, we have had the honor of hosting Nobel Peace Laureates from Ireland, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Colombia, Iran, and the United States.

Our Tenth Annual PeaceJam Conference and Public Talk will take place during the weekend of April 6-8, 2018. Our visiting Nobel Laureate will be Kailash Satyarthi from India. He won the Nobel Prize in 2014 for his tireless work on behalf of children who have been victims of child labor and other unfair practices worldwide. See the following link for further information about this extraordinary man: www.kailashsatyarthi.net/

In the past, the Congress of Graduate Students has been a strong supporter of PeaceJam, helping us to bring our Nobel Peace Laureate to campus with a significant financial contribution for many years. Last year you hosted our Reception following the Nobel Laureate's Public Talk and donated at the \$3,000 level. This year, because it is our Tenth Anniversary, we are hosting a celebratory dinner rather than a reception directly following the Nobel Laureate's talk. Because of the significant increase in costs for the dinner, we suggest that the Congress of Graduate Students become a Major Sponsor of the 10th Anniversary event and partner with PeaceJam at the \$4,000 level.

The benefits of this co-sponsorship include:

- Signage recognizing your sponsorship at the Nobel Laureate's Public Talk as well as at the 10th Anniversary Dinner
- Recognition on the PeaceJam Conference program (700+), Public Talk program (600+)
- Placement on banners, flyers, and other conference materials
- A private introduction and photo opportunity with our visiting Nobel Peace Laureate during the Public Talk
- 5 reserved VIP seats for the Public Talk and the Dinner (RSVP required)

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We look forward to building upon our strong partnership with the Congress of Graduate Students. We will follow up with you shortly to discuss further, but in the meantime if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



PeaceJam Southeast Director
Florida State University

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BILL 7

Sponsored by *Speaker Scriven*

Substantive Edits of the COGS Code, Reorganizing the Standing Committees of COGS

On January 29th, 2018, 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.

Underlines indicate additions. **Strikethroughs** indicate deletions.

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C) Issue reports on the balance and expenditures of COGS accounts.
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- ~~E) All other areas in which the Chair and the Speaker agree the committee should focus~~

D) Committee leadership elections shall be held before Jan 22nd 2018 for any COGS committee not existing prior to December 4th 2017.

E) On Jan 22nd 2018, the membership and leadership of the three COGS committees listed here, shall be dissolved, at which point this provision 108.3(E) shall be stricken from the COGS Code: Internal Affairs Committee, Academics & Student Life Committee, Ways & Means Committee.

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Joshua Scriven
Speaker



Danielle Morgan Acosta
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Dr. Amy Hecht
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January 29th, 2018

Twenty – Sixth COGS Budget Committee Report

Matthew Uttermark, Chair

Jeanette Lehn, Vice-Chair

Jennifer Batchelder

Austin Engelbrecht

Lane Forsman

Maher Khazem

Abiola Oloye

Inmaculada Sorribes

Jiajing Zhang



Introduction

In this proposal, the Budget Committee of the Congress of Graduate Students is presenting the Assembly with a budget for the 2019 fiscal year. The intention of the Budget Committee is to support the mission of COGS, which is to both defend the interests of all post-baccalaureate students in graduate student life, services, and academics while also managing the funds within our purview in a fiscally responsible manner. To do so, the Committee has worked to balance increased funding for successful academic and professional programs with a desire to trim wasteful expenditures and unspent money.

Due to increases in the projected enrollment of post-bachelorette students on campus, the COGS budget increased for the upcoming fiscal year. The Budget is \$32,000 greater than the previous year's budget. An increase of 5.5 percent. Coupled with a large reduction in the requested budget from FSU Childcare, this allowed the Committee to provide greater financial support to many groups and organizations than previous years.

The Committee would like to recognize and thank the assistance of several people who helped make these deliberations possible. Director of Student Affairs, Danielle Morgan Acosta, Assistant Director, Carolyn Harris, and COGS Advisor, Joshua Kinchen for their input, and their assistance throughout the budget process. Speaker Joshua Scriven, was present to help the committee, and provided additional input. Additionally, the Committee wishes to thank COGS Program Associate, Whitney Brown for her aid in organizing committee documents and Ben Young and SGA Publications for the help in producing the COGS Budget Handbook.

The Committee was unanimous during final deliberations; discussion was enthusiastic and rigorous as this budget reflects a balanced allocation of COGS funds. The budget was approved on a vote of 9-0 with representatives Batchelder, Engelbreth, Forsman, Khazem, Lehn, Oloye, Sorribes, Uttermark, and Zhang voting in favor of the proposed budget. The proposed budget will now move on to the full Congress for deliberations and debate. It is in the opinion of the majority of the committee that representatives should vote in favor of the proposed distribution of funds.

Organizational Support

A number of new RSOs requested funding during the budget committee this year. The committee is pleased to see newly formed RSOs financing growing events to aid the post-baccalaureate student body on campus. The following organizations requesting funds are: Applied Sports Psychology (ASP), Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA), Hispanic Graduate Student Association (HiGSA), Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA), Society for Musicology (SIM), and The Cell and Molecular Biology Student Association (TCGS).

Applied Sports Psychology

APS was funded at \$3,800 dollars: \$3,000 in expense and \$400 in food. The committee. The Committee is happy to see ASP again asking for funding during the annual budget process again. The group was funded in line with past COGS allocations from General Body meetings. The Committee is happy to provide funding for the two established speaking events, but felt the request for a third outside speaker event was too nebulous to warrant funding.

Black Graduate Student Association

The BGSA was funded at \$4,000 dollars: \$1,700 in expense, and \$2,000 in food, and \$300 in Clothing and Awards. The committee is interested in promoting diversity in the post- baccalaureate environment. The RSO requested no change in total amount of funding from the previous year. The committee thanks the RSO for their reasonable request and professional presentation at the Budget Hearings.

Hispanic Graduate Student Association

HiGSA was funded at \$4,915 dollars: \$3,500 in contractual services, \$300 in expense, \$1080 in food, and \$35 in clothing and awards. The committee is interested in promoting diversity in the post- baccalaureate environment. HiGSA is a model organization funded by COGS working diligently since its founding to make a large impact on campus. The RSO was recognized this year by FSU President Thrasher and has received external funds to aid in funding its film festival project. The RSO is looking to expand programming and bring in additional outside speakers, which explains the increase in requested funding for the upcoming fiscal year. The committee agreed to fully fund the request and thanks the RSO for their professional presentation at the Budget Hearings.

Political Science Graduate Student Association

PSGSA was funded at \$4,000 dollars: \$3,000 in contractual services, and \$1000 in food. The RSO for many years has come in front of the COGS General Body to seek funding for their week long statistical methods summer workshop. The Committee is encourage to see the RSO seek funding for the annual project during the budget process. The Committee felt the expense for two week long instructional courses was reasonable, and in line with previous allocations for the RSO, and fully funded the request.

Society for Musicology

SIM was funded \$4,200 dollars: \$4,000 in contractual services and \$200 in food. SIM has hosted their annual Musicology conference on campus for over a decade. The conference is well organized and well attended. The Committee was encouraged to see the RSO seek funding for the conference during the annual budget. The request was similar to previous allocations by COGS and was fully funded.

The Cell and Molecular Biology Graduate Student Association

TCGS was funded \$500 dollars in food. The Committee was happy to see the RSO seek funding from COGS for the first time in the annual budget. The RSO was seeking funding for food at weekly coffee hours and colloquia. The Committee is happy to support new RSOs that request funding from COGS. The Committee chose to fund the RSO in line with previous COGS allocations for food-only requests and supported the RSO at \$500.

Departmental & Affiliated Projects

FSU Childcare

FSU Childcare was funded at \$61,564 dollars in OPS wages. The Committee was happy to hear about the updates to Childcare at FSU as the program transitions to a new facility which can accommodate more children. The department requested a 57% reduction in funding due to restructuring of federal grants and increased support from FSU SGA. COGS would like to thank SGA for their commitment to affordable childcare on campus. The committee enthusiastically supports fulling funding the request.

The Center for Leadership and Social Change (PeaceJam)

PeaceJam was funded \$4,000 dollars: \$2,000 in expense and \$2,000 in food. PeaceJam has annual requested funding for annual conference. The conference brings in a Nobel laureate and COGS funds are used to help fund the opening talk. The

Committee was encouraged to see the department ask for funding during the annual budget process and voted to fully fund the request.

