



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

**TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Assembly Meeting  
COGS Regular Session  
October 21, 2019, 6:30 p.m., HCB 103  
Agenda

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Petitions into the Assembly:

Special Introductions and Student Comments: Dr. Amy Magnuson, Director of University Health Services

Messages from Student Government:

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:

Elections:

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:

- Bill 23: Ecology and Evolution Research Discussion Group
- Bill 24: Public Health Student Association
- Bill 25: Public Health Student Association

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business:

- Bill 26: Code Revisions, LSC
- Bill 27: Code Revisions, MSC
- Resolution 8: Local Fees Support

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 4, 6:30 PM, HCB 103

**Fall 2019**

Monday, November 18, 6:30 PM, HCB 103

Monday, December 2, 6:30 PM, HCB 103

## COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2019-2020

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
COGS ADMIN	\$26,200	Includes Speakers Request, Food, Wages, Maintenance Fees, and Overhead	\$24,692.95
UNALLOCATED	\$25,081	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$21,125
ORGANIZATIONAL (C-SAC)	\$3,000	RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year	\$3,000
LSC	42,000	Funding allocations from Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations	\$31,731
MSC	42,000	Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations	\$22,313.99
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$53,000	Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period	(\$1,164)
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$60,000	Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$31,800
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$47,000	Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$47,000
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$6,000	Attendance Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$609

ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$6,000	Attendance Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$100
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$5,000	Attendance Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$5,000

## TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting  
HCB 103  
October 7th, 2019  
6:30 p.m.  
MINUTES



**Call to Order:** 6:34

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Nelson

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Blake-Hedges, Book, Chiodi, Fisher, Morgan, Nelson, O'Neill, Solano, Walton

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:** None

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:** None

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Brinkman, Shahbandeh

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:** Cheuwa, LaBayne

**REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:** None

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:** None

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Solano moved to approve, Chiodi second; Minutes are approved.

**Petitions into the Assembly:** Becan Hennighan (Education)

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:**

**Messages from Student Government:** None

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

**Elections:**

- **Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs**  
There were no nominations.

**Report of Officers:**

- **The Report of the Speaker:**  
Speaker O'Neill: have been meeting with MSC and LSC throughout the week. Meeting with student senate to discuss updates to graduate seats in senate. There are about 15 seats currently and they have not been filled since 2002. Senate looking into redistributing those seats but wanted graduate student input first.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance:**

Deputy Speaker Blake-Hedges: the financial report can be found on page three of the bill packet. Still need two people for C-SAC and would love volunteers for tabling opportunities for COGS at Grad School Boot Camp on October 16<sup>th</sup>, Honors, Scholars, and Fellows open house on October 17<sup>th</sup>, and Graduate Student Ambassadors: Chat and Chew on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

None.

- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**

None.

### **Committee Report:**

- **C-SAC:** No requests.
- **Internal Affairs:** Blake-Hedges: Met October 6<sup>th</sup> and discussed elections. There is a new chair for Internal Affairs who is Representative Morgan and vice chair Representative Mendez. Discussed code changes to MSC/LSC allocation functions. Working on COGS newsletter targeting all graduate student registered organizations. Next meeting will be in November.
- **Student Advocacy:** Solano: Met two weeks ago. Discussed women's hygiene products being available for free across campus. Talked about advocating for LSC for parking during the Civic Center Events.
- **Student Affairs:** Has not met.

### **Funding Requests:**

- Bill 21: Neuroscience Graduate Student Association- Bill was presented by Representative Fisher. **Q & A:** Solano: Is there a rule for how much money per person we can spend for food? Speaker O'Neill: Yes, \$8 a person. Solano: How many people did you have attend last year? Neuroscience Representative: Larger than the size of this room filled. Representative Solano: Did you need/use all of the \$2,000 from that year? Neuroscience representative: No. Blake-Hedges: Is this food for the speakers only? Neuroscience representative: No, the \$2,200 is not only for the 4 speakers but for the four meals. Solano: Is this for two different meals? Neuroscience representative: Yes, lunch and dinner. Solano: \$1,600 would be max for \$8 a person at 100-150 people. Blake-Hedges: what are these general expenses? Neuroscience representative: Banners, direction signs, supplies for event. Solano: \$960 colloquium series only sees 30 participants for \$8 per person for meals? Neuroscience representative: We like to shoot for the stars with our budget, but every event sees about 50-100 people. **PRO-** Solano: Their budget seems like they are well prepared. Point of clarification: Can you explain what the Rushton Lecture Series looks like? All day event with 2 meals a day over 2 days and there are 4 different speakers for the two-day Rushton Lecture event. **CON-** Blake-Hedges: some of these guesses on the stuff makes me uncomfortable about voting to support this for \$1,100. Solano: Motion to recess to discuss how to amend the bill. Speaker O'Neill: call to order. Solano: motion to amend Bill 21 to expenses to \$400 and food to \$2,760 to meet the \$8 per person rule. Walton: Seconds. Solano: motion to approve amended Bill 22. Walton seconds. Bill 21 passes with a vote of 8-0-1. **Food & Expenses: \$3,160.**

