



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

# Resolution

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

Resolution #: 9

Sponsored by: Deputy Speaker Blake-Hedges

Date: September 21st, 2020

COGS Virtual Funding.

Read: 9/21/2020  
COGS Vote: 9-0-0

**PASSED: September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

**CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY**

  
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Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students

9/23/20

  
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Deputy Speaker for Finance

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**Whereas:** On March 13, 2020 the university cancelled all university-sponsored domestic (U.S.) and international travel until further notice;

**Whereas:** on April 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 the Congress passed Resolution 5 to resolve that “no conference or attendance grants will be awarded until the university reinstates university-sponsored travel and the application to apply for these grants will be closed until that time”;

**Whereas:** as of today, September 21, university-sponsored travel is still cancelled;

**Whereas:** a majority of professional society conferences have switched from in-person conferences to virtual conferences that can be safely attended without travel through an online platform;

**Whereas:** the Congress of Graduate Students Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year states that the conference presentation and attendance grants will be awarded for student travel during the fiscal year;

**Whereas:** beginning October 1st, 2020, the conference attendance and presentation grants are awarded for student travel that occurs between November 1st 2020-February 28th 2021;

**Be it resolved by the Twenty-seventh Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that:** conference presentation or attendance grants may be awarded to students that are attending and/or presenting at virtual conferences between November 1st 2020 and February 28th 2021 where no travel occurs to cover costs associated with said conferences.

**Be it further resolved that:** no conference presentation or attendance grants will be awarded to anyone attending and/or presenting at in-person conferences until the university reinstates university-sponsored travel.

**Be it further resolved 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.



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**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.