Graduate School

The Graduate School was funded at \$12,000: \$1,000 in expense and \$11,000 in food. The committee wishes funds were available to fund all events proposed by the graduate school. The committee was impressed by the inclusion of the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards (OGFA) and encourages the graduate school to allocate some funding to their events in the upcoming fiscal year. The Committee felt that the 20% increase to the Graduate School line item from the current fiscal year was reasonable given the overall changes to the COGS budget.

Funding Boards

Law School Council

The LSC was funded at \$42,000; \$1,000 in contractual services \$28,000 in expenses, and \$12,000 in food, and \$1000 in clothing and awards. The Committee was impressed by LSC's funding request this year and continued attention to reduce annual sweepings amounts. The Committee voted to fully fund LSC's request and thanks the funding board for their well-planned budget proposal.

Medical School Council

MSC was funded at \$46,500; \$1,400 in contractual services \$33,450 in expenses, and \$11,650 in food. The committee chose funding levels by allocating the maximum percentage allowed by COGS code for Food expenditures. The remainder of the allocation was placed into the expenses category. The Committee is excited that the Medical school is continuing to implement the new Physician's Assistant program in the next school year. The majority of the committee felt that a 6.8% increase (\$3,000) was reasonable for the RSO given COGS's 5.5% increase in funding this year.

The original allocation was approved by a vote of 5-3 with members Engelbrecht, Khazem, and Zhang voting against adoption. Representative Oloye was absent for the vote.

The allocation of an additional \$500 into the food line item was approved on a vote of 8-1 with member Sorribes voting against adoption.

COGS GRANT PROGRAMS

COGS currently funds four grant lines: the Presentation Grants, the Academic & Professional Conference Attendance Grants, the Dissertation Research Grant, and the Organizational Support Grant. The increase in funding allowed COGS to committee the largest amount of funding to grant programs than it had in many previous fiscal years.

Presentation Grants

Many members of the Budget Committee believe that the Presentation Grants program is the most important program that COGS funds. It is certainly the most well-known COGS program on campus, and thousands of grants have been given to graduate students over the years. If funding permitted, COGS would be on track to process over 600 Presentation grants this year. Funding was recommended at \$160,000 for the fiscal year. This represents a \$9,000 increase from the previous year.

Academic & Professional Support Attendance Grants

The committee recommends funding the Academic & Professional Support Attendance Grants at \$17,000 for the upcoming fiscal year. This represents a \$4,000 increase in funding from the previous fiscal year.

Dissertation Research Grants

The committee recommends that Dissertation Research Grant funding be funded at \$10,000 dollars for the next fiscal year. This represents a \$5,000 increase from the previous year. Members on the committee felt that the Dissertation Research Grants provide a vital means of research support on campus. This is the first time since fiscal year 14-15 that COGS has been able to fully fund this grant.

Organizational Support Grants

The committee recommends funding Organizational Support Grants at \$4,000 dollars. This is a \$2,000 increase from the previous year. Members felt that a increase allowed COGS to provide more support to new RSOs on campus. This increase brings C-SAC back to fiscal year 16-17 amounts. C-SAC is out of funds for the current fiscal year.

COGS ADMINISTRATION

The COGS Administrative account is composed of all the direct allocations which are not line items or funding boards. All of the were approved en bloc by the committee.

Salary and Insurance

Salary and Insurance are a mandatory expense. \$120,000 were allocated for the item in the next fiscal year. Projections were compiled by the SA&O office. The funds compensate the COGS Administrator, Whitney Brown, as well as other an Accountant position affiliated with COGS day-to-day operations.

COGS Officers

COGS Officers were recommended funding at \$15,000 dollars. These funds are used to compensate the work of members of the executive board in COGS. The funds are based off of contracted hourly rates developed by FSU payroll.

OPS Office Staff

OPS Office Staff was recommended funding at \$3,500. It is used to fund hourly SGA/COGS accounting office staff.

Food

Food was recommended funding at \$2000 dollars. The line allocates funding for food during COGS meetings. The food is available to all students who attend the meeting. This allocation represents a \$500 increase from the previous fiscal year's budget and brings the line item back to fiscal year 16-17 levels.

Office Supplies

Office Supplies was recommended funding at \$500 dollars. The line is used to fund necessary office supplies for the COGS office and affiliates.