- Bill 22: Student Association for Religious Studies- Bill was presented by Representative Walton. **Q & A**-Solano: 1 keynote speaker? Student Association for Religious Studies: \$1,000 for 1 keynote and \$500 each for the other 2 keynote speakers. Solano: total number for speaker not including roundtable? Student Association for Religious Studies: \$1,785.38. Mendez: What is this email about honorariums? Student Association for Religious Studies: just a quote for research. Blake-Hedges: Would you like to round that to \$1,800. Student Association for Religious Studies: Yes, sure. Fisher: What was the total last time? Student Association for Religious Studies: \$3,000.  
**PRO**-Solano: events like this are good for the school's numbers and recruitment. Fisher: like the prestige with the honorarium speaker good for our school. **CON**-none. Blake-Hedges: Motion to Amend Bill 22 to \$2,800 for contractual services and a total of \$3,900. Solano seconds. Speaker O'Neill: bill amendment passes. Solano: motion to approve amended Bill 22. Chiodi seconds. Bill 22 passes in a vote of 9-0-0. **Food & Contractual Services: \$3,900.**

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Round Table:** Blake-Hedges, Book, Chiodi, Fisher, Morgan, Nelson, O'Neill, Solano, Walton.  
**Elections:** Declaration of Candidacy form was due October 2<sup>nd</sup> and may have to re-petition in if you did not submit form to run. Absences will reset with new congress after elections.

**Adjournment:** 7:58 PM

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## Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

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

**Bill #:** 23

**Sponsored by:** Representative Brinkman

**Date:** Monday, October 21st, 2019

**Amount:** \$1,760

**From (account name):** COGS Unallocated

**To (account name):** Ecology and Evolution Research Discussion Group

**Purpose & Description:** To provide students with opportunities to present their research, communication is facilitated amongst graduate and undergraduate students, and faculty within the Department of Biological Science. Additionally, our outreach events encourage the general public to become involved in science and learn about the current ongoing research at Florida State University.

#### Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
	Expense	\$510
	Food	\$850
	Contractual Services	\$400

Total: \$1,760



## COGS BUDGET REQUEST PACKET

### ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION RESEARCH DISCUSSION GROUP (EERDG) BUDGET HEARING 2019 – 2020

#### 2018-2019 ACTIVITIES BUDGET REPORT

##### Mission Statement:

The Ecology and Evolution Research Discussion Group (EERDG) aims to foster solidarity among students in the Ecology and Evolution graduate program within the Department of Biological Sciences at Florida State University, and disseminate scientific research to the community. By providing students with opportunities to present their research, communication is facilitated amongst graduate and undergraduate students, and faculty within the Department of Biological Science. Interdisciplinary interactions are also encouraged with students from various fields of study (Cell & Molecular, Coastal & Marine Lab, as well as Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science). Additionally, our outreach events encourage the general public to become involved in science and learn about the current ongoing research at Florida State University.

All the activities done during the 2018-2019 that session were funded by COGS are indicated by \*\*. Additional events were either self-funded, free of cost, or provided by individual voluntary contributions from participating members of the organization.

##### PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENTS IN 2018-2019:

###### \*\* Tallahassee Science Festival

The Tallahassee Science Festival is an annual event where scientists from all over Tallahassee set up booths that people can visit to learn about the different scientific research happening in Tallahassee. Last year, EERDG was able to develop a booth for this festival that taught children about food webs, watersheds, and basic principles of foraging and niche partitioning. This booth was possible due to funding from COGS.



###### \*\* Leon County Virtual School

In the fall of 2018, EERDG members coordinate with the Leon County Virtual School to provide a morning of activities for their middle school and high school classes. EERDG ran two activities for each age group. The middle school age group participated in activities that demonstrated two principles of ecology: niche partitioning and the costs and benefits of flocking in foraging animals. For the high school age group, EERDG taught the students about the processes of mutation and selection and their roles in evolution through fun games.



