



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

**TWENTY SEVENTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Assembly Meeting  
COGS Regular Session  
Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Zoom  
6:30 PM  
Agenda

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Petitions into the Assembly:

Special Introductions and Student Comments:

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:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- *Resolution #10: Virtual Events Funding*
- *Resolution #11: Travel Grants Opening*

Round Table:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting:

**Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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	\$21,331.18
ORGANIZATIONAL (C-SAC)	\$3,000	RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year	\$3,000
LSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations	\$44,000
MSC	\$44,000	Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations	\$44,000
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Jul-Oct)	\$53,000	Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$53,000
PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$60,000	Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$60,000
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	\$6,000
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Nov-Feb)	\$6,000	Attendance Grant balance for the November-February funding period	\$6,000
ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Mar-Jun)	\$5,000	Attendance Grant balance for the March-June funding period	\$5,000



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Assembly Meeting  
Regular Session  
Zoom  
September 21, 2020  
6:30 p.m.  
MINUTES



**Call to Order: 6:31**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Rep. Brinkman

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Brinkman, Blake-Hedges, Collins, Creigh, Ilesanmi, Mathesie, Cheuwa, Hirsch, Ola, Hagemeyer

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED:** Morgan, Fomberg

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:**

**REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:**

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Motion to Approve Minutes, Mathesie; Brinkman 2<sup>nd</sup>; No Objections; APPROVED.

**Petition into the Assembly:** Alaba Ilesanmi (College of Music)

- Question period
- Will you have availability on Mondays – Brinkman
  - Yes – Ilesanmi
- Do you have experience in work such as this?
  - Yes, worked with student welfare at previous university.
- Pros –
  - Seems to have experience – Brinkman
  - Personal character reference – Creigh
  - Great he wants to focus on action of diversity and not just words- Hirsch
- Motion to call the question
- Vote – 9-0-0
- Candidate approved

**Special Introductions and Student Comments:**



**Messages from Student Government:** Jason Randall, Liaison Student Government and COGS/Grad Student Seat 3

**Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:**

**Elections:**

- Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs
  - Brinkman nominated by Representative Hirsch
  - Pros -
    - Been involved for many years, is knowledgeable on how COGS operates. -Hagemeyer
    - She is prepared and understands what the role entails – Collins
    - She's the one for the job – Mathesie
  - Motion to call the question – Mathesie, second Hirsch.
  - Vote by secret ballot
    - 9-0-0, APPROVED

**Report of Officers:**

- **The Report of the Speaker**
  - Absent excused.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance**
  - Had a meeting with MSC to go over guidelines to begin funding organizations online
  - The funding freeze has been lifted but guidelines are still needed for funding
    - We will only be funding virtual events, no travel will be funded
    - We have put in two bills to move money to next funding period so that it can be used.
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs**
  - Nothing to report
- **The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications**
  - Planning a COGS social for Oct. 26 with more details to come.

**Committee Report:**

- **C-SAC:** have not met.
- **Internal Affairs:** have not met.
- **Student Advocacy:** have not met yet, but discussion has begun of semester goals, including childcare funding.
- **Student Affairs:** has set up a meeting for September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30, but goals have been discussed for the semester.



**Funding Requests:**

- None

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Bill #19: Presentation Grant Transfer
  - Transferring funds from previous presentation grant funding period to the coming period.
  - Questions
  - Pros-
    - Important to use this money for our students – Hagemeyer
    - Some grad students are concerned so its great that we'll be acting on it – Hirsch
    - Has also gotten many emails about grants, so virtual conferences are definitely something our students would be interested – Blake hedges
    - Motion to call the question- Mathesie, Second Brinkman.
    - **9-0-0, passed**
- Bill #20: Attendance Grant Transfer
  - No questions
  - Pros – once again, students are very eager to begin taking advantage of grants – Blake-hedges
  - **Passes, 9-0-0**
- Resolution #9: Virtual Conference Funding
  - Questions – none
  - Pros – none
  - Cons- none
  - Motion to call the question- Representative Hirsch, Second- Creigh.
  - **9-0-0, passes**

