

TWENTY-SIXTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Regular Session
COGS
HCB, Room 103
October 1st, 2018
6:30 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Petitions into the Assembly: Michael Morgan Jr. (Education)

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

Messages from Student Government: Lauren Brooker (LSC Chair)

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:

- Internal Affairs
- Student Affairs
- Student Advocacy

Funding Requests:

- Bill 28: *Allocation to Turkish Student Association*

Unfinished Business:

- Bill 17: *Allocation to Art History Association*

New Business: NONE

- Bill 29 Sponsored by Speaker Scriven: *Amendments to Chapter 211 of the COGS Code, Compliance and Enforcement Mechanisms*
- Resolution 4: *Permission for Travel Reimbursement Approval - Phi Alpha Delta*

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: October 15th, 2018

COGS Financial Report Fiscal Year 2018-2019

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
COGS ADMIN	\$28,000	Includes Speakers Request, Food, Wages, Maintenance Fees, Overhead and Office phone services	\$26,240.39
UNALLOCATED	\$39,521	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$27,145.78
ORGANIZATIONAL (C-SAC)	\$4,000	RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year	\$4,000
PRESENTATION GRANTS (JUL-OCT)	\$53,000	Presentation Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$6,700
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (JUL-OCT)	\$6,000	Attendance Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$1,300

Recent Allocations:

- Bill 13 Allocation to Public Administration Graduate Association; Clothing/Awards: \$900
- Bill 14 Allocation to Neuroscience Graduate Student Association; Contractual Services: \$500, Food: \$1,500
- Bill 16 Allocation to ChemiNoles; General Expense: \$520.48, Food: \$100
- Bill 18 Allocation to Philosophy Graduate Student Association; Contractual Service: \$1500, General Expense: \$100, Food: \$340
- Bill 19 Allocation to Physics Graduate Student Association; Food: \$1,650
- Bill 22 Allocation to Music Theory Society; Contractual Services: \$1,500
- Bill 23 Allocation to Graduate Women in Science; Clothing/Awards: \$250, Contractual Service: \$250, General Expense: \$500, Food: \$1000
- Bill 24 Allocation to School of Teacher Education Graduate Student Association Food: \$462
- Bill 26 Allocation to Public Health Student Association; Food: 992.17, General Expense: \$310.57

TWENTY-SIXTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
September 17th, 2018
6:32 p.m.
Agenda



Call to Order: 6:32 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Hernandez

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Blake-Hedges, Burns, Collopy, Demirsoy, Gerardi, Hernandez, Lange, Nordstrom, Oloye, O'Neill, Reyna, Scriven, Sorribes, Stewart, Swanson, Uttermark, Zhang

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Asturizaga, Solano

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: Engelbrecht

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Approved. Uttermark 2nd.

Petitions into the Assembly: Abby Brinkman (Law Seat 2), Veronica Chase (Education Seat 1), Austin Cade Eovito (Arts & Sciences Seat 1)

Special Introductions and Student Comments: NONE

Messages from Student Government: NONE

Elections:

- Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs Elections:
Deputy Speaker Uttermark nominates Rep O'Neill. 2nd O'Neill accepts

Results from Election for the 26th Congress' Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs: Adam O'Neill.

- Deputy Speaker of Communications Elections:
Representative Stewart nominates herself. 2nd. Nomination accepted

Results from Election for the 26th Congress' Deputy Speaker of Communications Ericha Stewart.

Funding Requests:

- **Bill 22: *Music Theory Society***
The organization explains that they will be hosting 36th Annual Music Theory Forum; the longest consecutive run student conference in North America. The conference brings undergraduates and graduate student from the across the nation with interest in music theory to the university. The conference is modeled after the national annual conference for music theory and provides professional networking opportunities. The organization requests funding for an honorarium for the speaker, Associate Professor Steven Rogers from the University of Oregon. The rest of the funds needed for the conference were raised through t-shirt and bake sales. Representatives inquire the average attendance and if any additional fundraising efforts are scheduled. **FIRST PRO:** Deputy Speaker Uttermark supports the request and notes that this organization is one of the most fiscally responsible RSOs. Swanson agrees with Uttermark and believes it is a worthy event to fund. Motion to call to question. Second. Vote by acclamation. **Bill 22 passes unanimously 17-0-0; Contractual Service: \$1,500.**
- **Bill 23: *Allocation to Graduate Women in Science***
The organization explains that they provide support for women in science and are focused on doing events that promotes community and learning. They will host several events including a workshop with the Career Center, a panel discussion, self-defense class with FSU Police amongst other events. In March, they will host their Art and Stem event, expect 50 in attendance and will need funds for food and supplies. Representatives inquire about an itemized budget, the duration of the events, their fundraising efforts, how do they plan to advertise the larger events, and how many students are expected to attend each of the events. Representatives also inquire a breakdown of the award expenses, how funding was budgeted for each event, how will the events impact graduate students and if events are open to everyone. **FIRST PRO:** Sorribes likes that they are trying to promote community and that they are offering self-defense classes and hopes that they can allocate a reasonable amount. Motion to amend the bill to read \$250 in Contractual Services and General Expense to read \$500. Second. Amendment passes. **FIRST CON:** Burns is concerned about the amount of the expenses and duration of the events. Motion to amend Food to \$700. Second. Objection. Burns explains the intention of reducing the food costs and notes the duration of the events. **FIRST CON:** Blake-Hedges does not believe a time frame should be a reason to not provide food at an event and that the food could bring more guests to the event. Sorribes supports the short length of events because that might attract people to come to the event for that period of time. Deputy Speaker Stewart thinks that food should be provided at the event where a speaker will be present. Motion to call to question on the amendment. 4-15-0. Amendment fails return to the bill as amended. Motion to call to question. 2nd. **Bill 23 passes 15-4-0; Clothing/Awards: \$250, Contractual services: \$2250, General Expense: \$500, Food: \$1,000.**
- **Bill 24: *Allocation to Student Teacher Education Graduate Student Association***
The organization details the different areas of concentration within the department and how some students feel isolated in these areas. They would like to host events that bring these communities together and discuss professional development topics that can relate to all students through panel discussions and coffee hours. At some of the events, they would like to provide food and request \$802. Representatives inquire do they plan to co-facilitate these events with other departments, would they be open to co-facilitating events, the expenses for each event and how many of the events have been done before in the past. Representatives also ask if they have tried to reach out to other departments for assistance, reasons for not fundraising, do they plan to advertise more for panel discussions and expected attendance for each event. **FIRST PRO:** Blake-Hedges believes it is a great idea to get people from your department together especially when they have other priorities that may have their

attention. Gerardi believes is great to have a place where you can go and hang out after being separated in your area. **FIRST CON:** Sorribes likes the idea of bringing community within a department and believes that they should ask their department for funds if they are not promoting the graduate student community. Burns believes some events are pricier than necessary, breaks down the events and how they can be reduced. Motion to amend food to \$462. 2nd. Motion passes. Motion to call to question. Second. **Bill passes 15-4-0; Food: \$462**

- **Bill 25: Allocation to Thalassic Society**
Motion to table to the next meeting. Second. Bill tabled.
- **Bill 26: Allocation to Public Health Student Association**
PHSA notes their organization's efforts to provide community initiatives to enhance community engagement. They also detail the different events that will be hosted during the semester including monthly seminars that last 2-3 hours and a pinning ceremony. The organization reviews some changes to the requested amount. Representatives inquire an elaboration on student based events, how will information be distributed about the events, production details, and if they have you looked into any other funding sources. Representatives continue by asking how many graduate students will be graduating this fall from their department, are there any fees being charged at the events, and attendance at events in the past. **FIRST PRO:** Reyna believes the production is a good idea and would be great for the history of the organization. Deputy Speaker Stewart admires the organization of the group and would like to help support them. Sorribes appreciates the efforts of the organization in their budget outline. **FIRST CON:** Sorribes hesitant about funding the hooding ceremony since it targets a specific area and not the graduate community and is hesitant about funding office supplies. Burns echoes Sorribes' sentiments and would like to fund less for name tags and wants them to come back to COGS in the future. Motion to amend bill to Food: \$992.17, Contractual Services \$0, General Expense \$310.57. Second. Objection. Burns breakdowns the proposed amendments. **FIRST PRO:** Sorribes believes the amendment is reasonable. **FIRST CON:** Deputy Speaker Stewart would like to fund their Contractual Services expenses. Motion to call to question on the amendment. Second. 15-2-0. Amendment passes. Motion to call to question on the bill. Second. Public Health thanks COGS for funding. **Bill passes 16-0-1; Food; \$992.17, General Expense: \$310.57.**

Unfinished Business:

- **Bill 17: Allocation to Art History Association**
Motion to table to next meeting. 2nd. Bill tabled.

New Business:

- **Bill 27 Sponsored by Representative Blake-Hedges (IA Chair); Deputy Speaker Uttermark: Edits of the COGS Code, Edit to Chapter 210: Organizational Support Funding**
Deputy Speaker Uttermark explains that the language used in the COGS Code for the C-SAC committee bylaws are out of date. The provided rewrite streamlines the process and how the committee is appointed and gives COGS more direct control over allocations. The committee will be rebalanced to adhere to the revisions. The C-SAC committee will provide recommendation for funding that will go before COGS for approval. Motion to call to question. Vote by voice. **Bill 27 passes unanimously.**

Motion to skip round table. 2nd. Motion passes.

Adjournment: 9:16 pm

Next Meeting: October 1st, 2018

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The 26th Congress of Graduate Students

BILL 28

ON PETITION

Allocation to Turkish Student Association

On October 1st, 2018, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS 2018-2019 Unallocated Account (244003) to the Turkish Student Association's Account:

Food: \$286

Purpose: Funds will be used for food for 3 events; fall barbecue, republic day joint event with UF and a spring barbecue.

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



October 1st, 2018

Dr. Danielle Morgan Acosta
Director of Student Affairs

Dr. Amy Hecht
Vice President for Student Affairs

Response Summary:

Organization Info

Requesting Organization: Turkish Student Association

Date Requested: 09/27/2018

Academic Term: Fall 2018-Spring 2019

President: Idris Demirsoy

President's Email: id15d@my.fsu.edu

President's Phone Number: 5735292470

Treasurer: Metin Guven

Treasurer's Email: mq18k@my.fsu.edu

Treasurer's Phone Number: 7064618240

Funding Source:

COGS

Budget Categories and Amount Requested

Contractual Services 0

Expense General 0

Expense Travel 0

Food 286

Clothing/Awards 0

OCO 0

Organization's full name

Turkish Student Association

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

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?

75

How did you raise the funds?

We did fundraising event in Blaze pizza and we accepted donations on our last spring semester bbq event

How many active members are in your organization?

26

Does your organization charge dues?

No

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

0

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

0

Purpose for which the funds will be used

We are planning to make 3 events, fall bbq event, Republic day joint event with UF and Spring bbq event. We will provide food/snacks for all events.

What is your organization doing to market the event/your organization?

we have a Facebook page and we announce there. our events open to public.

What is your organization's official Facebook/social media page?

yes

What are the social media page/website links for your event (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)?

Because FSU rez didn't officially return our request yet, we didn't create the event page yet however as soon as we heard from them. We will be making the page.

What is the email address of the person COGS should contact for photos of your event for our outr...

id15d@my.fsu.edu

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

we are planning on October 6 or 13 whichever is available, the Republic day is on October 29 but we will make the event 27, we are on contact with University of Florida to set

up a date. Spring event is going to be
sometime on April.

Is there anything else you would like us to
consider?

As far as I know this is the first time Turkish
Student Association is asking money. We
generally use our funds for International
bazaar, TSA is the one of the organizations

provides a lot of food in that event. We ve
never asked money for that. We always find a
sponsor for it.

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

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BILL 17

ON PETITION

Allocation to Art History Association

On October 1st, 2018, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS 2018-2019 Unallocated Account (244003) to Art History Association's Account:

Clothing/Awards: \$850

Purpose: Funds will be used to purchase t-shirts for multiple events throughout the year.

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



October 1st, 2018

Dr. Danielle Morgan Acosta
Director of Student Affairs

Dr. Amy Hecht
Vice President for Student Affairs

Response Summary:

Organization Info

Requesting Organization: Art History Association
Date Requested: 07/13/18
Academic Term: Fall 2018
President: Ari Hakkarainen
President's Email: akh14d@my.fsu.edu
President's Phone Number: 8137160348
Treasurer: Megan Murray
Treasurer's Email: mtm17f@my.fsu.edu
Treasurer's Phone Number: 7076014337

0

How did you raise the funds?
n/a

How many active members are in your organization?
50+

Does your organization charge dues?
No

Funding Source:
COGS

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

Budget Categories and Amount Requested

Contractual Services 0
Expense General 0
Expense Travel 0
Food 0
Clothing/Awards 850
OCO 0

How much A&S money did your organization spend last year?
0

Purpose for which the funds will be used
T shirts

Organization's full name
FSU Art History Association

What is the date and time of the event in which the requested funds will be used?
Multiple events throughout the year.

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

Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

We have received quotes from the three companies listed in the financial manual and chosen a very simple design in order to ensure the least expensive option for our request amount. We are willing to change the number of t-shirts we request if that will allow us to receive funds as well (we would rather have less t-shirts than no t-shirts).

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?

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

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BILL 29

Sponsored by Speaker Scriven

Amendments to Chapter 211 of the COGS Code, Compliance and Enforcement Mechanisms

WHEREAS: The Constitution of the Student Body states in Article IX, Section 4: *COGS shall have the authority to make its own internal Administrative Code, rules, and procedures that shall be set down in the COGS Administrative Code. COGS shall control its funds provided to it in section two (2) of this article, and establish its own rules for its expenditures, subject to applicable Federal, State, Local, University and Student Body Statutes laws;*

WHEREAS: The Student Body Statutes state in Chapter 607, Section G, Clause 5 that among those duties and responsibilities belonging to COGS, COGS is: *To approve the expenditure of monies allocated to the COGS budget, with the authorizing signature of two members of the COGS Executive Committee;*

WHEREAS: The Student Body Statutes state in Chapter 607, Section G, Clause 9, that: *COGS may establish procedures in the COGS Code to freeze funds or otherwise sanction non-complaint student organizations within its jurisdiction, subject to appeal to any competent body or officer in accordance with Chapter 805 of these statutes; and*

WHEREAS: The Student Body Statutes state in Chapter 607, Section H, Clause 5, that the Speaker of COGS is empowered: *to authorize the expenditure of A&S allocations as described in the COGS budget;*

THEREFORE: On October 1st, 2018, the body voted to amend the COGS Code in accordance with the attached document and for the following purpose:

To enable to the COGS Assembly to impose more substantial penalties for violations of the COGS Code.

Underlines indicate additions. ~~Strikethroughs~~ indicated deletions.

Joshua Scriven
Speaker

Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance



October 1st, 2018

Dr. Danielle Morgan Acosta
Director of Student Affairs

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Vice President for Student Affairs