## **\*\* Community Creek Walk**

In the spring of 2019, EERDG members traveled to the Indian's Head community in Tallahassee to facilitate a creek walk that taught local residents about the flora and fauna in their own backyards. During this event, EERDG members met the local residents at the beginning of a small trail that winds through this community. Throughout the trail, there were several stations where EERDG members explained different aspects of the environment, such as freshwater invertebrates and flowering plants. At the end of the walk, EERDG members ran several hands on activities for identifying these creatures and doing nature-based art at the local community center.



## **\*\* Mag Lab Open House**

Last year, EERDG hosted a booth at the Mag Lab open house. At this event, EERDG members ran hands-on activities for the visitors that related to various key topics in ecology and evolution including: food webs, niche partitioning, watersheds, and mutations.



## **\*\* "So you want to go to graduate school?" Workshop for Undergraduate students**

At the end of the academic year, EERDG hosted a workshop for FSU undergraduate students interested in attending graduate school. During this workshop, EERDG members talked about both the process of applying to and how to succeed in graduate school. Undergraduate students in attendance expressed interest in future workshops of this type. During this coming academic year, EERDG members will be hosting several more workshops about graduate school for FSU undergraduate students.

## **Darwin Day Celebration**

This event is hosted by EERDG and the department of Biological Sciences. Featuring live music performed by bands of Biology graduate students, a Charles Darwin themed cake, a Darwin photo booth, and of course the traditional Yo Chuck! Salute, we celebrate Charles Darwin and his contributions to biological science. Everyone across the university is welcome to join in celebrating the originator of one of history's most influential ideas. A colloquium is hosted following the celebration to learn how Darwin's theory of evolution continues to influence modern cutting-edge research. This event is advertised university wide and is hosted every year.



## **Saturday at the Sea**

Saturday at the Sea is run by the Office of Science Teaching and Outreach and it provides opportunities for students to gain an understanding of both marine life and Florida coastal system as a whole. Middle school age students from diverse backgrounds are picked up and driven to the Coastal & Marine lab. We first teach them how to identify adaptive physiological traits on fish and how to use microscopes. They also learn about sea grasses and the importance of phytoplankton. Students also get the opportunity to go out to the gulf to collect different organisms in otter trawls. During that time students are encouraged to think about why certain organisms are found in particular locations and how they interact with their environment. This is an engaging and interactive way to get students out into the field and get excited about marine sciences. Many of the group leaders are EERDG graduate students.



## **EERDG RETREATS AND EVENTS IN 2018-2019:**

### **\*\*End of Semester Discussion and Wrap-Up (Fall and Spring)**

At the end of each semester during the 2018-2019 academic year, EERDG hosted an event that allowed the Ecology and Evolution graduate students to discuss accomplishments during the previous semester and goals for the upcoming semester. This helps foster the collegial and collaborative nature of our department.

### **Mental Health Awareness**

Each year, we also hold a mental health seminar, where we invite the FSU Counseling Center to present on mental issues specific to graduate students. This seminar is uniquely offered by EERDG and open to anyone in biology to attend. This past year we held a Mental Health First Aid course. This event helps the graduate students learn how to manage the stress and associated problems that graduate school can lead to.

### **EERDG & TCGA Bearpaw Float Trip 2018**

Members of EERDG and TCGA (The Cell and Molecular Graduate Student Group) like to start the semester off in true Floridian style by spending an afternoon floating the Chipola River! This activity allows members of the Ecology & Evolution as well as the Cell and Molecular Biology programs; both in the department of Biological Sciences; to interact, discuss research interests, and to enjoy some of Florida's natural environments. The scenic Chipola river runs through river swamps, hardwood forests, limestone bluffs, and caves; many of which are environments where graduate students conduct their research. This is an annual retreat and occurred on October 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 this year.



## EERDG TALKS: WEEKLY GRADUATE SEMINARS

EERDG TALKS are weekly seminar sessions where graduate students in the biological sciences department or other related departments can present their research or research topics of interest to peers and receive important feedback on their work and ideas. We have been having weekly seminars since the start of this organization, but recently have been trying to increase our advertising of the seminars to increase outside participation bringing new insight to our work. Below are the 2018-2019 academic year seminars that have been advertised on our Facebook page as well as through the intra-departmental email newsletter "Bionotes" which details upcoming seminars and colloquia. All speakers are from the Department of Biological Sciences at FSU unless otherwise noted. The average number of attendees is 22.

