

Budget Hearing Minutes

Tuesday, January 31st on Zoom

Start time: 6:02pm

Budget Committee Present: Susan Rogowski, Jorge Galeano, Nella Delva, Kevin Salimi

Anthropology

Presenters: Chloe Stevens (Treasurer)

Chloe: I am representing on behalf of the the anthropology student association; I am coming to COGS to request money because we want to have more money to fund for fostering events geared to student professional development. We engage professional networking opportunities to expose student to career opportunities. We have several events planned, e.i the graduate student symposium. We have a series of google docs that we use as a tool to organize how much we spend over the past year. We have an annual pig roast, that is a traditional event where alumni join in to reconnect student with alumni for additional networking opportunities. The pig is roasted overnight, and it is a long and time-consuming process. This is an important traditional event. Attendance at this event if about 60-80 people. We have previously charged a fee for this event, so getting additional funding from COGS will bring down the cost for this event so that we don't charge anything. More students and their respective families will be able to attend. The fish fry event is another traditional event held in the spring that attract alumni and archaeologist from local agencies, additionally family and undergrads attend these events as well. The next event is the annual symposium help on campus giving graduate student an opportunity to present their research. This event is important to help student practice their talks and poster presentations skills; attendance for that event is about 50 and expenses is about \$150 for small fruit and sandwich event. Speakers are also invited in lecture series and are from diverse background.

Susan: is your fish fry event on campus?

Chloe: No, it is help at the *Martin house*

Susan: I love that you guys are using mission *st louis*, because I'm sure that there is anthropology exposure happening there. For your lecture series, how are you guys paying your speakers?

Chloe: Departmental funding has been supporting in the past. But I did as for speaker funding in the past from COGS. But I think there have been some issue with my funding request.

Susan: yes, I remember that there has been some issue with the funding, but we can help you with that.

Susan: I don't believe that we can fund you for uncooked meat, in regard to the pig roast. Therefore, we might not be able to fund you for that. Maybe we can think another alternative

Chloe: yea, the pig roast is a traditional even and that is an important even

Jorge: Just a comment, things that COGS fund can not be sold.

Chloe: we are not asking money for thing that we are using for fundraising.

Chloe: I have a question; can we still charge money for the public for events funded by COGS.

Susan: I believe that you can.

Chloe: what is the fundraising guideline on things that we can do with COGS funding in term of fundraising

Susan: There is a section about fundraising in the financial manual, I would into that. Thank you for your presentation.

History graduate student association

Presenters: Frank Amico

Frank: Sorry for being late our big event is the conference that we held last year. Our guest speaker honorarium is within the contractual services. Last year we held the event hybrid and attendance was low, so we anticipate a higher turn out this year. We also had other social event planned. We also have our own fundraising events as well, such as book sales to support our additional events.

Susan: is registration free for the conference?

Frank: yes

Susan: how many FSU students attended the conference?

Frank: last year it was 50/50

Susan: what is your funding event normally goes towards

Frank: food and other supplies

Political science graduate students

Presenters: Justin Crofoot (President)

Justin: I am the president of PSGSA, we have about 24 graduate students. We have several role, including mentoring undergraduate students. We have a methods workshop, which is a 4-day event where we invite outside speakers. Most of our previous even are really pre-COVID, except in 2022 when things started opening back up. About the funding, we are requesting money for May 2024 event. Last year, we didn't not have a lot of funding (\$4,330), we used what we had wisely. For the budget approved for this year, we are reaching out to speakers and planning learning opportunity for political science graduate students. Our budget request is for a total of \$7,600, including contractual services, food, and expenses. Extra details, we make sure to advertise for event accordingly and all our events are completely free to all students and attendance is about 30 students.

Susan: Great presentation. your request for contractual services is \$6,600 and unfortunately, we cannot pay for hotels and flight up front. Is your department able to help with some of that cost.

Justin: our department was able to help last year, however it is not guaranteed.

Susan: I understand. I would encourage your association to talk to the department to pay for this funding regarding flights and hotels. If you get the department to help fund, it will guarantee the best possible speaker to come

Justin: can the speaker get the honorarium before?

Susan: Laurel can probably answer this question

Laurel: Honorarium is considered a gift therefore the earlier for the speaker to get it is the day of the event.

Justin: Yes, I think that's how we get to do it last year. we rolled it all together and let the speaker know that the honorarium included their flight and hotels. We will figure it out

Susan: Thank you for this presentation, we will keep you updated

Master of Public Health

Presenters: Kassidy Caride (President), Korey Creary (Vice President), Deja Uzzel

Kassidy Caride: I will email you this presentation after that. I am the president of Master of Public Health association.

