

Budget Hearing

Thursday, January 26th on Zoom

Start Time: 5:30pm

Budget Committee Members Present: Susan Rogowski, Nella Delva, Ethan Vouzas, Kevin Salimi, and Jorge Galeano

Graduate school

Presenters: Dr. Adrienne Stephenson and Katrina Williams

Ms Williams: Advance equality and integrity of graduate students and that's primarily what the budget request was for. There is an increase of what we are requesting this year, we are hoping to have more in person events. This food request is the same. We have several events that is open to all students and those events request is primarily for food. We also have 3MT competitions where students have a chance to share their research to FSU student body. We also have a workshop available at the office of fellowship and awards helping students apply for funding and awards.

Dr. Stephenson: students have received between 3-5 million dollars of funding. Those workshops are comprehensive to help students apply for those awards with CV preparation and so on. Funding request are mainly for food and facilities. Last year we got additional funding for COGS to help provide students a stipend when they are applying for these funding, an additional bonus when the application is submitted.

MS Williams: we also have additional events where we provide coffee and refreshments. We also have dissertation research grants that we pro

Dr. Stephenson: About competitions, we have a meeting coming up in tampa that the 3MT winners will be participating in, these meeting are important for FSU to go to regional and national competitions as well

Susan: How are your competition advertised?

Ms. Williams: we send it out in a graduate student email list

Susan: I have never heard of those competitions that you mentioned"

Dr. Stephenson: We can make a better effort to reach out to the department chairs to make sure that graduate students gets this information

Ethan: I noticed that you have in increase in funding request as opposed to last year

Ms. Williams: Last year that we didn't have as many meetings in person meeting, that is why

Ethan: I also noticed that your food request amount has decreased, and award has increased

Susan: Part of your confusion, is a new program that we have set in place which increase their award for \$6000 this year

Dr. Stephenson: that is why, the new program has started last summer

Susan: Can you expend more on the amount for awards, is it just for 1 event

Dr. Stepheson: The award request amount is not just for funding the new program, it is also for swags and other programs

Susan: Thank you for your presentation, as you know, we have a similar budget to last year therefore increases will be hard, but we appreciate everything that you do for graduate students.

Organization of Religion Graduate Students

Presenters: Tommy Woodward

Tommy: This RSO host an annual symposium for late February. This symposium is to help students share their research in the field of religions. This is important before the symposium allow for students to interact with senior scientist in the field. The event will have panel of discussion with students and professors of various religion field. The event last year was helping online, however this year we are holding in person, hoping for more attendance. We have very few active members online in Nole central. The funding will be used for keynote speaker honorarium, panel, and food. We have a slight increase in our funding request this year because would like to not depend on departmental funding. The also have also for additional room to rent ballroom for our events.

Comparing our funding for 2 years ago, here is an excel sheet showing details of our budget request as opposed to previous years with breakdown of how the budget will be spent.

Susan: Space reservation you mentioned. Where were you trying to reserved space

Tommy: We have been having difficulties with finding space on campus for our events. We have work with several people to help us with finding spaces where food will be available. Our events are long and more than 9 hours and it's a challenge.

Susan: How many graduate students are in the religion department?

Tommy: 40-50 graduate students

Susan: is your Symposium available for other departments?

Tommy: Other students for assorted departments also attends our symposium.

Ethan: Our COGS budget is the same as it was last year. we can potentially find you the same as last year with the opportunity to come back if all funds as been used to ask for more funding from unallocated funds.

Susan: I really like the idea of a symposium; I have a few issues with what you having issues with in terms of finding space for your events. The other issues that I have with the department is not more eager to fund and support your graduate students for symposium such as this. As Ethan mentioned, we

might not be able to fund you guys with the requested increase but keep in mind that if you happened to run out of fund you can always come back and ask for more funding.