### ***Date - Presenter – Talk- (Attendance)***

- 8/31/2018 EERDG Board: Welcome to EERDG! (35)
- 9/7/2018 Eve Humphrey: Melanism, behavior, fish sex, all that jazz (30)
- 9/14/2018 Liz Lange: How social environment affects mating strategy in sailfin mollies (22)
- 9/21/2018 Sam Dietz: The effect of natal habitat on settlement decisions in Brown-headed nuthatches (21)
- 9/28/2018 Erica Holdridge: Intraspecific Mechanisms and Variation in Competition Theory (19)
- 10/5/2018 Pearl Rivers: Promiscuous birds: multiple paternity in Lance-tailed manakins (21)
- 10/12/2018 Joe Horacek: Cryptic Speciation amongst Meiofauna Flatworm (20)
- 10/19/2018 Ben Pluer: How to employ better outreach in the Scientific Community! (19)
- 10/26/2018 Jasmin Graham: Ecology of Sawfish Movement (18)
- 11/2/2018 Jess Cusick: Cooperation and Stress in Bluebirds (15)
- 11/9/2018 Luke Jones: Evolve and Resequense in *D. melanogaster* (17)
- 11/16/2018 Cheston Peterson: Comparison of gillnet and longline gear in FSU shark survey (18)
- 12/7/2018 EERDG Board: Semester Conclusion Open Discussion (25)
- 1/11/2019 EERDG Board: Welcome back to EERDG! (Outreach Plans for the Semester) (32)
- 1/18/2019 Joe Horacek: Studying Flatworms of South America, my study plans (15)
- 1/25/2019 Maggie Vogel: Environmental conditions & host characteristics influence the structure of microbial communities (25)
- 2/1/2019 Liz Lange: Incoming Theory Position Job Candidate Discussion (22)
- 2/8/2019 Jess Cusick: EERDG & TCGA Annual Mental Health and Wellness Talk (22)
- 2/15/2019 Sarah Kettelkamp: Evolutionary genetics of female resistance to Seminal Fluid in *D. melanogaster* (20)
- 2/22/2019 Will Booker: Evolutionary History of the polyploid gray treefrog complex from North America (19)
- 3/1/2019 Alex Hooks: Sexy Snail Sibling Sacs Social Sex Selection Stuff or Something Stupid (26)
- 3/8/2019 Jessie Mutz: Density at small spatial scales impact on beetle predation risk (29)
- 3/15/2019 Brian Moe: Cool Sharks (22)
- 3/22/2019 No Meeting: SPRING BREAK!! (-)
- 3/29/2019 Ethan Cissell: Viruses and Microbial Mats (Why you Should Care) (16)
- 4/5/2019 Bobbie Renfro: The Impacts of Nutrient Enrichment on Coral Reef Sponge Assemblages (17)
- 4/12/2019 Jasmin Graham: Sawfish of Florida, What I've Found and What We Still Need to Know (18)
- 4/19/2019 Liz Lange: Social environment variation affects the evolution of plasticity/diversity (18)
- 4/26/2019 EERDG Board: End of Year Discussion and Party (25)

### **PAST EVENTS:**

- Talks at Raa Middle School's SciGirls club
- Volunteering at the Tallahassee Science Festival
- Capital Regional Science Fair
- Darwin Day Roadshow
- Southeastern Ecology and Evolution Conference, FSU 2015-2016
- Raa Middle School Science Fair
- Brainsops for the Mad Scientist of Tomorrow
- Wild & Scenic Film Festival
- Outreach Abroad in Bonaire
- Outreach with the Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle
- Science Salon at Waterworks
- Booth for Earth Day at Tallahassee Farmer's Market
- Tallahassee Museum Venom Camp
- Animal Encounters at Tallahassee Museum



***EERDG flyer placed around campus***

### **FUTURE EVENTS IN PLANNING FOR 2019-2020:**

- October 19<sup>th</sup>: Tallahassee Science Festival
- February 1<sup>st</sup>: St. Marks NWR Wildlife Heritage and Outdoor Festival
- February 22<sup>nd</sup>: National Mag Lab Open House
- Early November, Early December, Late January: "How to go to grad school" panel series
- Spring 2020: Leon County Library Science Night
- Spring 2020: Community Creek Walks
- Date TBD: Science Fact or Science Fiction Trivia Nights at Local Hangouts
- Date TBD: Virtual School of Leon County (Middle School)
- Date TBD: Virtual School of Leon County (High School)
- Date TBD: Ask a Scientist! - Tables at Market Wednesday and Booth at First Friday
- Date TBD: Science Made Simple - Graduate Science Connecting with The Public

