THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
Assembly Meeting
July 17, 2023
6:30pm
Agenda

Call to Order:
Pledge of Allegiance:
Roll call:
Reading and approval of the Minutes:
Petitions into the Assembly:
Special Introductions and Student Comments:
Messages from Student Government:
Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:
Report of Officers:
  • Report of the Speaker:
  • Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance:
  • Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs:
  • Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications:
Committee Report:
  • C-SAC:
  • Internal Affairs:
  • Student Advocacy:
  • Student Affairs:
Funding Requests:
  Bill #1: Office of Representation, Inclusion, Student Equity (RISE)
Unfinished Business:
  Deputy Speaker for Finance Call for Nominees
New Business:
Round Table:
Adjournment:
Next Meeting: September 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Senate Chambers
## COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

31st Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 1

Sponsored by: Representative Galeano-Cabral

Date: 7/17/23

Amount: $1,500

From (account name): COGS Unallocated

To (account name): Office of Representation, Inclusion, Student Equity (RISE)

Purpose & Description: This money will go towards funding food for RISE’s “Third Floor Thursdays” events. Third Floor Thursdays is an event series open to all Florida State University graduate students. This initiative is meant to encourage collaboration and build community across various people, departments, and programs. The aim is to cultivate a sense of belonging amongst graduate students.

Itemized Expenditures:

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**Product Cost:** $688.25

**Subtotal:** $480.90

Additional Charges:
- Shipping Charge: $10.00
- Sales Tax: $88.25

**Total:** $688.25

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Third Floor Thursdays
Participant Quotes and Photos

“Third Floor Thursdays are the highlight of the month- it is such a nice space to meet other grads and unplug for a moment.”

“I always have an amazing experience at Third Floor Thursday! I am immediately met with welcoming and sincere energy from the moment I walk into the room.”

*Quotes pulled from anonymous Qualtrics surveys*
THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
Assembly Meeting
June 26, 2023
6:30pm
Minutes

Call to Order: 6:32pm
Pledge of Allegiance: Rep. Rogowski
Present: Balogun, Beavon, Galeano, Rogowski, Solmaz, Vaughn, Wesner
Absent-Excused: Delva, Ebuara
Reading and approval of the Minutes: Galeano, 2nd - Beavon

Special Election for New Speaker
Rogowski: Rep. Basualdo has submitted his resignation, so we will need to hold a special election. We do have someone who is interested in the position of Deputy Speaker of Finance, but is on a leave of absence for the summer - Joshua Burns. We will now open the floor for nominations for the new Speaker.
Vaughn - I would like to nominate Susan Rogowski. Galano - 2nd.
Rogowski - I accept.
Vaughn takes over Rogowski for acting Speaker
3 minutes for speech on why Rep. Rogowski should be elected: Have been in COGS for over a year and in the role of Deputy Speaker of Finance for almost a year. Wants to have more opportunities to do big picture things while also working to have more leadership experience within COGS.
Technical, non-debatable questions:
Wesner - How much longer at FSU? I plan to graduate in May.
Vaughn - How do you see yourself leading COGS during the next year? Plan to continue communication with SGA when it comes to Sweepings and other processes. Making sure to have a seat at the table.
Galeano - Motion to extend questions. 2nd - Beavon
Balogun - What stage are you currently in your studies? I'm going into my last year.
Balogun - Will your dissertation be a barrier? No. I'm good at managing my time.
Executive roles are paid positions. I've already been working to manage my time with the Deputy Speaker for Finance Role. Will stay with COGS until graduation.
Wesner - Motion to extinguish time; Galano - 2nd.
Pros:
Wesner - she is familiar with the position and how to handle those responsibilities.
Vaughn - She gives a lot to COGS, cares a lot, and will do a great job.
Balogun - She is passionate and has taken up leading COGS even in her current role.
Wesner - motion to extinguish time; Beavon - 2nd.
Galeano - motion to call to question; Beavon - 2nd.
Vote: 7-0-0

Role of the Deputy Speaker for Finance:
Advisor Andy Johnson - clarified the order of succession for this. Either an acting deputy speaker can be appointed through the line of succession. If no one is put into the role, the SGA Speaker will appoint someone for the role. Speaker Rogowski is willing to act.
as both Speaker and Deputy Speaker for Finance until the July meeting where we would either elect a new member or defer until the fall.

