



Resolution

28th Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution #: 10

Sponsored by: Representative Sangokunle

Date: October 5th, 2020

COGS Virtual Event Funding Guidelines.

Read: 10/5/2020
COGS Vote: 8-0-1

PASSED: October 5th, 2020

CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY

10/6/2020

Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students

10/07/2020

Deputy Speaker for Finance



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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.