

Budget Hearing Day 3 Minutes
Wednesday, March 27th, Senate Chambers

Student Art Therapy Association

- Committee Members Present: Josh and Elizabeth
- Presenters: Emalee Hudson (treasurer) and Jasmine Blake (president)
- Start Time: 11:47 AM
- Highlights:
 - Events: Workshops, Community Outreach, Self Care, and Intersectional
 - Contractual Services: \$2000 , Expenses: \$2000
 - Fundraisers: \$3058.87 Self- Generated Funds \$260.00
- Questions/ Feedback:
 - Liz- Thanks them for short and concise presentation
 - Josh - Informed them about deliberations and about the April 15th budget meeting.

The Globe

- Committee Members Present: Josh and Elizabeth
- Presenters: Chandler
- Start Time: 12:02PM

Highlights

- Request is specifically for the GLOBE not CGE or other centers
- Program 2600 is available for any graduate organization
- Total request \$98,191
- Without Building Manager Position, they would not be able to keep the GLOBE open
- Without this funding the GLOBE would no longer be available for

Questions:

- Josh - Can you restate how the OPS request is lower from last year?
 - Expenses for background checks has gone down
- Josh- Are there any other rooms that might become available that are not yet available?
 - All rooms are available there about 2 that belong to different organizations

HiGSA

- Committee Members Present: Josh Burns, Elisabeth Schumm,
- Presenters: Jamie R. Maya
- Start Time: 12:27

Notes:

Aim - Promote hispanic culture, provide support for new grads, mentor grads, generate awareness of social/political

- Why: Hispanic Grads come from outside and there is huge culture shock
- Hard in a new country and in a second language

- Most important to provide family and support
- Informal mentorship
- 4th point done through event

Annual Events

- Fall: Cinehassee 8 years, movie, food, and most importantly discussion
 - Not only for hispanic people, but those interested in the community
 - Host at ASLC and College of Moving Picture Arts
- Spring: HiGSA more informally academic, community needed a place to present research and get feedback, helps with communicative skills

HiGSA Coffee Hour

International Bazar

New Events

- Dia de los muertos: Work with TSO and 120 more organizations in cascades park, celebrate trick or treat, but also receive questions from community
- Social Bowling: Modern language and linguistics department partner
- School Visits: Join hispanic heritage celebration in GODBY High school
- Thanksgiving Dinner: First formal hosted at FSU, potluck for American friends to help show hispanic friends the importance of the day. Multicultural celebration
- 10 Anniversary: April 20 Gala
- Nominated for Excelencia 2024

BUDGET

Biggest events for Cinehassee, Higs Talk, spring HIGSA Awards

Total: 12,395

Funding for big Fall meet & greet and spring meet & greet to help foster immediate connection within the community

Almost 100 People in Nole Central and events have increased guest and member attendance

Questions:

J: Clarification meet & greet, is it new?

Answer: Not new, but needs funding, provide snacks in a more “formalized” event

E: Bigger event attendance:

Answer: 45 to 50, buying food for 50 and usually running out

J: What has the collaboration with CGE looked like? International Coffee Hour?

Answer: Yes, big support, CGE is going to help send invites to new students HiGSA talks are being hosted at the CGE and help provide coffee for them

J: Gge back to budget slide, seeing funding request for meet and greet, and 10th Anniversary slide

Nepalese Student Association

- Committee Members Present: Elisabeth, Jack
- Presenters: Bushan Dahal
- Start Time: 1:10

Notes:

About them - NSA Organization that focus on bridging the cultural gap between Nepalese students and Florida. There is a huge culture shock because of the differences between Nepal and Florida. They want new students to have a space to feel comfortable before they find their permanent "home" in Tallahassee

- Celebrate different cultural moments from Nepal so people don't feel left out by bridging the cultural gap

Picture - Representation of what they are doing

30 Graduate students and 26 are listed in Nole Central

Previous events

- Welcome Program: Fall at the Rez, new students are meeting everyone, this gives students a place to come to
- Dashain Celebration: Integrating their culture here
 - Serve food
 - 50 Students and their families
 - More Nepalese families are brought to this event to help with money through food charges, but non FSU students are charged
- Sport Event: Extended community found through sports
- T-shirts funded by COGS Acts a jersey for sports games, but also helps give community

Fund Raising Event

- To give back to the country where they are from
- Any money they were raising was sent back to their home
- Help by jackets for students and a small local school

Signature Events

- New Student Welcome Program
- Dashain Tihar Program
- Nameless New Year Celebration (that follows the Nepalese cal.)

Budget

\$4,100

Last year, 10 new students, this year 12 new students

Increase ask because there is a major increase (2x) Nepalese students

New Symposium to help bridge the gap between culture and academics

Questions

Jack: Clarification 24/25 budget qualtrics 2800 for food 2000 for clothing and awards
4100 total

Answer: Wrong total on slide

Ask for number on slide that was just presented

Jack: Total isn't the problem, just where do you want funds to be sectioned?

Answer: Little bit spread out, things going to food and sports, 200 for sports, and the rest for food

E: Clarification for Dashain

Answer: Brings outside families for extra funding

The Graduate School

- Committee Members Present: Bethke (Acting Chair), Rowan, Schumm
- Presenters: James Beck, Joy Stein, Dr. Adrienne Stevenson,
- Start Time: 1:32pm

Highlights

- Graduate School works to advance graduate education at FSU.
- Made up of several different offices:
 - OGFA
 - Office of Post-Doc Affairs
 - Etc.
- Main events
 - New Graduate Student Orientation
 - Hosted in August to help orient new grad students.
 - Brings out speakers on the many different resources
 - Funds used for renting Ruby Diamond.
 - Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence
 - Recognizes students for winning external and internal graduate student awards.
 - Funds are for parking, food, photography, swag, certificates, and physical awards at ceremony and reception.
 - Graduate students have brought in millions over the last couple years in grants and awards.
 - Three-Minute Thesis
 - Annual competition for doc students to showcase their dissertation research to a broad audience in 3min with only 1 slide.
 - Funds cover refreshments and awards.
 - Master's in Four
 - Annual FSU competition for masters students to showcase their research in 4min with up to 4 slides.
 - Funds for refreshments and awards.
 - OGFA Workshops and Events
 - Assists with finding external fellowships and awards.
 - Helps with professional development.
 - Funds help to cover workshops/events, refreshments, and outreach items. Individual workshops in Fall & Spring, 4-day workshop series in Summer for students who are actively submitting grant/fellowship applications.
 - Fellows Forum
 - Annual multi-day symposium in Spring.
 - Brings together scholars and professionals from a variety of viewpoints to address a problem of broad humanistic significance.
 - Funds cover the costs of the conference.

- Dissertation Research Grants
 - Used to support graduate students with the cost of their dissertation research.
 - Given out twice/year.
- Graduate Student Op-Ed Competition
 - New professional development opportunity for students to develop communication and writing skills, engage the public, and advertise the impact of graduate studies at FSU.
 - Workshops will be facilitated by faculty and journalists on how to write an op-ed.
 - Panel discussion at the start of the fall on the importance of communicating with the public.
 - In October, students can submit an op-ed that will be judged by a panel of faculty and journalists.
 - Awards will be handed out at the end of October.
 - Hoping to publish op-eds on OGFA website and potentially submitting the winner to the Tallahassee Democrat.
 - Funds for workshops, competition, and a reception. Maybe an honorarium for the panel moderator.
 - FSU Office of Communications is interested in being involved. Hoping to partner with the Reading & Writing Center.
 - Idea brought up by a recent grad student. Similar competition at U of Miami.
- Thanks to COGS for their support over the years. It allows us to do the great work we do.

Q&A

- OGFA
 - Bethke: What's your outreach items for OGFA? A: Branded OGFA merch.
- DRGs
 - Rowan: Have you already used all funds for the DRGs? A: Yes
 - Schumm: How many students? A: Unsure
 - Bethke: What's the usual amount? It varies.
- Op-Ed
 - Bethke: Really like the idea. Will it just be COGS funding? A: Have Sweeping funds, but those will likely be lost (Rowan offered to help waive sweepings). Want to work on sponsorships over time.
 - Bethke: Will it have to be current? A: Approximately 6mths. Also following the proper formatting that journalists have to follow.
 - Schumm: Really like the idea.
- Grad Excellence
 - Bethke: Why is parking an expense? A: Having to reserve spots at the Alumni Center.