Rogowski - for the smoothest transition, it would be better if someone wants to take over the roll 100%. This is why I am willing to stay in both rolls until we elect someone. Everyone in the line of succession wants to waive this. If you are interested in the role, please speak to me between now and the next meeting. The election won't be until the next meeting. There is not much going on in the summer, so doing two roles is manageable until the fall.

Rogowski - Would anyone be willing to waive the line of succession and have the SGA President appoint someone into the role?

Galeano - Motion to waive the line of succession and have the SGA President appoint someone into the role. 2nd - Beavon

Galeano - motion to call to question; Solmaz - 2nd.

Vote: 6-0-0

**Petitions into the Assembly:**

Shezin Hussain - Communication and Information Seat 1

Hussain - I am a 3rd year Ph.D. student in the School of Information. I want to apply for COGS because while applying for traveling funding, I learned more about COGS. When I sent in information, I didn't get as much information which motivated me to get involved. My peers also wanted to know more about COGS and most graduate students in my department want to know more about the timeline for grants. I have also seen committees and am interested.

**Q&A -**

Vaughn - Which committee would you like to be a part of? Advocacy and working on the relationship with GAU. Also want to help out with diversity measures.

Rogowski - Will you be available for COGS meetings in the Fall? Yes.

**Pros -**

Rogowski - I like that she looked up the committees. She seems passionate for advocacy and finding more members.

Balogun - I also see the passion in her.

Vaughn - Hate to see it, but the grant errors did bring us two people who were interested in learning more about COGS.

Vote: 6-0-0

**Swearing in of Shezin Hussain**

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:** N/A

**Messages from Student Government:** N/A

**Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:** N/A

**Report of Officers:**

- **Report of the Speaker:** I am excited in this new role. Bear with me during this transition. Excited to be doing more big picture stuff. Excited to continue to be on the executive board and work on what the Fall semester will look like.

- **Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance:** In conversations about grants. Dr. Williams has been working on the survey monkey system and we hope that students will now be able to see their updated status once approved. We will be testing this out. Once an application has been submitted, you should be able to
see your status and don't need to wait for an email. We want to do an audit of the grants to see if we can increase the amount.

- Call for Volunteers for Grant Audit: If you are interested, please email Rep. Rogowski. Will be looking at information from before COVID. Rep. Solmaz is interested in helping out. Rep. Hussain is also interested in helping out.
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs: N/A
- Report of the Deputy Speaker for Communications: Excited to have a new member. Please continue to share the word about COGS.

Committee Report:

- C-SAC:
- Internal Affairs: N/A
- Student Advocacy: N/A
- Student Affairs: N/A

Funding Requests: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business:
- Call for volunteers for International Student Orientation
  - August 11th: Galeano (maybe), Hussain, and Balogun
  - August 18th: Galeano, Rogowski, and Solmaz (maybe)
- Ideas to promote COGS - more active social media; CC the current representatives when emailing out to the different department heads about COGS open seats.
- Rogowski: has anyone tried Market Wednesday? Solmaz - I have and there was a great turnout.
- Point of information from Andy Johnson - Need to sign up through Nole Central for Market Wednesday. Also there are information fairs with tabling opportunities. There is an event tomorrow, but it might be too late. The one in the Fall, the registration opens this Saturday. Intent moving forward is to try to get a standing table for all of student government to use at each involvement fair. Might be good to have a COGS face there.
- Dr. Williams - Another way to reach out is to work with the Graduate School. Can also encourage RSOs to go to those events as well.

Round Table:

Adjournment: 8:16pm

Next Meeting: **July 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom**