Call to Order: 9:10 am

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jared Bethke, Joshua Burns(Chair), Jack Rowan, Elisabeth Schumm, Kyanna Austin, Madeleine Siegel, Francis Ebuara

COMMITTEE MEMBERS LATE, EXCUSED: Frank Valez (Excused), Chris Cyrille (Excused)

Org Discussing:

Jack: I move to open discussion of the African Graduate Student Association
Elisabeth: 2nd
Josh: They are requesting $2,500 in the expense category
Jack: They've shown their ability to use their funds effectively, and I support full funding
Madeleine: I agree they have a great set of events
Jack: I move to fund the African Student Association for $2,500 for expenses
Elisabeth: 2nd
Josh: Approved by unanimous consent
Josh: We will now move on to the discussion on the Anthropology Graduate Student Association, which is requesting $700 for food and $650 for clothing and awards, totaling $1,350.00
Jack: I liked their event, and I think they are requesting less than they need. I am willing to support offering additional funding for shirts since they currently pay out of pocket for some of their shirts
Francis: I don't feel comfortable funding them extra
Jack: We previously had less money, and with our additional funds available, I think it is reasonable to offer additional funds.
Madeleine: They were very interested in receiving more funds when the potential to do so was discussed during their presentation
Elisabeth: motion to fund Anthropology Graduate Student Association $700.00 in food and $650.00 in expenses
Francis: 2nd

Josh: The Bangladeshi Student Association is next requesting $2,250.00 in expense, $5,200.00 for food, and $1,200.00 for clothing and awards
Josh: I think their request is sound
Jack: I agree and I move to fund 2,250.00 in expense, $5,200.00 for food, and $1,200.00 for clothing and awards
Madeleine: 2nd

Josh: We'll move to the Political Science Graduate Student Association
Jack: The main use of funds is professional development and graduate student workshops, which I think are great causes
Josh: They are requesting $7,500.00 in contractual services, $200.00 expense, and $1,200.00 in food
Jack: They are requesting more for each speaker than most organizations, but we have the extra funds for it
Madeleine: I noticed that too, is there a reason why?
Josh: motion to hear from an outside speaker?
Madeleine: 2nd
RSO Representative: Most people we fly out are tenured faculty from elite institutions such as Princeton, and we are dealing with inflation. Also, the event is at the end of the semester, which tends to be more expensive.
Madeleine: I think it is great to fund these types of events, and I am in support
Josh: do I have a motion to fully fund $7,500.00 in contractual services, $200.00 in expense, and $1,200.00 in food
Madeleine: I move to fully fund.
Elisabeth: 2nd

Josh: We'll move into the request from the Nepalese Student Association for $3,700.00 in food and $400.00 for clothing/awards, and we do have a guest for the org. if we want to move to allow them to speak
Jack: I am glad we were able to sort out differences between their submitted request form and PowerPoint, and I support fully funding
Elisabeth: I agree they had a great lineup of events
Jack: I move to fully fund $3,700.00 in food and $400.00 for clothing/awards
Francis: 2nd

Josh: Next, we'll move to Cheminoles, who is requesting $2,250.00 in expenses, $5,200.00 in food, and $1,200.00 in clothing and awards
Jack: they focused a lot on community outreach which I enjoyed, and I support their efforts to support STEM in the community
Madeleine: Their events are great, and their presentation was wonderful, with great outreach events within the community
Jack: they have been requesting funds for years, and it shows with the quality of their presentation
Jack: I move to fully fund
Madeleine: 2nd

**Jared recused himself from voting**

Josh: We’ll move into DURPSA requesting $200.00 in expenses, $300.00 in food, and $250.00 in clothing and awards
Francis: I have no issues with this request
Josh: Yes, it's a very simple request
Jared: We were not active for a few years, and we are mainly trying to get the ball rolling with funding, which is why our request is so conservative
Francis: I move to fund DURPSA $200.00 in expenses, $300.00 in food, and $250.00 in clothing and awards
Jack: 2nd

Josh: next we will move into Ecology & Evolution Research & Discussion Group requesting $2,709.00 in expenses, $2,600.00 in food, and $960.00 in clothing and awards
Jack: this is the one with the iPad, and I am not fully opposed, but I think two iPads are too much. Instead, I say we request they only ask for one, and they could request more later.
Madeleine: I am surprised about their number, 380 sounds too little for an iPad, but I agree that it is a good idea to test it out with one.
Elisabeth: They are using them for an electronic microscope for kids to use at elementary school.
Francis: Why do they need to connect it to an iPad?
Madeleine: The digital microscope is easier to use for students.
Francis: I know they do a lot of outreach, and I support their effort.
Jack: I move to fund Ecology & Evolution Research & Discussion Group $2,709.00 in expenses, $2,600.00 in food, and $960.00 in clothing and awards.
Francis: 2nd
Jack: I move to provide proviso language stating, “only one iPad may be purchased with these funds.”