ChemiNoles Graduate Student Association

- Committee Members Present: Bethke (Acting Chair), Rowan, Siegel, Cyrille
- Presenters: Cat Fabiano, Erica Truong
- Start Time: 3:32pm

Highlight

- Provides a support network for graduate chemistry students, as well as fostering interest in chemistry in the wider community.
- Requesting \$8,650
 - Currently used ~\$2,800 of a \$6,100 budget
 - Food: \$4,300 (\$2,716.21 used)
 - Expenses: \$1000 (\$300 used)
 - C&A: \$800 (fully used)
 - Estimating \$2,600 in spending for rest of FY.
- Events include social events, research symposiums, celebrations of Mole Day and FSU's Buckey Ball contributions.
- Cheminole Impact
 - Graduate Student Life
 - Provides a way for students to meet people outside of their lab groups and silos.
 - Student-Faculty Interactions
 - Helps to make students more comfortable having conversations with faculty members.
 - Undergraduate Student Research
 - Works with UROP
- Events regularly break 50 attendees.
 - Game Night w/ New Students
 - Drinks & Discussion w/ Professors
 - Looking to do this every Friday after seminar.
 - Back to School BBQ Bash @ Rez
 - TLH Science Fair
 - Chemistry demonstrations w/ elementary schoolers to interest them in chemistry.
 - Have had requests for further demonstrations
 - Halloween Run
 - Holiday Party
 - I Heart Chemistry
 - Spring Break Brunch
 - Upcoming Events
 - Earth Day Event
 - Movie Night
 - Summer Lunch

- Hoping to have outreach events with Leon County Schools
 - 5 events/year @ \$50 each.
- Fundraising
 - Pi Day Fundraisers
 - Pie the PI
 - Raised \$600 this year.
 - Faculty and students donate

Q&A

- Cyrille: Why are you so under budget right now? A: We underestimated attendance at some of our larger events and ran out of food. The department is expanding, so the demand is also increasing.
- Siegel: So you have \$700 left in expense? A: Yes
- Rowan: But you'll have ~\$500 left in food? A: Yes, but we're planning on using it for an undergraduate research symposium.

Ecology & Evolution Research & Discussion Group

- Committee Members Present: Bethke (Acting Chair), Rowan, Siegel, Cyrille
- Presenters: Grace Westphal, Miles Robertson, Emily Broussard
- Start Time: 4:01pm

Highlights

- EERDG promotes students in the Ecology and Evolution program under the Biology department. Also to provide opportunities for presenting research, and have outreach with the general public about science and ongoing research at FSU.
- Community Outreach:
 - K-12 Classroom Visits
 - Sustainable Aquaculture Lecture Series,
 - Deep Sea Coral Lecture Series,
 - Skype a Scientist
 - Scientist in Every Florida School
 - Leon High Guest Presentations
 - So far, have done 31 total presentations reaching over 800 students.
 - Tallahassee Science Fair
 - UF/FAS Entomology Camp
 - Saturday at the Sea
 - Trinity Catholic School Science Fair
 - Finding Fluorescence General Outreach
 - Tabling with Grad Women in STEM @ Celebration of Women and Girls in Science
 - Tabling at Roberts Elementary Science Night
 - 16 Outreach events total with an impact of over 2000 people.
- Campus Outreach

- GRFP Panel
- IDP (Individual Development Plan) Workshop series
- Earth and Ocean Science Undergraduate Research Symposium
 - Seeking COGS funding for.
- Biology Involvement Fair
- SEEDS Microscope Workshop
- Darwin Day Celebration
- 7 events total, impacting over 200 students.
- Weekly Seminar Series
 - Gives grad students the ability to practice presenting research and teaching each other skills.
- Many Social Events, on top of everything else.
- Requesting Expense Funds for Outreach, food for internal events, C&A for shirts.

Q&A

- Cyrille: What does “person reached” mean for outreach? A: Attendance, those we’ve engaged with.
- Bethke: Is the expense slide for last year? A: No, it’s a breakdown of our request for this year.
- Bethke: Can you explain the iPad more? A: They’re used for digital microscopes and are favorites of undergrads. Could be a good resource for grad students.
- Bethke: So you already own the microscopes? A: Yes.
- Rowan: Where would you store the iPads when you aren’t using them? A: King 4047, a locked graduate student office.
- Bethke: How often do you use the microscopes in a year? A: ~6-12x, depends on the requests we get for outreach.