Telephone

Telephone was recommended funding at \$1,500 dollars. This represents flat funding from the previous fiscal year. Funds go towards paying for computer maintenance, internet connections, and phone lines for the COGS office and COGS support staff.

Maintenance & Repair

Maintenance & Repair was recommended funding at \$500 dollars.

Speaker's Request

Speaker's Request was recommended funding at \$5,000 dollars. The speakers request is used to as a means of funding COGS graduate student orientation events. The recommended funding is an increase of \$1,300 from the previous fiscal year. The money is expected to be used to fund the Madison Social new graduate student social, ice cream for the COGS tabling at orientation. Additional have been placed in the account to help cover unexpected moving costs and defray university-mandated updates to COGS computers.

COGS UNALLOCATED

The remaining funds that have not been dispersed will be held in the COGS unallocated account. These are the funds the COGS Congress will use to allocate to RSOs in FY19. Presently, the account is allocated \$39,521. This represents a 94.8 percent increase in the Unallocated account form the current fiscal year. The increase can be attributed to both the increase in the total COGS Budget and the decrease in RSOs requesting allocations during the annual budget process. A number of RSOs

that have requested funds in the past (History Graduate Student Association, Philosophy Graduate Student Association, Graduate Women in Sciences, etc.) chose not to submit budget this year. Many of these groups will invariably seek funding from the General Body in the upcoming fiscal year where the Unallocated funds will be needed. Funding Boards are also encouraged to seek additional funding from the Unallocated Account if they need additional financial support throughout the next fiscal year. Additionally, the COGS Unallocated Account has already been spent for the current fiscal year. Without the recent allocation of Sweepings funds from SGA, COGS would be unable to support any RSOs for the current semester. The increase in Unallocated funding will allow the General Body to support funding post-bachelorette students on campus for the entire upcoming fiscal year and direct funding to the groups and organizations with the greatest fiscal needs.

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Organizational Support	Salary	OPS Wages	Contract Serv	Expense	Food	Clothing and Awards	Total
Applied Sport Psychology			\$3,400.00		\$400.00		\$3,800.00
Black Graduate Student Association				\$1,700.00	\$2,000.00	\$300.00	\$4,000.00
Hispanic GSA (HiGSA)			\$3,500.00	\$300.00	\$1,080.00	\$35.00	\$4,915.00
Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)			\$3,000.00		\$1,000.00		\$4,000.00
Society for Musicology			\$4,000.00		\$200.00		\$4,200.00
Molecular Biology Graduate Student Association (TCGS)					\$500.00		\$500.00
Departments & Affiliated Projects							
FSU Childcare		\$61,564.00					\$61,564.00
The Center for Leadership and Social Change (PeaceJam)			\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		\$4,000.00
The Graduate School				\$1,000.00	\$11,000.00		\$12,000.00
Funding Boards							
LSC (Expense)			\$1,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$42,000.00
MSC (Expense)			\$1,400.00	\$33,450.00	\$11,650.00	\$0.00	\$46,500.00
COGS Grant Programs							
Conf. Presentation Grants* - 244002				\$160,000.00			\$160,000.00
Conf. Attendance Grants* - 244031				\$17,000.00			\$17,000.00
Dissertation Research - 244004						\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Org. Support Grant (C-SAC) - 244006				\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00
COGS Admin - 244001							
Salary (+Insurance)	\$120,000.00						\$120,000.00
COGS Officers		\$15,000.00					\$15,000.00
OPS Office Staff*		\$3,500.00					\$3,500.00
Food					\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Clothing Awards							
Facility Rental							
Printing & Postage							
Advertising							
Office Supplies				\$500.00			\$500.00
NAGPS Membership*							
Telephone*		\$1,500.00					\$1,500.00
Maintenance & Repair				\$500.00			\$500.00
Insurance							
Contractual Services							
Travel							
Speaker's Request				\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00
Overhead							
* Denotes Proviso Limitation							
COGS Unallocated - 244003							\$39,521.00
Summaries:	Salary	OPS Wages	Contract Serv	Expense	Food	Clothing and Awards	Total
	\$120,000.00	\$81,564.00	\$18,300.00	\$251,450.00	\$43,830.00	\$11,335.00	\$566,000.00