

TWENTY FIFTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



Assembly Meeting
COGS Assembly Room
Senate Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
October 2nd, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Agenda.



Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Petitions into the Assembly: Patrick McDonough (Law Seat 2), Lauren Lange (Social Sciences Seat 3), Peter Casas (Social Sciences Seat 3)

Special Introductions and Student Comments: Dr. Amy Hecht (Vice President, Student Affairs) and Dr. Adrienne Stephenson (Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards)

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 23: *Allocation to the Philosophy Graduate Student Association*
- Bill 24: *Allocation to Terra Incognita*
- Bill 25: *Transfer of Presentation Grant Funds*
- Bill 26: *Transfer of Attendance Grant Funds to Support Travel*

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business:

- Bill 27 Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark: *Creating an Advocacy Seat for LGBTQ+ Students*

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: October 16th, 2017

COGS Financial Report Fiscal Year 2017-2018

ACCOUNT	ALLOCATION AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE
COGS ADMIN	\$26,200	Includes Speakers Request, Food, Maintenance Fees, Overhead and Office phone services	\$26,200
UNALLOCATED	\$20,286.00	For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings	\$15,304.93
ORGANIZATIONAL (C-SAC)	\$2,000	RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year	\$1,260
PRESENTATION GRANTS (JULY-OCT)	\$45800	Presentation Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$132.41
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (JULY-OCT)	\$4800	Attendance Grant balance for the July-October funding period	\$400

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

TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
Student Government Chambers Room, 316 Oglesby Union
September 18th, 2017
6:39p.m.



CALL TO ORDER: 6:39p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Asturizaga, Dickman, Engelbrecht, Forsman, Lehn, Lozano, Oloye, Oseguera, Payne, Polischuk, Sanogo, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Forsman

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Gao, Indrakanti, Polischuk, Sanogo

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED: DeStefano, Hernandez, Shu

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, EXCUSED: NONE

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED: NONE

PETITIONS INTO THE ASSEMBLY: Jennifer Batchelder (Education) Debbie Gerardi (Fine Arts)

MINUTES APPROVED: Engelbrecht. Uttermark Second.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS: NONE

MESSAGES FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT: NONE

COGS Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs Elections

Nominations from the Congress for the 25th Congress of Graduate Students Speaker:

Deputy Speaker Uttermark nominates Representative Asturizaga.2nd. Asturizaga accepts.

Election Results from the Congress for the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs:

- Vivianne Asturizaga (13-0-1)

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: NONE

Funding Requests:

- Bill 22 Sponsored by CSAC: *Allocation to the College of Social Work Doctoral Student Organization*: Deputy Speaker Uttermark, Chair of the C-SAC committee explains that the organization is requesting funding for their monthly meetings and two workshops. Deputy Speaker Uttermark further explains that the organization has received funding from COGS in the past. The organization provided a breakdown of finances which totals are estimated at \$20-\$30 for each event. Deputy Speaker Uttermark notes the organization has requested a small amount for funding. Motion to call to question. 2nd. **Bill passes by acclamation. Food: \$240.**

Unfinished Business

- Bill 20 Sponsored by C-Sac: *Allocation to the School of Teacher Education Graduate Student Association*
Deputy Speaker Uttermark informs the representatives that the organization would like to receive funding for food to fund panel discussions with invited faculty speakers and coffee hours. The organization also requested money for travel in the Spring, but it did not meet the requirements for group travel funding outlined in the COGS Code. The organization has received funding from COGS in the past. Motion to amend to strike travel from the request. 2nd. Motion passes. Motion to call to question. 2nd. **Bill passes Food: \$500.**

New Business:

