



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

# Resolution

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

Resolution #: 6

Sponsored by: Representative Hagemeyer

Date: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Virtual Events guidelines and committee formation.**

Read: 6/15/2020  
COGS Vote: 5-0-0

**PASSED: June 15, 2020**

**CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY**

  
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Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students

6/17/20

  
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Deputy Speaker for Finance

6/21/20



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**Date:** Monday, June 15th, 2020

**Whereas:** On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization announced that a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, had become a global pandemic;

**Whereas:** On March 17, 2020, Florida State University announced all class would be held remotely for the remainder of the Spring 2020 Semester, all campus events were also cancelled until further notice;

**Whereas:** On April 1, 2020, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued an executive order that all non-essential workers must stay at home until further notice;

**Whereas:** On April 15, 2020, Florida State University announced all classes would continue to be offered remotely through the Summer C session;

**Whereas:** On April 20, 2020, the Twenty-Eighth Congress of Graduate Students issued a resolution that no conference presentation or attendance grants will be awarded until the university reinstates university-sponsored travel and the application to apply for the grants will be closed until that time;

**Whereas:** On May 5, 2020, Florida State University entered Phase 1 of planned reopening, allowing a small percentage of employees to return to work but maintaining travel restrictions and restrictions on campus events;

**Whereas:** During May 2020, the Executive Board of the Congress of Graduate Students approved funding for an event that the Sport Psychology RSO modified from an in-person format to a virtual format;

**Whereas:** It is likely that virtual events will be a primary vehicle of professional and scholarly engagement until the COVID-19 pandemic recedes to safe levels;

**Whereas:** It is also likely that virtual events will be a popular form of professional development after the COVID-19 pandemic recedes to safe levels;



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**Be it resolved by the Twenty-Eighth Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that:** all RSOs who have been approved for funding of live events or group travel in the 2020-2021 fiscal year are allowed and encouraged to submit modification proposals for these events to enable the potential approval of these events or travel plans to a virtual event;

**Be it further resolved:** a committee shall be ~~formed~~ appointed to determine official guidelines for the Congress of Graduate Students to use to determine future funding of virtual events and whether amendments to COGS Code is warranted to cement these guidelines;

**Be it further resolved:** 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;

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