Josh: Next, we’re moving into the Society for Musicology requesting $6,000.00 in contractual services and $400 for food.
Jack: all contractual services are for honorarium, which is less than poli-sci, so I am in support.
Madeleine: Do we cover food per diem?
Jack: Sometimes it gets wrapped into honorarium.
Jack: I move to fund fully.
Madeleine: 2nd

Josh: LEARN is requesting 2000 in contractual services, $985.00 in expenses, and $4,150.00 in food.
Elisabeth: Jack, you asked what you would do with extra funds, and they wished to learn more about a potential scholarship.
Jack: It was about a scholarship for data analysis software to fund purchasing the software.
Jack: I move to hear from the outside speaker.
Elisabeth: 2nd
Outside speaker: It would be beneficial to use extra funds for students to help purchase research software such as STATA.
Jared: It is offered for free from the university, but it is oftentimes challenging to use.
Jack: since it is free, I say we should just fully fund.
Jack: I move to Fully fund for 2000 in cont. services, $985.00 in expenses, and $4,150.00 in food.
Elisabeth: 2nd

Josh: Next is the Graduate Researchers of Geography requesting $400.00 in contractual services, $1,200.00 in food, and $300 in clothing and awards for a total of $1,900.00.
Francis: I don’t think we have any issues, so I move to fund $400.00 in contractual services, $1,200.00 in food, and $300.00 in clothing and awards for a total of $1,900.00.
Madeleine: 2nd

Josh: Next, we will move into Graduate Women in STEM, requesting $1,150.00 in expenses, $2,000.00 in food, and $2,300.00 in clothing and awards for a total of $5,450.00.
Josh: I am very impressed with what they do, such as the art in stem posters in Dirac, and their presentation was great.
Jack: Grace, their president, is great as well.
Josh and Elisabeth recused themself for their deliberation

Jack: The Higher Education Student Association is next
Josh: There were some issues with spending the remaining funds for this year, but these seemed to be resolved, and there are events they are planning to use funds on
Elisabeth: There are at least three events planned before the end of the semester
Jack: I move to fund the Higher Ed Student Association $2,750.00 in expenses, $3,500.00 in food, and $500.00 for clothing and awards.
Elisabeth: 2nd

Josh: Hispanic Graduate Student Association is requesting $3,300.00 contractual services, $2,140.00 in expenses, $4,200.00 in food, and $2,700.00 in clothing and awards
Josh: This is one of our largest requests, but they host a lot of great events, so I support funding them
Jack: I went to an event, and it was excellent and involved coordination between other organizations
Madeleine: Do they work under HLSU, and how many members do they have?
Jack: They do not
Josh: They have 98 members, which is high for a graduate organization
Madeleine: Motion to fund the Hispanic Graduate Student Association for $3,300.00 in contractual services, $2,140.00 in expenses, $4,200.00 in food, and $2,700.00 in clothing and awards for a total of $12,043.00
Jack: 2nd

Josh: next is the History Graduate Student Association requesting $1,600.00 for contractual services, $2,000.00 for expenses, and $1,600.00 for food
Jack: The main event is their annual conference, which is a large event they host. They present over 30 graduate student papers each year, which I think is great for graduate students' professional development. Also, they self-fund with market Wednesday book sales, which I appreciate.
Madeleine: Motion to approve History Graduate Student Association for $1,600.00 in contractual services, $2,000.00 in expenses, and $1,600.00 in food
Elisabeth: 2nd

Jack: Let's quickly move back to the Bangladeshi Student Association, where there was an issue with the BBQ. There was a request for raw food, which is against university policy.
Jack: I move to add a proviso stating, “Pursuant to University policy, no funds shall be expended on raw foods that need to be cooked.”
Elisabeth: 2nd

Josh: Next, we will move into the Masters of Applied American Politics and Policy Association requesting $2,300.00 in contractual services, $1,200.00 in expenses, $2,000.00 in food, and $1,350.00 in clothing and awards
Jack: MAP is interesting, and what I think is interesting is that many local political leaders come back to the MAP program years into their careers, which I think is great for the university. They have good leadership, and I have faith that they will use the funds well.

Madeleine: I have heard the program is difficult, so I think this organization can offer needed support.

Jack: I move to fund the Masters of Applied American Politics and Policy Association for $2,300.00 in contr. services, $1,200.00 in expenses, $2,000.00 in food, and $1,350.00 in clothing and awards.

Madeleine: 2nd

Josh: Next, we will move into the Masters of Public Health Student Association requesting $1,000.00 in contractual services, $4,278.10 in expenses, and $11,729.59 in food.

Josh: This is our biggest RSO request, but rightfully so because they host a large conference with speakers from multiple programs that pull in many graduate and undergraduate students, so I am in support.

Francis: Is this funding only for the conference?

Jack: mostly, but they also host smaller monthly events with speakers.

Josh: They also use funds for the hooding ceremony, which I am happy to fund since the administration does not fund it, and it is held in the ASLC.

Elisabeth: Motion to funds Masters of Public Health Student Association for $1,000.00 in contractual services, $4,278.10 in expenses, $11,729.59 in food.

Jack: 2nd

Josh: Next, we will move into the Organization for Religion Graduate Students requesting $3,800.00 in contractual services, $500.00 in expenses, and $1,700.00 in food.

Jack: I was confused at first because I thought this was an organization for religious students, but it is actually an organization for students in graduate school studying religion.

Josh: A lot of these funds are for the conference they host.

Jack: I move to funds Religion Graduate Students requesting $3,800.00 in contractual services, $500.00 in expenses, and $1,700.00 in food.

Elisabeth: 2nd

Josh: Next, we'll move into Philosophy Graduate Student Association requesting $2,600.00 in contractual services and $400 in food.

Jack: They are the number one action theory department in the nation, which I like. I also liked that they wished to collaborate with FAMU and TSC for their conference.

Josh: Do we have a motion to fully fund?

Francis: I so move.

Jack: 2nd

Josh: Next, we'll move to the Physics Graduate Student Association, which is requesting $2000 for food. They also wished to receive $1,500 in funds for clothing but did not get a quote.

Jack: I think we can fund them for $1,500 for clothing even if they did not get a quote. We have done it before.

Jack: I move to fund the Physics Graduate Student Association which is requesting $2000 for food with an additional $1,500 for clothing.

Francis: 2nd

Josh: Next, we will move onto Southeast Review, requesting $3,500.00 in contractual services, $3,000.00 in expenses, $250.00 in food, and $250.00 in clothing and awards.
Josh: A point of clarification, their publication, which is requesting COGS funds, received approval from the publisher to offer free copies for students
Jack: I really like this organization, and I think we might need a proviso. I also think we should consider increasing expense funding for more copies of the publication for students
Madeleine: They fundraise a lot via sales of their publications, which I was very impressed about
Elisabeth: I was also very impressed with this organization, especially their work with the women’s prison
Madeleine: I agree that they could use additional expense funds
Elisabeth: I move to fund Southeast Review $3,500.00 in contractual services, $3,000.00 in expenses, $250.00 in food, and $250.00 in clothing and awards
Jack: 2nd
Jack: I move to add the proviso “Southeast Review shall have a distribution plan where FSU students have the opportunity to receive free copies of the Review.”
Elisabeth: 2nd

Josh: Next, we will move on to **Student Art Therapy at FSU**, requesting $2,000.00 in contractual services and $2,000.00 in expenses
Elisabeth: I think the organization is very equitable hosts great self care and outreach event
Francis: I move to fully fund Student Art Therapy at FSU, requesting $2,000.00 in cont. services and $2,000.00 in expense
Elisabeth: 2nd

Josh: Next, we will move into **The Cell and Molecular Biology Graduate Student Association** request for $1,450.00 in expenses and $1,850.00 in food

Jack: This is the coffee cart one Maddie. Since that seems like their main attraction, I think we should help update their coffee cart, which seemed small and worn
Madeleine: Could we help them with that in sweeping?
Jack: we can definitely recommend they go to sweepings
Josh: Do we have a motion to fully fund?
Jack: I move to fund The Cell and Molecular Biology Graduate Student Association requesting $1,450.00 in expenses and $1,850.00 in food
Madeleine: 2nd

Josh: We will move into our last request, which is from the Neuroscience Graduate Student Association, requesting $500.00 in expenses, $4,700.00 in food, and $1,000.00 in clothing and awards. The only context I would give is that they are trying to become more active post-covid and are doing significant outreach. They also work with K-12 students.
Josh: Do I have a motion to fund fully?
Jack: So moved.
Madeleine: 2nd