Neuroscience graduate student association (NGSA)

Presenters: Jessica Simon (President)

Jessica Simon: I'm the president for NGSA and I'm with Ryan who is the treasurer. This RSO for the program of neuroscience who is interdisciplinary. The Goal of NGSA is to bring outreach to our community where we introduced Neuro to the community. Our budget request this year has increase as opposed to last year of \$550. More of our budget is allocated to food for speakers and holidays party. Couple events last years was cancels due to hurricane scares. We are also able to order shirts last year we serve as a promotional item. We are a few evens planned for next year, with that we will be providing lunch at our speakers' series, we are also hoping to have more speaker coming this upcoming year. One of our social events include holiday party and kickoff events. Last year coming out of COVID year, we hadn't used all of our funding that we couldn't have but the year prior we are a very active RSO.

Jorge: Where do you get extra funding from?

Jessica Simon: Foundation money from professors, and society of neuroscience also funds us as well

Jorge: About the social events, how are you select people participating in your social events

Jessica Simon: Open to all students, all our ideas are emulating the graduate school events

Susan: do you charge dues?

Jessica Simon: no, we do not.

Susan: where is the wiggle room on your budget in case, we need to cut your budget

Jessica: Clothing or promotional could be a cut. Also, maybe we won't have had much speaker fees this year so cuts can be done there.

LEARN

Presenters: Among Basavaraj and Kate Schell

Amongh Basavaraj: We are based in the college of education, and we provide events and opportunity that provide leadership and an opportunity of network. We have new student orientation event for new and current student to interact. A second event is the at the REZ for graduate student to interact with other graduate students in relax environment. Another event is a department picnic that we have at the

end the semester. For the professional developmental part, we would like to invite a guest speaker for this coming year, in addition we are planning another opportunity for alumni and current student to interact to help them transition to the workforce as well as panels and visit to the capital. In addition, we have workshops via to talk about teacher labor markets. Furthermore, we have a spring mini-conference which provide student with opportunity for present their work.

Susan: I noticed that your funding request has increased of \$2000, is it for the honorarium for the guest speaker.

Amongh: yes, it is.

Kevin: Why the decrease of mini-conference funding as compared to last year? and increases in additional increase in other areas

Amongh: yes, we were originally for 2 days even last year but this year we are planning to just 1 day. Fro the other events funding request increased because we have more people participating in our social events

Kate Schell: Last year we had a lot more people show up for our social events so that is reflected in our request this year

Susan: Where can we cut in your funding events?

Kate Schell: We already have 2 speakers booked in our speaker events, maybe going down the honorarium and perhaps the mini conference.

Kate Schell: we do have potential additional departmental funding for your events, specifically for our mini conference

Susan: how much have you budgeted for the honorarium?

Kate Schell: We have budgeted for \$100 honorarium and \$100 travel for the guest speaker. contractual services, is part honorarium.

League of graduate Artists

Presenters: Iris Schaer (President)

Iris Schaer: I am the president and Kim is the treasurer.

Kim: the league of graduate artist is composed of 16 graduate students with the mission of supporting gallery that provide space for exhibition, experimentation, and documentation. The primary source of financial support has been fundraising. The main signature events are gallery opening which include

painting, ceramics... giving the opportunity to students to present their work. The budget request breakdown is for supplies and food.

Susan: There have been a misunderstanding, this is the budget circle for the whole year. I will send you more information via a link and maybe you can come back in once you have that information submitted for the year.

HESA (higher Ed)

Presenters: Kate Thibodeaux (President)

Kate Thibodeaux: the mission of HESA is to enhance and supplement the overall graduate students associated with the Higher education program. Also provide a variety of programming and events. HESA is comprised of an executive board and active members. The budget breakdown is \$6750. We are planning to order shirts, hats and bags for \$750, in addition for food we are asking for \$350 for yearly socials events and orientation. And for expenses we are asking \$2500 for what we need for our events. For details: our events provided opportunity for students of all cohort to interact and socialize, which include first year social, beginning and end of year social, panels, relaxing activities. These events are opened to all students. This past semester we hosted coffee with colleagues to give them a space to connect as well as a speaker series.

Susan: HESA was approved for a lower amount, are you in track to spend that this year.

Kate: yes, we are in track to spending that

Susan: you are requesting double what you requested last year

Kate: we were previously funded/supported by our department for some events, however this year we won't have additional funding.

Ethan: I have a comment, I don't like that department are shifting funding from supporting your events. I would like to hope that you guys are advocating for making sure that department are supporting your funding.