- Resolution 5 Sponsored by Academics & student Life Committee: *Response to President Trump's Intention to Repeal DACA*
Representative Oseguera explains that the resolution is in response to President Trump's stance on repealing DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). DACA makes it possible for kids who came to the US with their parents to become documented and have the ability to get an education, a driver's license and other citizen rights. The purpose of the resolution is to endorse and support President Thrashers statement regarding DACA. Representative Oseguera further breaks down the points in the resolution regarding not releasing information regarding immigrants and undocumented students unless required by law. Representatives inquire if it was intentional to use the term "immigrant" and "undocumented" in different areas of the resolution, for clarity of the points mentioned and what is the intention of saying "Guarantee" for legal assistance. **FIRST PRO**: Representative Lozano is in favor of this bill and believes it is important for the congress to support issues related to graduate students. Deputy Speaker Lehn believes that by supporting this resolution we show our solidarity. Motion to amend the bill to add language to line 2 in the resolution. Objection. Representative Engelbrecht clarifies the intention of the amendment. Motion withdrawn. Motion for three-minute recess. 2nd. Motion to amend the bill submitted in writing. 2nd. Motion passes. Motion to amend "immigrant" and change to "undocumented" in the Whereas clauses. 2nd. Bill passes. Motion to amend add "any other" to line 1. 2nd. Motion passes. **SECOND PRO**: Deputy Speaker Uttermark is in favor of the bill as it now reads and thanks Representative Engelbrecht for his assistance with the amendments. Motion to call to question. 2nd. Representative Oseguera is thankful for the feedback on the resolution. Vote by roll call. Asturizaga: Ay, Dickman: Ay, Engelbrecht: Ay, Forsman: Ay, Lehn: Ay, Lozano: Ay, Oloye: Ay, Oseguera: Ay, Payne: Ay, Polischuk: Ay, Sanogo: Ay, Sorribes: Ay Uttermark: Ay, Batchelder: Ay, Gerardi: Ay. **Resolution passes 15-0-0.**

Roundtable: Asturizaga, Batcheleder, Dickman, Engelbrecht, Forsman, Gerardi, Lehn, Lozano, Oloye, Oseguera, Payne, Polischuk, Sanogo, Scriven, Sorribes, Uttermark

Adjournment: 8:23 pm

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The 25th Congress of Graduate Students

BILL 23

ON PETITION

Philosophy Graduate Student Association

On October 2nd, 2017, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS 2017-2018 Unallocated Account (244003) to Philosophy Graduate Student Association's Account:

Food: \$300

Purpose: Funding will be used for purchasing refreshments for the Southeastern Epistemology Conference, hosted by PGSA on October 28 9 am-4pm and October 29 from 10 am- 4pm.

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

Joshua Scriven
Speaker

Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance



October 2nd, 2017

Danielle Morgan Acosta
Director of Student Affairs

Dr. Amy Hecht
Vice President for Student Affairs

Response Summary:

Organization Info

Requesting Organization: PGSA
Date Requested: 9/27/17
Budget Number: 244029
Academic Term: Fall 2017
President: Marshall Thompson
President's Email: mjt15c@my.fsu.edu
President's Phone Number: 301-448-0072
Treasurer: Jay Spitzley
Treasurer's Email: jrs15r@my.fsu.edu
Treasurer's Phone Number: 989-292-1989

Funding Source:
COGS

Budget Categories and Amount Requested

Contractual Services 0
Expense General 0
Expense Travel 0
Food 300
Clothing/Awards 0
OCO 0

Special Restrictions:
None

Organization's full name
Philosophy Graduate Student Association

Have your organization's president and treasurer taken the financial workshop?
Yes

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

Does your organization do fundraising?
No

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

How did you raise the funds?
N/A

How many active members are in your organization?
35

Does your organization charge dues?
No

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

How much A&S money did your organization spend last year?
\$2900

Purpose for which the funds will be used
Buying food and refreshments to be used at the Southeastern Epistemology Conference, which is being hosted by the FSU Philosophy department.

What is the date and time of the event in which the requested funds will be used?
Friday, October 28th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, and Saturday, October 29th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Is there anything else you would like us to consider?
The Southeastern Epistemology Conference is an annual philosophy conference, held at a different school in the southeastern US each year. This year, it is being hosted by the FSU philosophy department. While the PGSA itself isn't directly hosting the conference, we're hoping it can still contribute, in this case by helping to get additional funding so that we can provide snacks and refreshments for speakers and attendees between talks.

By signing in the space provided below, I hereby certify that all the information contained in this...
Philip Michael Albert II

Congress of Graduate Students Florida State University

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BILL 24

ON PETITION

Allocation to Terra Incognita

On October 2nd, 2017, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS 2017-2018 Unallocated Account (244003) to Terra Incognita's Account:

General Expense:	\$500
Travel:	\$1,500
Food:	\$750

Purpose: Funds will be used to support expenses for the Terra Incognita conference scheduled for Saturday April 14, 2017 from 8 am-5pm.

