



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

TWENTY NINTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

COGS Assembly Meeting

Monday, June 7th, 2021

6:30 PM

Agenda

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Petitions into the Assembly: Shibu Adhikari (Arts & Sciences)

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:

Round Table/Final Roll Call:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: Monday, July 19th at 6:30 PM via Zoom

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	\$2,600
LSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations	\$20,556.49
MSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations	\$122.80
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	\$.04
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$47,000	Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$12,260.16
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	\$0
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$5,000	Attendance Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$4,826.00

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Assembly Meeting
Special Session
Zoom
5/24/2021
6:30 PM
MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:36pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Ahlbum, Creigh, Collins, Delva, Graves, Hagemeyer, Harshe, Hirsch, Sangokunle, Sizemore, Smith, Wiley

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: Hirsch

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Gfatter

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: Morgan

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:

Reading and Approval of Minutes: motion to approve: **Wiley**, second: **Hirsch**.

Elections: Interim Deputy Speaker of Communications

Nominations:

Ahlbum- Previously worked with a fraternity, did a lot of work with recruitment. Plenty of time to commit to this this summer.

Collins- 8 years here at FSU, experience studying communications. Desire to create an outreach plan. Desire to take on this role in the future.

Questions: Graves: (both) do you have the time to commit?

Ahlbum: I work hourly, and it wouldn't be an issue to devote time to COGS this summer.

Collins: Very flexible schedule this summer.

Sangokunle: short-term plans for COGS?

Ahlbum: gaining more of a social media presence, noticed that our twitter only has 300 followers

Collins: incorporating questionnaires for student involvement and building a newsletter.

Creigh: future plans to take on this role after current Deputy Speaker of Communications graduates.

Ahlbum: just for now, graduating very soon (fall or spring)

Collins: plan on graduating in 2023, and would like to take on the role

Harshe: outreach to international students?

Ahlbum: accept feedback from all students

Collins: providing different ways to respond and interact, new events, etc.

Pros: Hirsch: either candidate would do a great job. Rep Collins is very active on social media and has great outreach skills for speech language pathologists.

Cons: n/a

Motion to call to question; Graves; Second; Sangokunle

Vote: 1:8:0

Report of Officers:

- **The Report of the Speaker:** I am trying to spend the speaker budget, order placed for 2 10x10 tents for organizations to rent. 150 drawstring bags, and tabling at involvement fair.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance:** working on onboarding, email set up today, just figuring out the role.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs:** still working on onboarding.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications:** nothing to report.

Committee Report:

- **C-SAC:** nothing to report
- **Internal Affairs:** email will go out this evening to talk about writing and outreach this summer
- **Student Advocacy:** meeting scheduled for Wednesday @630
- **Student Affairs: Sizemore:** planning on vacating seat as chair, meeting to be determined.

Funding Requests:

- Rep. Hirsch presenting bill 11: funding request to transfer 68,000 to FSU childcare: disinfecting supplies and toys for the childcare center.
- Pros: Collins: essential as parents transition to the workplace and demand for childcare rises.
- Cons: N/A
- Motion: motion to call to question: Morgan; seconded: Dep Speaker Creigh.
- **Vote: 11:0:0**

Unfinished Business: Hagemeyer presenting Bills 6-10. Deadline, May 28th.

Endowment fund shot down by the Board of Governors. Statute interpreted to mean only capital products may be supported by an endowment fund. An account may be set up that may last for 35 years to protect it from sweepings process. Great Give funds (15 grand) may be put in an endowment fund.

- 3m of questions:
 - Wiley: so, we are certain these will be held until further notice for this particular purpose?
- Some good faith, but we did get written confirmation that we can keep it safe for only that use. Let me show you the written agreement.
- Deputy Speaker Sizemore moved to extend 2min, seconded by Ahlbum.
 - Graves: I would hate for that money to be unprotected. Specific language re: what it can/cannot be used for?
 - Morgan: proviso language in the budget, perhaps language stating frequency of usage. (annual scheduled maintenance).
- Language may lock us into something unnecessarily.
 - Committee to handle requests?
- Maclain Benton would be (most likely) point of contact.
 - Sizemore: I think the language is exclusionary enough.
 - Wiley: distinct account for our cause should exist.
- Will keep you posted about what option we deem safest and most perennial.
- We don't have any other options with that deadline of Friday.
 - Graves: how soon can we expect to have an account of our own?
- That timeline is pretty hard to determine.
- We're just looking for language to protect it for now, we may amend it later. Purpose to keep them from using it on something else while we prepare the account. Specifically, "tom project AEDs"
 - Morgan: "use of this money cannot begin until creation of a separate account for these funds"
 - Suggested Changes: specify Tom Project AEDs, spell out AED in the second sentence, *and add "separate account for these funds", and expressly define maintenance.*
- Pros: Sizemore; good response to a change in situation, concise and they work well.
- Cons: n/a
- Amendment: Hagemeyer: move to amend purpose and description to specify Tom Project AEDs and spell out AED acronym in the second sentence.
- Seconded by Rep Morgan
- Pros: Sizemore: even the worst possible attorneys could defend this to support COGS, which is all we are really looking for.
- Cons: N/A
- Motion to call to question; Morgan; Seconded by Collins.
- Objections: none

Vote on amendment: 10:0:1 passed.

Vote

6A VOTE: 10:0:1
7A VOTE: 10:0:1
8A VOTE: 10:0:1
9A VOTE: 10:0:1
10A VOTE: 10:0:1

Round Table/Finale Roll Call:
Adjournment: 8:33pm

Next Meeting: June 7th