### **EERDG COGS FUNDING REQUEST FOR 2019-2020:**

We request funding for our consistent weekly events, EERDG Talks, which are held Fridays at 3pm in KING biological sciences building. Our EERDG Talks seminars have grown in popularity and after surveying our attendees for ideas on how to improve these events, the overwhelming majority of people suggested that we have food at the seminar sessions as well as external activities to reinforce/build new relationships with peers. We are requesting funding for snacks and pizza at our weekly meetings. Outline for costs are detailed below:

COGS funding request for **General Expenses**: \$510

COGS funding request for **Food**: \$850

COGS funding request for **Clothing/Awards**: \$400

**TOTAL 2019-2020 FUNDING REQUEST FOR EERDG = \$1760**

Category	Event or Items	Funds Requested	Purpose and Breakdown of Funds Requested	Justification of Costs
Outreach Events	Creek Walks	\$120	Activity 1: Invertebrate ID Activity 2: Floral Printing and ID Activity 3: Bird ID	Costs for materials to be used during Creek Walk outreach events for identifying flora and fauna
	Virtual School (Middle and High School)	\$60	Activity 1: Drawing Evolution Activity 2: Predator Tag Activity 3: Evolution: The Board Game	Printing & supplies to encourage class interaction (Some materials recycled from previous years)
	“How to go to grad school” panel series	\$120	Activity 1: Informational Packets Activity 2: Informal Discussions Activity 3: CV and Application Workshop	Printing informational materials and supplying snacks for attendees
	Science Nights	\$90	Activity 1: Fact or Fiction Activity 2: Florida Conservation Activity 3: Science Trivia	Costs associated with activities for discussing science with broader audiences
	Booths at Downtown Market, St. Marks Festival, Mag Lab Open House, and Tallahassee Science Festival	\$120	Activity 1: Food Web Jenga Activity 2: Interactive Watershed Activity 3: Florida Animal Communities	Creating materials to be used for hands-on learning about Florida animals and ecosystems
EERDG	Food for EERDG TALKS	\$850	Food for EERDG Talks meeting \$25 per week for 17 weeks.	Increase EERDG attendance & increase community outreach.
	EERDG Shirts	\$400	50 shirts @ \$8 per shirt	Allow EERDG to be recognized both on campus as well as at all outreach events. This will be the supply for upcoming years.

**Executive Members Attending Budget Hearing:**

Will Booker, President – [wbooker@bio.fsu.edu](mailto:wbooker@bio.fsu.edu)

Mysia Dye, Treasurer – [mdye@bio.fsu.edu](mailto:mdye@bio.fsu.edu)

Bobbie Renfro, Outreach Coordinator – [brenfro@bio.fsu.edu](mailto:brenfro@bio.fsu.edu)



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# Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

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

**Bill #:** 24

**Sponsored by:** Representative Book

**Date:** Monday, October 21st, 2019

**Amount:** 857.36

**From (account name):** COGS Unallocated

**To (account name):** Public Health Student Association

**Purpose & Description:** To provide food for monthly public health panels will be held throughout the fall and spring semesters. Each seminar has a different public health professional come in and discuss what they do and what got them into public health and what our students can look forward too when they graduate.

### Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
8 (Seminars); \$107.17 each	Food	\$857.36

Total: \$857.36

Past Seminar Budget, Publix @ Ocala Corners

Quantity	Item	Serves #	Cost
1	plastic translucent cup pack, publix brand	50	\$3.29
1	10" paper plate, publix brand	24	\$2.89
2	Everyday plasticware combo, publix brand	48	\$3.38
1	Welcome! foil balloon	-	\$3.34
1	Publix Deli sweetened brewed iced teas	11	\$2.99
1	Publix deli raspberry brewed iced tea	11	\$2.99
1	Publix deli old-fashioned lemonade	11	\$2.99
1	Publix spring water bottle case	24	\$0.00
1	Publix Deli Fresh Fruit Platter, Small	10	\$24.99
1	Publix Deli Greek Pasta Salad	10	\$24.99
1	Publix Deli MealWheel Roast beef	5	\$13.99
1	Publix Deli MealWheel Turkey	5	\$13.99
1	napkins	50	\$2.69
2	20 lb bags of ice	50	\$7.94
		TOTAL	\$107.17
		Price Per Person	





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

**Bill #:** 25

**Sponsored by:** Representative Book

**Date:** Monday, October 21st, 2019

**Amount:** 358.69

**From (account name):** COGS Unallocated

**To (account name):** Public Health Student Association

**Purpose & Description:** To provide food for an end of the semester event where we will be bringing in local health care professional to host a public conference to discuss current health care research that is going on in the Department of Health.

### Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
	Food	\$358.69

Total: \$358.69

## Symposium Breakdown:

**Food:**

Master of Public Health End of Year Symposium: Publix @ Ocala Corners expecting ~150 People			
Quantity	Item	Serves #	Cost
3 (50)	plastic translucent cup pack, publix brand	150	\$9.87
5 (24)	10" paper plate, publix brand	120	\$14.45
2 (18)	Boars Head meat	36	\$87.98
3	Publix Deli sweetened brewed iced teas	33	\$8.97
3	Publix deli raspberry brewed iced tea	33	\$8.97
3	Publix deli old-fashioned lemonade	33	\$8.97
1	Publix spring water bottle case	24	\$4.49
3(50)	napkins	150	\$8.07
2 (28)	Publix Deli Cheese	56	\$71.98
3 (28)	Publix Deli Fresh Fruit Platter	84	134.94
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$358.69</b>
		Price Per Person	<b>~\$2.-3</b>



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# Statute Revisions & Additions

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

**Bill #:** 26

**Sponsored by:** Deputy Speaker Blake-Hedges

**Date:** October 21, 2019

**Purpose & Description:** To update the LSC code to reflect the current allocation proceedings. The process outlined in the appropriations section is in accordance with current procedures. Bold indicates an addition and strikethrough indicates a deletion.

**Statute Number(s):** 300.5, 300.6 & 300.8



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### 300.5 Duties of the Executive Officers

#### A) The Chair Shall:

- 1) Preside over all LSC meetings.
- 2) Represent LSC in all official business and budget matters before COGS or the Student Senate.
- 3) Have the authority to call special meetings of LSC.
- 4) Be responsible for all official correspondence of LSC.
- 5) Perform any other duties as assigned by LSC or this code.
- 6) Act as liaison between law school student organizations and SGA Accounting.
- 7) To Submit the LSC Meeting minutes to the COGS Speaker.**

### 300.6 Appropriation

- A) LSC shall allocate those funds granted to it by COGS to the Recognized Student Organizations at the Law School in a fiscally responsible manner, keeping in mind the purpose of the allocation, which is to provide activities and services for the benefit of the maximum number of students.
- B) LSC shall submit a proposed budget on behalf of all Law School RSOs to COGS in compliance with all requirements of the Annual Budget process.
- C) All LSC allocations, whether original allocations, or after the fact amendments to the budget, shall require the signature of either the Speaker of COGS, or the Deputy Speaker for Finance. The Speaker or Deputy Speaker may deny any allocation or amendment deemed excessive or irresponsible.
- D) LSC shall sub-allocate its ordained funds to its member RSOs consistent with the Florida State University Student Body Constitution, Statutes, and A&S Fee Guidelines, as well as this code and any other applicable rules and regulations.
- E) LSC shall only sub-allocate funds to law school organizations which have been registered, in accordance with COGS guidelines.
- F) The allocation to LSC shall not be obligated or expended until the COGS annual Budget has been approved by the COGS Speaker and the Deputy Speaker for Finance, and the Vice President for Student Affairs,
- G) LSC RSOs shall process budget revisions and transfers on the forms prescribed by this code with all the requisite approvals prior to implementation.



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**H) Within one (1) business day of any LSC meeting the minutes must be submitted to the COGS Speaker for review before the allocations are formally authorized.**

**I) Within three (3) business days of any LSC meeting the Speaker must acknowledge the minutes with either an approval or denial. During these three (3) business days, the COGS Speaker and LSC may discuss the meetings to clarify any questions from either party.**

**a) Denials will be made on the allocations violating any LSC, COGS, or Student Senate Statutes which govern the use of these funds.**

**b) Upon denial, LSC and/or the RSO may request the Speaker to cite the specific statute that the allocation is violating.**

**c) A denial of allocation does not bar the denied RSO from applying for any future funds from LSC.**

**d) If an RSO is denied more than one (1) allocation in a fiscal year, the RSO President and Treasurer and LSC will hold a meeting with the COGS Speaker before the RSO can receive any additional allocations.**

**e) LSC can appeal the denial, on the RSO's behalf, to the general body of the Congress. The Congress can overrule the denial with a simple majority vote.**

### 300.8 Meetings

A) LSC shall hold open meetings on a monthly basis and shall send copies of the minutes of such meetings to all Law School RSOs and COGS.