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

Joshua Scriven
Speaker

Matthew Uttermark
Deputy Speaker for Finance



October 2nd, 2017

Danielle Morgan Acosta
Director of Student Affairs

Dr. Amy Hecht
Vice President for Student Affairs

Response Summary:

Organization Info

Requesting Organization: Terra Incognita
Date Requested: September 19, 2017
Academic Term: 2017-2018
President: Jennifer Irish
President's Email: jei12@my.fsu.edu
President's Phone Number: 770-364-6985
Treasurer: Bryan Koller
Treasurer's Email: bmk14e@my.fsu.edu
Treasurer's Phone Number: 716-866-1992

Funding Source:

COGS

Budget Categories and Amount Requested

Contractual Services 0
Expense General 500
Expense Travel 1500
Food 750
Clothing/Awards 0
OCO 0

Special Restrictions:

None

Organization's full name

Terra Incognita 2017-2018

Have your organization's president and treasurer taken the financial workshop?

No

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

Yes

Does your organization do fundraising?

No

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

0.00 (Donations)

How did you raise the funds?

Last year, funds were given in the form of donations.

How many active members are in your organization?

Last year, our conference brought in about 60 people. This year, we hope to expand this number

to 100 and have a keynote speaker.

Does your organization charge dues?

No

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

We do not charge dues, but we do have a conference fee for abstract submission set at \$25.00 per person.

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

Last year, the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics gave the Terra Incognita conference approximately \$525.00

Purpose for which the funds will be used

If granted funding from the Congress of Graduate Students, the funding would be used for expenses associated with the conference. This year, we would like to have a keynote speaker to help expand the profile of the conference and encourage more abstract submissions.

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

The Terra Incognita conference is scheduled to be held on the Florida State University Campus, Saturday, April 14th, 2017 from 8am-5pm.

Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

MISSION STATEMENT:

Terra Incognita Mission Statement
Department of Modern Languages & Linguistics
Florida State University

Terra Incognita exists to provide graduate students in the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics at Florida State University the opportunity to direct, organize, host, and participate in an interdisciplinary graduate student conference within their own learning community. Terra Incognita invites graduate students from diverse disciplines on campus to collaborate and exchange research interests with one another. This conference also aims to integrate a wide range of current scholarship under the umbrella of linguistics and literature that will stimulate the expansion of our research interests and foster a sense of community within our own department, as

well as other departments at Florida State University. Terra Incognita will provide opportunities for graduate students to, on the one hand, gain experience in organizing a small-scale conference; and, on the other hand, students who participate at our conference will become more confident and capable in preparing, submitting, and presenting at larger and more prestigious national and international conferences - an essential aspect in our field.

CALL FOR PAPERS (PRELIMINARY):

Title possibilities: Responding to Transition in the Humanities; In Transition: Literary and Artistic Responses to Historical Moments of Change; Considering Change: The Humanities and Periods

of Transition; Does Transition Always Signal Progress? : Questioning the Politics of Change, ...

Body/Invitation: Whether political or artistic in nature, sudden or occurring gradually over time, affecting either global or local communities, transitions have always been a site of rich cultural response to their larger societal impacts. This conference aims to give a platform to graduate student research that examines literary and/or artistic production emerging from historical periods or moments of transition.

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

Bryan Matthew Koller

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BILL 25

Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark

Transfer of Presentation Grant Funds to Support Travel

On October 2nd, 2017, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS 2017-2018 November-February Presentation Grant Period to the July-October Presentation Grant funding period:

COGS July-October Presentation Grant Account: \$4,000

Purpose: To provide additional funding for graduate and professional students to present at conferences during the month of October.

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

Joshua Scriven
Speaker

Matthew Uttermark
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BILL 26

Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark

Transfer of Attendance Grant Funds to Support Travel

On October 2nd, 2017, the body voted to move the following amount from the COGS 2017-2018 November-February Attendance Grant funding period to the July-October Attendance Grant funding period:

COGS July-October Attendance Grant Account: \$500

Purpose: To provide additional funding for graduate and professional students to attending conferences during the month of October.

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

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BILL 27

Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Uttermark

Creating an Advocacy Seat for LGBTQ+ Students

On October 2nd, 2017, the Assembly voted to amend the COGS Code in accordance with the attached document.

Purpose: To add one new advocacy seat in order to better represent the LGBTQ+ graduate student population on Florida State University's campus.

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

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Chapter 111: Elections

111.3 In addition, one seat shall be allocated for each of the following: Graduate Student Housing Advocate, International Student Advocate, LGBTQ+ Student Advocate, Minority Student Advocate, Student Veterans Advocate, Students with Disabilities Advocate, and At Large, all of which shall be open to any graduate student at FSU.