Kate: Previously, we were able to maintain funding for orientation (last year)

Ethan: Yes, they should continue to support that.

Kevin: I was asking for end of year social? Is that same as beginning of year event?

Kate: yes, there are 2 separate events

Jorge: do you have additional events this year? or you same some event and less funding/support form your departmental

Kate: same events as last year, just less funding support from our department.

Jorge: do you guys fundraise as well?

Kate: We are potentially planning for fundraising

Jorge: has the department not wanting to fund at all.

Kate: We would like to be less reliant on the departmental funding

Susan: which department can we cut?

Kate: Expenses would be our category of choice to be cut, it need be

Society for musicology

Presenters: Alaba Ilesanmi and Rose Mack

Alaba Ilesanmi: the budget request is straight forward, we have 2-line items: contractual services and food. We are asking for \$6000 to bring in 2 guest speakers. We are asking for \$400 for food. The last 2 year, our funding request was about \$4000. Last year, the goal was to bring in 2 speakers which we were not able to do with the cost of inflation. We did bring in 1 speaker in person and another speaker in zoom. This seminar of open to all graduate student amongst all humanity studies. Rose Mack is the president, and she is here for any questions. The reason the increase is to cover the cost of inflation.

Ethan: is there a way to see the details of the cost of bringing on speakers

Alaba: yes, but the among varies depending on where the speaker is coming from. We can provide you this details information, but not an exact figure.

Ethan: for the Honorarium, how does it work? Do you guys propose a price

Alaba: We proposed a price, and they can accept or decline. But \$2000 would not be able to entice scholars that we would like to invite.

Jorge: do you have other source of funding?

Alaba: GOGS has be the only source of funding for this program. Within our department, we have done fundraisings and such but for this program we always manage to fit it into our yearly approved COGS budget.

Susan: how do you choose your guest speaker?

Alaba: we have survey going around to see what our student population would want to invite

Rose Mack: I want to add that we also want to invite higher level scholars, that would explain the increase.

Alaba: we also invite our guest speaker for 2 days, so that our student populations can have a chance to interact with our speaker.

Susan: we will send you information after this meeting

Graduate student in STEM

Presenters: Yashika Garg (President)

Yashika Garg: Our organization goal to bring all graduate women in stem together. We organize interaction between faculty and students. Our biggest events are art in STEM where students share their arts and experiment in lab. Our fall events were our fall social and included men, about 70 students showed up. The second event was movie night to watch STEM movies; it was a success, even faculty showed up. Another event was a career advising workshop. I was a great turned out, many senior graduate students showed up. Future events include Galentine's Day, Career fair. Those social events are very successful and foster lot a great interaction between students. Our budget request is \$4,500 for this incoming year which will include Art in STEM and GWIS merchandise comprise the majority

Susan: I don't have question, But I love your events

Yashika: Please come to our events, we are all invited.

Nina Zamani : Thank you for having us and please come to out events

Susan: please send us out event details, we can help you advertise. One question: where the increase is coming from

Yashika: we have a higher turned-out last year, lot more people showed up last year. we've got lot more interactions this past year across many departments

Susan: We love what you do and will try to get you funding for that amount.

Yashika: When will we hear back?

Susan: we will contact you with additional information once we are ready to make a decision.

Cell and molecular Biology (TCGA)

Presenters: Katrine Bilodeau and Jane Benoit

Katrine Bilodeau: our RSo is the graduate student association in the molecular biology program. We hold a seminar. Last year, that seminar was able 22 talks, 13 labs presented. This year 20 talks are already planned, at these talks we provided coffee and snacks. In addition, we host weekly coffee cart on Thursdays and allow graduate students to interact. We also have social events which included going to the REZ and park clean up. Also do outreach events, such as the Tallahassee science festival. Our budget planed is about \$3,300. Expensed include materials for science festivals and food (coffee and snacks). We also have craft supplies for our social events to help graduate students decompress after a long day in lab. In addition, we are planning teaching lunches for our TAs to interact for interact

Susan: for your talks, who presents?

Jane Benoit: Anymore who is interested to present can present, that include postdocs, graduate students.

Susan: Your funding request does look lower than last year, therefore we should be able to fund you guys.