Current COGS Code	Amended COGS Code
<p data-bbox="203 233 553 268">211.1 Freezing of Funds</p> <p data-bbox="203 306 792 772">A) Upon the concurrence of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker for Finance, a freeze may be placed upon the account of any RSO within the jurisdiction of COGS for violations of applicable rules. The duration of the freeze is not to exceed ten (10) school days. The purpose of freezing funds is to prohibit the RSO from spending funds, to give the RSO the opportunity to correct the problem(s), and to deter future actions that are inconsistent with the applicable rules.</p> <p data-bbox="203 821 792 961">1) Applicable rules shall be defined as the provisions of the Florida State University Student Body Statutes, as well as the provisions of this code.</p> <p data-bbox="203 1003 792 1287">2) Violations shall be defined as misfeasance, nonfeasance, or malfeasance of any responsibility under the applicable rules, or as conduct which is a violation prohibition contained within any of the rules, or as fraud or misrepresentation in interactions with COGS or SGA.</p> <p data-bbox="203 1329 792 1470">B) When initiating a freeze, the Speaker or Deputy Speaker for Finance shall identify the cause and duration of the freeze.</p> <p data-bbox="203 1512 792 1619">C) The Speaker may rescind the freeze at any time by written notification to the COGS Program Associate.</p>	<p data-bbox="820 233 1170 268">211.1 Freezing of Funds</p> <p data-bbox="820 306 1421 741">A) Upon the concurrence of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker for Finance, a freeze may be placed upon the account of any RSO within the jurisdiction of COGS for violations of applicable rules. The duration of the freeze is not to exceed ten (10) school days. The purpose of freezing funds is to prohibit the RSO from spending funds, to give the RSO the opportunity to correct the problem(s), and to deter future actions that are inconsistent with the applicable rules.</p> <p data-bbox="820 783 1421 1287"><u>B) Upon the concurrence of two-thirds of the representatives in regular Assembly, a freeze, in the form of a Bill, may be placed upon the account of any RSO within the jurisdiction of COGS for violations of applicable rules. The duration of the freeze is not to exceed the remainder of the fiscal year in force at the time the Bill is enacted. The purpose of freezing funds is to prohibit the RSO from spending funds, to give the RSO the opportunity to correct the problem(s), and to deter future actions that are inconsistent with the applicable rules.</u></p> <p data-bbox="820 1329 1421 1402"><u>C) For any freeze authorized by COGS or the Speaker of COGS:</u></p> <p data-bbox="917 1402 1421 1581"><u>1) Applicable rules shall be defined as the provisions of the Florida State University Student Body Statutes, as well as the provisions of this code.</u></p> <p data-bbox="917 1581 1421 1843"><u>2) Violations shall be defined as misfeasance, nonfeasance, or malfeasance of any responsibility under the applicable rules, or as conduct which is a violation prohibition contained within any of the rules, or as fraud or</u></p>

<p>D) The decision to freeze funds may be appealed to the Student Senate, Student Body Treasurer, or any other officer authorized in the Student Body Statutes. An order by any such entity to lift the freeze shall be directly and immediately applicable.</p> <p>E) This chapter shall not prejudice the rights of any student body officers under the Florida State University or to impose sanctions on RSOs without the authorization of COGS.</p>	<p><u>misrepresentation in interactions with COGS or SGA.</u></p> <p><u>D) Whether the Speaker or Deputy Speaker for Finance initiates a freeze or the Assembly passes a Bill initiating a freeze, the cause and duration of the freeze shall be identified in writing.</u></p> <p><u>E) A freeze initiated by the Speaker and Deputy Speaker may be rescinded at any time by the Speaker by written notification to the COGS Program Associate.</u></p> <p><u>F) A freeze initiated by the Assembly may be rescinded at any time by a majority of the Assembly in the form of a Bill.</u></p> <p>D) The decision to freeze funds may be appealed to the Student Senate, Student Body Treasurer, or any other officer authorized in the Student Body Statutes. An order by any such entity to lift the freeze shall be directly and immediately applicable.</p> <p>E) This chapter shall not prejudice the rights of any student body officers under the Florida State University or to impose sanctions on RSOs without the authorization of COGS.</p>
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Resolution 4

Sponsored by Speaker Scriven

Permission for Travel Reimbursement Approval - Phi Alpha Delta

WHEREAS: LSC allocated \$334.07 in travel expenses to Phi Alpha Delta for Ms. Chelsea Cabrera on September 4, 2018 for a trip scheduled for September 15-16, 2018;

WHEREAS: Ms. Cabrera engaged in travel without prior approval for travel;

WHEREAS: Ms. Cabrera submitted a travel request four (4) days after having returned from the trip;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Congress of Graduate Students grants this RSO permission to use the originally allocated A&S fees for this travel for Ms. Cabrera; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that copies of this resolution be sent to:

SGA Accounting Staff

Joshua Scriven
Speaker



Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance

October 1st, 2018