B) A special meeting of LSC may be called by ~~petition of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Presidents of the Law School RSOs~~ **the Chair. LSC shall provide notice at least one (1) day to the Law School RSO Presidents before the meeting is held.**

C) Quorum shall be a majority of the total membership of LSC. A quorum must be present for LSC to conduct business.

D) All LSC action must be approved by a majority vote of those LSC members present and voting.

E) LSC shall announce and provide notice of its meetings and procedures to Law School RSOs. It shall provide notice at least five (5) school days before any forms, requests, or petitions are due for the meeting.



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F) Attendance at monthly meetings is mandatory for all LSC board members. If a member must be absent from a monthly meeting, they must provide ~~adequate~~ notice to the LSC Chair **at least one (1) day before the meeting**. If a member is absent from more than two monthly meetings, that member will be considered for removal by members of the board. **The member will be notified of their absences by LSC and will have the option to present their case at the next LSC meeting**. All board members, ~~except for the member at issue~~, will vote on the removal of the board member. A majority vote will effectively remove the member from the board. The vacancy will then be filled in accordance to the procedures outlined above.

~~G) Within three (3) business days of any LSC meeting the minutes must be submitted to the COGS Speaker for review before the allocations are formally authorized.~~



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# Statute Revisions & Additions

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

**Bill #:** 27

**Sponsored by:** Deputy Speaker Blake-Hedges

**Date:** October 21, 2019

**Purpose & Description:** To update the MSC code to reflect the current allocation proceedings. MSC appropriates funds to Medical School RSOs, but a description of these appropriations is missing from the code. The process outlined in the new appropriations section is in accordance with current procedures. Bold indicates an addition and strikethrough indicates a deletion.

**Statute Number(s):** 302.3, 302.5 and addition of 302.6



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### 302.3 The General Board

3) The duties of the MSC Treasurer shall be:

- a) To chair the Executive Committee on all financial matters.
- b) To coordinate all financial matters of the MSC.
- c) To keep an accurate record of the MSC budget.
- d) To request and compile budget proposals from all MSC RSOs before budgetary hearings every fiscal year.
- e) To submit the MSC Executive Meeting minutes to the COGS Speaker within ~~three (3)~~ **one (1)** business days of any Executive Board meeting before the allocations are formally authorized.

### 302.5 Appropriations

**A) The MSC shall allocate its obtained funds to the Recognized Student Organizations at the Medical School consistent with this code, the Florida State University Student Body Constitution, Statutes, and A&S Fee Guidelines, as well as any other applicable rules and regulations.**

**B) MSC shall allocate funds in a fiscally responsible manner, keeping in mind the purpose of the allocation, which is to provide activities and services for the benefit of the maximum number of students.**

**C) MSC shall only allocate funds to recognized medical school organizations in accordance with FSU Student Affairs guidelines, for a minimum of eight weeks, and which have a minimum of 10 student members.**

**D) MSC shall submit a proposed budget on behalf of all Medical School RSOs to COGS in compliance with all requirements of the Annual Budget process.**

**E) The allocation to MSC shall not be obligated or expended until the budget has been approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs. MSC may set up an MSC unallocated account.**

**F) All MSC allocations, whether original allocations, or after the fact amendments to the budget, shall require the signature of either the Speaker of COGS, or the**





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**Deputy Speaker for Finance. The Speaker or Deputy Speaker may deny any allocation or amendment deemed excessive or irresponsible.**

**G) The MSC shall monitor the expenditures of sub-allocated funds to ensure that they are spent as budgeted and in accordance with this code, the Florida State University [Student Body Constitution](#), [Statutes](#), and A&S Fee Guidelines, as well as any other applicable rules and regulations.**

**H) MSC RSOs shall process budget revisions and transfers on the forms prescribed by the appropriate authority with all the requisite approvals prior to implementation.**

**I) Within one (1) business day of any MSC meeting the minutes must be submitted to the COGS Speaker for review before the allocations are formally authorized.**

**J) Within three (3) business days of any MSC meeting the Speaker must acknowledge the minutes with either an approval or denial. During these three (3) business days, the COGS Speaker and MSC may discuss the meetings to clarify any questions from either party.**

**a) Denials will be made on the allocations violating any MSC, COGS, or Student Senate Statutes which govern the use of these funds.**