Josh: We will skip COGS and speaker request and move into **Law School Council** requesting $20,000 in contractual services, $25,000 in expenses, and $55,000 in food
Francis: For the request from the Law and Medical School Council, are their RSOs within the council?
Jack: Yes, there are many RSOs under them
Josh: These councils allocate to these RSO
Jack: I think we should put all funds under expense to give them the flexibility to fund as they wish
Madeleine: I think that putting it all in expense is good and would make it easier for all of us
Francis: Do all RSOs under LSC request funds as well?
Jack: Yes, and both Councils do budget requests each semester, giving COGS more oversight
over how they spend funds
Josh: Do we have a motion to fund $100,000 in expenses for the Law School Council
Elisabeth: I move
Francis: 2nd

Josh: we'll now move into the Medical School Council requesting $4,525.44 in contractual
services, $23,067.00 in expenses, $76,501.70 in food, and $5,905.86 in clothing and awards
Jack: I love MCS
Madeleine: Me too. They have $175,000 in programming but are only asking for $110,000,
which to me, shows dedication to seeking outside funds
Elisabeth: I was very impressed with the detail and dedication in their budget request
Jack: I move to fund the MCS $110,000 in the expense category
Elisabeth: 2nd

Josh: Next, we will move into FSU Childcare, requesting $262,608.00 in just the OPS wage
category
Jack: The childcare center serves an important function in providing free childcare to our
students. My main issue was communication. The email sent out lacked context of the process
we must go through to fund to childcare center. I was disappointed in the process this year but
still recognize the importance of the center. Moving forward, wish to look into alternative funding
avenues
Madeleine: The center is important for our students for both childcare and learning
opportunities, but I am still confused by why we fund it since most of those benefiting from the
center are not graduate students.
Jack: I understand why, this is a deal COGS made in the past to get increased funding but
moving forward, we should seek alternative avenues to bring in support from the entire
university
Madeleine: are there any grants?
Jack: yes, but it doesn't cover student workers, which we pay for
Francis: is it graduate student workers?
Jack: it is mostly undergrad workers, over 90%
Francis: Did senate ever help with Child Care?
Jack: they used to, but we made a deal with senate to pay the full cost of the Globe and
Childcare for extra COGS funding
Jack: With that, I move fully fund FSU Childcare, requesting $262,608.00 in just the OPS wage
category
Francis: 2nd

Josh and Jack are both recused from this deliberation
Josh: first, we will go into the COGS Administration request for $24,024.00 in OPS wages,
$15,450.00 in expenses, $3,000.00 in food, and $15,000.00 in clothing and awards for a total of
$57,474.00
Francis: Since we already talked about this during your presentation, Jack, I move to fully fund
the COGS Administration budget request.
Jack: I 2nd
Jack: I request a proviso laying out the hours for each office. In previous years we did not have
exact hours set for the positions
Francis: Yes, go for it
Jack: motion to include the proviso “OPS Wages: Pays the wages of the COGS Exec Board.
Requested pay rates: Speaker (12hr/wk @ $13/hr for 44wks), Deputy Speaker for Finance
(10hr/wk @ $13/hr for 44wks), Deputy Speaker for Communications (10hr/wk @ $13/hr), for
44wks), Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs (10hr/wk @ $13/hr for 44wks).”
Francis: I 2nd that

Jack recused from this deliberation
Josh: Next, we will move into the Speaker's Request for $10,000.00 in expenses
Josh: It is very import if we ever have an issue where an RSO needs funds last-minute funds. In
the past, I helped an RSO get last-minute food for using these funds.
Francis: I move to fully fund the Speaker's Request for $10,000 in expenses
Elisabeth: 2nd

Josh: Next, we are going into The Globe Facilities request for $70,541.00 in salaries,$25,350.00 in OPS wages, and $2,300.00 in expenses. I do not have many comments but they
have been very flexible, especially with their OPS wages, seeking external funds.
Jack: it was over $100,000 last year
Josh: They have great spaces for graduate students, with a reserved graduate space.
Elisabeth: I was impressed that they were able to cut the number of OPS students and increase
hours
Francis: We pay for salaried staff?
Josh: Yes, it is one individual who manages OPS staff and the building. This item pays for his
entire salary and allows us to have the reserved graduate room
Jack: There are more benefits than just paying for wages
Jack: I move to fund The Globe Facilities requesting $70,541.00 in salaries, $25,350.00 in OPS
wages, and $2,300.00 in expenses for a total of $98,191.00
Elisabeth: 2nd