**Round Table:**

**Adjournment:** 7:35 pm

**Next Meeting:** October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020



# Resolution

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

**Resolution #:** 10

**Sponsored by:** Representative Sangokunle

**Date:** October 5th, 2020

**Whereas:** On June 15th, 2020 the 28th passed Resolution 6: Virtual Events Guidelines and Committee Formation;

**Whereas:** Resolution 6 stated that, “no funding proposals for virtual events out of the COGS Unallocated account will be accepted for review until such a time that the aforementioned committee has created funding guidelines and/or a funding related Code Amendment for virtual events has been ratified;”

**Whereas:** the Internal Affairs Committee of COGS met on September 28, 2020, and discussed a set of guidelines for review of funding applications by RSOs that are seeking funding from the COGS unallocated account;

**Whereas:** the Internal Affairs Committee determined the following guidelines for reviewing funding proposals for the remainder of the semester for Fall 2020:

1. COGS will not fund requests associated with increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 nor requests that are in violation of University Guidelines for procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic; the kinds of requests that fit into this category include, but are not limited to:
  - a. in-person events
  - b. food for in-person events
  - c. travel requests
2. COGS will apply the regular review process used for In-Person Events/Materials as found in the SGA Code and the SGA Financial Manual for the following requests on a case-by-case basis:
  - a. Honorariums to pay a speaker or artist for a Virtual Event
  - b. Funding requests to hold Virtual Conferences
  - c. Funding requests for Group Travel to present at a Virtual Conference
  - d. Funding requests to hold Virtual Meetings or Outreach Events
  - e. Promotional Items/Clothing
  - f. Office Supplies
  - g. Printing & Copying



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**Whereas:** the Medical Student Council (MSC) and Law School Council (LSC) are funding boards underneath COGS that must follow the same guidelines and procedures as COGS, unless otherwise stated in Chapter 300 and 302 of the COGS code;

**Whereas:** the MSC and LSC have begun preparing funding guidelines that apply to funding virtual events;

**Be it resolved by the Twenty-seventh Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that:** the guidelines determined by the Internal Affairs Committee be followed by COGS when reviewing funding requests from the COGS unallocated account, as well as the MSC and LSC when reviewing funding requests from their Budgeted account for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year;

**Be it further resolved that:** the funding guidelines for MSC and LSC must be approved by Speaker and Deputy Speaker for Finance and cannot be in violation of the guidelines enacted by COGS here;

**Be it further resolved that:** the funding guidelines enacted here are able to be changed upon updates to the University's guidelines for the COVID-19 pandemic as well as any unforeseeable circumstances that may arise;

**Be it further resolved that:** the Congress may begin hearing funding requests from the COGS unallocated account at the next meeting on October 19th, 2020;

**Be it further resolved that:** the MSC and LSC may begin hearing funding requests from their RSOs on October 19th, 2020;

**Be it further resolved that:** copies of this resolution be sent to the SGA accounting staff, the Interim Director of SG&A, Dr. Brandon Bowden, and the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Amy Hecht.



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## Resolution

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

Resolution #: 11

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

**Date:** October 5th, 2020

**Whereas:** On September 21, 2020 the 28th Congress passed Resolution 9 to resolve that “the application to apply for conference presentation and attendance grants will open on October 1st, 2020 and close either after funding is depleted or on February 28th, 2021, whichever comes first”;

**Whereas:** there has not been notice of the application opening on the COGS Funding website nor to the travel representatives that need to process these requests;

**Whereas:** there should not be an unfair advantage to graduate students applying for a conference presentation and/or attendance grant that were aware of the opening before an official notice was posted on the COGS website;

**Whereas:** the travel representatives that process these applications should be fully aware of the opening of the application for the grants before we proceed with accepting applications;

**Be it resolved by the Twenty-seventh Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that:** he application to apply for conference presentation and attendance grants will open on October 14th, 2020 and close either after funding is depleted or on February 28th, 2021, whichever comes first.

**Be it further resolved that:** copies of this resolution be sent to the SGA accounting staff, the Interim Director of SGA, Dr. Brandon Bowden, and the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Amy Hecht.