Korey Creary: I am the vice president; we are a graduate student association, and we partner with the undergraduate student to give them a pipeline to graduate school

Kassidy: Our numbers are from the 2021-2022 year; we didn't do a funding request last year but fortunately was able to receive funding COGS unallocated funds. For this coming year, we are planning multiple events; the hooding ceremony which is open to all students on campus. Our numbers of attendance for that event are consistent throughout the year. COGS has funded this event in 2018 and last year this funded was funded by COGS as well. We will be submitting another funding request for this spring event. This event is important for the moral of the graduate student. The most expensive events

request is the public health profession conference. This is important because we want to showcase how public health is important for all profession. This event budget was \$14,000 however we got \$4000 from sweeping. We have a sponsorship team that is working hard to get additional funding and food for our events. We have speakers already lined up i.e we have CMO of Florida Medicaid. We have statewide health equity training, and more. We are also reaching out to RSO to partner with and more sponsorship

Deja Uzzell: We have monthly seminars, where a variety public health professionals who are invited to speak to our students. All events open to undergrad and graduate students. In the past, COGS has funded this even since 2017, these seminars are focused on public health topics. We also have welcome socials, each semester. We have not been able to fund this particular social from COGS this past year, and they occur off campus. However, this even used to be funded by COGS 2018-2019.

Kassidy: In addition, we would like to order for shirts at \$8 for 75 units for a total \$600 and other miscellaneous items. We are hoping to be funded this year to continue.

Susan: I am really impressed with all these events.

Kevin: I noticed that in our request have additional events, are you planning any of those events next year

Kassidy: yes, we have sponsorships funding for some events and fundraising funds available

Susan: How are you funding your speakers?

Kassidy: yes, we have a total of 9 speakers, but speakers was not funded by you guys but we have donation money that we have available

Susan: have you thought about partnering with other organization to funds for these events

Kassidy: yes, we talk about partnering with other RSO, we are working on that

Susan: where would be comfortable for cuts within your budget

Kassidy: Notebooks, tabling items, welcome socials would be a great place to cut.

Ecology and evolution research group

Presenters: Emilie Broussard and Benjamin Pluer

Emilie Broussard: we are asking for funds to support our outreach events. We have done multiple community outreach and volunteering events. Most of the funds that we are asking for is going to be devoted for our professional development for biology students. To help exposed undergraduate students who are biology majors to other possible careers paths. We have a couple plans for this

upcoming semester: we have alumni coming from variety for career paths. We are planning to do other workshops to help them get ready for their future careers.

Benjamin Puer: we used the limited resources that we have available from our department to develop these workshops. We would like to use these COGS funding to better develop these workshops.

Susan: I really like to workshop, very important for the development for undergrad. Looking at the request, where do you guys have wiggle room where it would be ok to cut

Benjamin: Those line items that you see is topics dependent, it hard to say where to make cuts because we won't know what the undergrad be interested in. Perhaps cutting some of the outreach.

Susan: I am curious, you have "documented camera" listed here, what would you used that for?

Benjamin: yes, this camera is to help expose student to specimen only seeing in the field that undergrads are not exposed to.

Susan: thank you, great presentation. we will keep you updated on a decision.

Graduate researcher of Geography

Presenters: Joanne Connauton and Caitlin Jones

Joanne Connauton: we are GRG, and we submitted our budget a week ago. We became a registered RSO in 2019. Due to COVID, we have not been so productive but now, we are back fully. We have about 40 active members and foster a community for graduate students in geography. Our goals to have events throughout the years, we have social, service, and professional events. Our social events were at a park this fall. During our service events, we build stairs for people who can't afford to. Our professional events help foster events success after graduate school. Our goal includes holding general body meetings to provide multi-purpose forum; other goal is to facilitate open communication and engagement between graduate students and faculty. Our plan for the remainder of 2023 is as followed is speed dating mentorship workshop in February; in March, we plan to have a professional writing workshop and more. Budget request is food: \$1200, contractual: \$700, \$500 for honorarium and more and for a total budget of \$1900. We have lot of budgets planned this upcoming year withing the category of social, service and professional that we discussed.

Susan: Please send me this presentation; great presentation

Kevin: I have a question about the conference, is it \$10 per person?

Jorge: Kevin, That's how much they will pay their speaker

Susan: I love your study writing group, I need some motivation

Joanne: yes, even undergrad is interested in that study writing group

Susan: how do you usually advertise?

Joanne: we advertise via all platform, we have WhatsApp, work of mouth, Facebook group and a twitter

Susan: Thank you for this presentation and I will keep you updated about any decisions

Physics graduate student association

Presenters: Karem Penalo Castillo (President)

Karem: I am the president of PGSA, we are the bridge between multiple departments of about 120 graduate students. We provide a platform for students and faculty to network. We do this by providing food, I found my role really rewarding to provide that space for students. We have social events planned over the years. Our current budget request is \$2000 all within the food department for various social and networking events within the physics department. We also have departmental coffee hours, faculty Q&A, elections, and practice talks

Jorge: Do you collaborate with other organization such as APS?

Karem: no, we have not collaborated with them.

Jorge: APS have a Tallahassee chapter, and they have their own source of funding and perhaps do an event with them.

Susan: Only requesting for food for these events?

Karem: Only food.

Susan: Thank you for this presentation and I will keep you updated about any decisions and please send me the PowerPoint.