Bangladeshi Students Association

- Committee Members Present: Josh(Chair) ,Bethke, Rowan, Siegel, Cyrille
- Presenters: S M Mushfiqul Hoque,
- Start Time: 4:57
- The organization was formed in 2014 with 91 total active members. The main interest is to serve students of Bangladeshi decent. The organization helps new Bangladeshi students integrate into life at FSU and Tallahassee
 - Host events to foster understanding of culture and promote extra-curricular activity
- Events in 2023-2024
 - Walking event around campus with to familiarize students with the campus
 - Game night hosted in November
 - Hosted BBQ Friendsgiving event at REZ
 - Spring Celebration at Tom Brown Park with Bangladeshi food
 - Participated in an international bazaar where art and postcards were prepared
 - Held Ekushey Cup Cricket Tournament

- Upcoming are EID & Pohela Boishakh, which received COGS funds recently
 - Hosted Global Cafe, which generated funds
 - Each year organization hosts international coffee hour
- Annual 2024-2025 Budget with total of \$8,100
 - Expense: \$500
 - Food: \$4,400
 - Clothing: 3,200
- Events using budget funds
 - For Fresher reception, requesting, \$600 on food, \$50 on decorations, and \$100 on awards for new member
 - For game night, \$300 will be used for awards
 - BBQ food request is \$500, which does not include raw meat. \$102 is requested for equipment such as grilling equipment, which will be reused for following events.
 - EID and New Year celebration is one of the largest events and are requesting \$2,900 for food, \$100 for decorations, and \$2,380 for shirts
 - Requesting funds for trophies for cricket(\$210) and Soccer(\$210) Tournament
 - The new Gala event is requesting \$500 on food and \$48 on decorations.
- Jack: You are asking for extra funds for Cricket this year, why are you not requesting funds for next year?
 - A: Much of the funds are only needed once, and supplies can be reused
- Jack: For BBQ, can you note the food funds for BBQ, which using raw food, could you mark that down for being spent on something else?
 - A: Yes
- Jack: when are you planning to host the Gala?
 - A: July 2025
- Jack: We won't be able to fund it in July due to the end of the fiscal year, but you could do it in May.
 - A: Okay that could work

Graduate Women in STEM

- Committee Members Present: Burns (Chair), Rowan, Siegel
- Presenters: Grace Westphal, Vicky Li
- Start Time: 5:25pm

Highlights

- Fostering a collaborative environment for women from different backgrounds who are in STEM. Lots of international students in the org.
- Primarily a graduate student org, but undergrads are welcome at events
- Main Events
 - Girls 2 Divas
 - Mentoring org for 3rd-12th grade girls in Tallahassee to encourage women to become leaders in their community.
 - Presented & Facilitated Discussion on:

- STEM Careers
 - Profession Development, etc.
- Take a Leap
 - Joint TSC-FAMU-FSU event to encourage public school women to get in STEM.
 - Hands-on Exploration Activities
 - Evolution drawing
 - Draw what you see
- Partnering with the Career Center
- Orientation Activities
 - New Grad Student Chem Orientation
 - Biology Involvement Fair
 - Purpose
 - Handing out merch
 - Welcoming new students
 - Informing about opportunities.
- International Coffee Hour
 - Beignets and Drinking Chocolate
 - Also brought artifacts and other STEM related items to talk about research.
- Art in STEM
 - 10th anniversary this year!
 - Submissions professionally printed.
 - Bridges the gap between scientific discovery and popular interest by making science accessible to a wider audience.
- Socials
 - Fall Social during early Fall.
 - Movie Night
 - Involved conversation about Barbie movie and how it connects to women getting involved with STEM and the workforce.
 - Galentine's Day @ Paint-a-Pot
 - Spring Social & Awards Presentation
- Requesting:
 - \$2k food
 - \$1,100 Expense
 - \$2,300 C&A

Q&A

- Rowan: How many t-shirts are covered by your quote? A: ~120.
- Siegel: So all the submissions for Art in STEM are students? A: Yes, this year it's expanded to faculty, but that's just for the 10th anniversary.

Anthropology Graduate Student Association

- Committee Members Present: Burns (Chair), Rowan, Siegel

- Presenters: Erin von Scherrer, Liz Haire
- Start Time: 6:04pm

Highlights

- Supports anthropology events for grad students.
- Holds social events like pig roasts and fish fry's.
- Supports graduate research and helps to pool funds for conference attendance.
- Significant fundraising
 - \$ from Pig Roast, Fish Fry
 - Selling Merch.
- Events
 - Science Night at School of Arts and Sciences at The Centre
 - Annual Pig Roast
 - Anthropology Day & Darwin Day
 - Fish Fry

Q&A

- Rowan: Do you sell the merch? A: Yes, but that's a separate group of merch from COGS-funded ones. Sold out of the paid ones this year.
- Rowan: Could you use more funds? A: Definitely, primarily in food.

Hearings Day 3 ends at 6:13pm

Hearings Day 4 begins at 3:30pm on March 28, 2024, in the Senate Chambers