**b) Upon denial, MSC and/or the RSO may request the Speaker to cite the specific statute that the allocation is violating.**

**c) A denial of allocation does not bar the denied RSO from applying for any future funds from MSC.**

**d) If an RSO is denied more than one (1) allocation in a fiscal year, the RSO President and Treasurer and MSC will hold a meeting with the COGS Speaker before the RSO can receive any additional allocations.**

**e) MSC can appeal the denial on the RSO's behalf to the Congress with a majority vote to be overruled.**

~~302.5~~ **302.6 Powers and duties of the MSC**

The MSC shall have the following powers and duties under this code and shall also be subject to all other applicable Florida State University [Student Body Statutes](#).

~~A) The~~ MSC shall hold budgetary hearings at which member RSOs must be present to submit their requests.



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- B) ~~The MSC shall represent- member RSOs at all budgetary hearings and procedures of COGS.~~
- C) ~~The MSC shall allocate its obtained funds to member RSOs consistent with this code, the Florida State University Student Body Constitution, Statutes, and A&S Fee Guidelines, as well as any other applicable rules and regulations.~~
- D) ~~MSC shall only allocate funds to recognized medical school organizations in accordance with FSU Student Affairs guidelines, for a minimum of eight weeks, and which have a minimum of 10 student members.~~
- E) ~~The allocation to MSC shall not be obligated or expended until the budget has been approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs. MSC may set up an MSC unallocated account.~~
- F) ~~The MSC shall monitor the expenditures of sub-allocated funds to ensure that they are spent as budgeted and in accordance with this code, the Florida State University Student Body Constitution, Statutes, and A&S Fee Guidelines, as well as any other applicable rules and regulations.~~
- G) **C) MSC shall report to the Internal Affairs Committee, at a Committee meeting as requested by the Committee with a minimum fifteen (15) school days' notice.**
- H) **D) MSC shall promulgate such other rules as deemed appropriate, which shall be kept on file for public record in the SA&O Accounting Office, the Office of Information Services, and the College of Medicine Student Organization Office.**
- I) **E) The MSC shall pass Resolutions on behalf of the College of Medicine Student Body.**
- F) MSC may remove any council member for nonfeasance by an affirmative, majority vote of all the board members.**
- G) MSC may, by a majority vote, recommend any member for impeachment for misfeasance or malfeasance in accordance with Chapter 114 of this code.**



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## Resolution

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

**Resolution #:** 8

**Sponsored by:** Speaker O'Neill

**Date:** Monday, October 21st, 2019

**Whereas:** Local Fees are defined as the Activity & Service (A&S) fee, the Athletic Fee, and the Health Fee.

**Whereas:** Florida Statute 1009.24 states the total Local Fee may not exceed 40% of tuition, which is \$215.55.

**Whereas:** Local Fees per credit hour are currently \$34.73, representing 16% of the cost of tuition.

**Whereas:** the Local Fees total is the sum of an A&S Fee of \$12.86, an Athletic Fee of \$7.90, and a Health Fee of \$13.97.

**Whereas:** Local Fees for Florida State University (FSU) have not been increased since 2012-13.

**Whereas:** the Student Local Fee Committee for FSU, established with Florida Statute 1009.24, reviews and recommends Local Fee increases annually for the betterment of Florida State University.

**Whereas:** Florida Statute 1009.24 sets the maximum increase permitted by the Local Fee Committee at 5%, or \$1.73, per credit hour for Fall 2020.

**Whereas:** the Student Local Fee Committee heard requests from representatives of departments who receive funding from the aforementioned fees on October 3rd, 2019 in which each group requested their respective fee be increased by the maximum amount.

**Whereas:** the proposed fee increases would increase the Local fees to the following amounts: an A&S Fee of \$13.55, an Athletic Fee of \$14.58, and a Health Fee of \$8.33.

**Whereas:** the proposed total Local Fees would be \$36.46, representing 17% of the current tuition cost of \$215.55

**Whereas:** the Student Local Fee Committee makes the recommendation to increase the Local Fees to this new total of \$36.46, with an A&S Fee of \$13.55, an Athletic Fee of \$14.58, and a Health Fee of \$8.33.



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**Be it resolved by the Twenty-seventh Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that:** that the Congress of Graduate Students supports the increase in the Local Fees as it will allow the university to better serve its graduate students population and meet their needs as students.

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

SGA Student Senate

The office of Vice President Hecht

The office of President Thrasher

The Board of Trustees

The Board of Governors