Josh: Next, we will move into The Graduate School requesting $6,000.00 in expenses,
$11,400.00 in food, and $10,500.00 in Clothing & Awards for a total of $27,900.00
Jack: I want to get Dean Riley to come speak to the COGS board. He is passionate about
COGS and he has repeatedly supported COGS and had COGS’ back
Elisabeth: You will be speaking at one of their events?
Jack: Yes, and a part of their request is reserving Ruby Diamond for that event
Elisabeth: I think it is great that they are having you speak, Jack.
Jack: It's fantastic, and they generally do great work, and I am happy we are supporting them.
Francis: So are we just funding the grad school?
Jack: We help fund the grad school and workshops that OGFA does, but we do not directly fund
OGFA
Josh: Do we have a motion to fully fund?
Elisabeth: I move to fund The Graduate School for $6,000.00 in expenses, $11,400.00 in food,
and $10,500.00 in Clothing & Awards for a total of $27,900.00
Jack: 2nd

Josh: Next, we will move into the Dissertation Research Grant, requesting $10,000 in grants
Jack: they use the full amount each year and have already used all funds. Dissertation research
is expensive, especially for STEM, so I am in full support
Francis: How is it awarded?
Jack: committee of faculty review requests twice a year. Students can receive a max of $1,000
Francis: I have never seen a call for application.
Jack: it is on the graduate school website, and someone is working on a master list of funding
options, which I have been working on to help add all graduate opportunities.
Jack: I move to fund a Dissertation Research Grant for $10,000 in grants
Elisabeth: 2nd

Josh: we will now move into the **Graduate Student Op-Ed Competition** (Graduate School)
requesting $5,000.00 in expenses
Elisabeth: I think it is very impressive and think it's great that it is open to all of grad school even
though it is through the English Department
Jack: I will be working with Senate for additional funding
Francis: Which RSO is this?
Jack: It's a new event from the grad school, and I put it in a separate line item alongside the
grants. It is going to include Op-Ed workshops and is open to all graduate students in all
categories, from STEM to politics
Elisabeth: I also appreciated the workshop aspect for professional development
Francis: I move to fund the Graduate Student Op-Ed Competition fully
Elisabeth: 2nd

Josh: Shezin has been here for a while if you have any questions and we will move into the
**Conference Presentation Grants** *(Conference Attendance Grants)* requesting $324,900.00 in
expenses which is my proposed new amount.
Jack: I like the 20% increase. Some have cautioned about going too high, but I think 20% is
good with increased prices. This would allow us to nearly double the number of grants. I think
we might need to cut a few $10,000s from this. I think this is the biggest area we can afford to
cut considering we want to fund some RSOs more. Multiple RSOs did not put in requests that
normally make major requests, and I would like to continue to fund them. I think we should cut
grants to fund those RSO
Shezin: How would you like to fund?
Jack: Based on the number in the presentation, I think we can do $1,200 per presentation and
we can significantly increase unallocated funds and if we went down to $1,000 we could
increase unallocated by $25,000. This would increase both the grant total and the number of
requests.
Josh: I think this is a better, more realistic increase
Shezin: I just want to understand the figure and if you think that is feasible.
Jack: For clean numbers fund 300,000 for presentation and 400,000 for attendance grants, not
including international.
Shazime: $300,000 for presentation?
Jack: Yes
Jack: Students receiving presentation grants can receive an extra $50 per request
Francis: I think presentation grants are one of the most important parts of COGS
Jack: In QEP, they have set aside 1.3 million dollars annually in grants for the next four years,
with $1,000 available to every doctoral student for research and travel. Those wishing to request
this grant must go to COGS beforehand.
Shezin: They must go to COGS first to receive this grant. Correct?
Jack: that is my understanding.
Shezin: Getting a 20% increase will make a difference for students making presentations. I have
heard from many students who were happy just to get something from COGS.
Jack: Question for you, Josh, since we’re not requesting the international increase, will we not have to change the $600 cap?
Josh: yes
Jack: then we can address it at a later
Jack: I move to fund the Conference Attendance Grants $72,000
Elisabeth: 2nd
Jack: I move to fund $300,000 for Presentation Grants
Elisabeth: 2nd

Jack: I move to include the proviso “Notwithstanding conflicting COGS Code, for the 2024-2025 FY, the domestic Presentation Grant shall be $300, and the domestic and international Attendance Grant shall be $180. No later than February 1, 2025, the Speaker shall appoint a committee to study whether to permanently change the grant amounts in the COGS Code, which shall report to the Assembly before final passage of the COGS FY 2025-2026 Budget.”
Francis: 2nd
Josh: Move to approve the current budget
Jack: So moved
Francis: 2nd

Adjournment/Finale Roll Call: 11:48 am