

Internal affairs Agenda

Transitioning to 31st congress

Present: Nella Delva, Luis Basualdo, Susan Rogowski, Jordan Lenchitz, Katherine Gui

Late: Rachel Neale

Absent: Ethan Vouzas

1) Priorities

Newsletter (COGS monthly) --- Publish a newsletter biannually to disseminate to the public who and what COGS is. We will be posting the COGS on the COGS website. A snapshot of the newsletter will be shared on our Instagram page as a post as well as in a link. Goal publish date for Issue No. 1 may be on March 1st, 2023 or as a surprise release at the March 6th COGS meeting.

Below is a sample newsletter from 2021: Max length at 3 pages to keep this brief.



Congress of Graduate Students Executive Members Sara Collins, Deputy Speaker of Communications (left) and Speaker Chris Hagemeyer (right) had the pleasure of visiting the FSU Childcare Center on a guided tour led by Associate Director Tiffany Karnisky (middle).

Supporting the FSU Childcare & Early Learning Center

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Continue communication with childcare center to stay involved. Great resource for graduate students with families.

Organization of Religion for Graduate Students Holds Research Prep Workshop

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COGS Paving the Way for New

Pictured below is Nella Delva, Minority Student Advocate on the Congress of Graduate Students.



Featured Representative Nella Delva (she/her/hers)

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Left column: The org will write a summary of the event they held, how it went, and what they look forward to.

Right column: Highlight a COGS representative with an interesting bio, what they're passionate about, etc.

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COGS Paving the Way for New AEDs on Campus

On April 29, 2020, FSU student Tom Idowu passed away from sudden cardiac arrest. Bearing this tragedy, Florida State students recognized the need for cardiovascular health resources and equipment on campus. In the spring of 2021, COGS proudly donated \$49,000 to purchase 28 new AEDs, contributing to a 38% increase in AED accessibility on campus. Funding contributions made up a total of \$100,000 aimed at paying for expenses and equipment replacement for the next 30 years. COGS is working to support the next steps of this movement, as student advocates seek to fund available CPR and AED training on campus. For more information, please contact Chris Hagemeyer at COGSSpeaker@admin.fsu.edu.



FSU students advocate for cardiovascular health resources following the passing of 22-year-old Tom Idowu, who suffered a heart attack.

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COGS Latest

Open Seats

- 1 SEAT APPLIED SCIENCE
- 4 SEATS ARTS AND SCIENCES
- 1 SEAT AT-LARGE
- 3 SEATS BUSINESS
- 3 SEATS COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION
- 1 SEAT CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- 3 SEATS EDUCATION
- 1 SEAT DEDMAN SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY
- 1 SEAT ENGINEERING
- 1 SEAT GRADUATE STUDENT HOUSING ADVOCATE
- 1 SEAT JIM MORAN SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- 1 SEAT LAW
- 1 SEAT MEDICINE
- 1 SEAT MOTION PICTURE ARTS
- 1 SEAT NURSING
- 1 SEAT PANAMA CITY CAMPUS SENATOR
- 3 SEATS SOCIAL WORK
- 1 SEAT VETERANS ADVOCATE

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AED – Keep subject line

COGS Latest – Keep open seats as it's important that people know we are still recruiting.

Since the newsletter will be published on our website, remove QR codes and replace with hyperlinks for feedback and prospective representative package.

COGS NEWS UPDATE

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At the end of the newsletter, make a highlight about our budget. We may consider including a summary, of the committee, the hearings, a highlight about our budget such as the remaining unallocated estimate, and a link for more information. Finally, we will add a link inviting readers to our assembly. Add hype!!! "Keep this on your radar. More details provided soon. Look out for ___!" 😊😊😊

What's New in the Graduate School?

Highlight an RSO

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Create a poll about a particular topic that you can further discuss in the next issue. Have students send

Left panel: Highlight an RSO that we funded. We will request an RSO to write a small summary.

Right panel: Highlight a COGS member in our congress.

RSO Update

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1. Who We Are? What do We do? How to get involved? ---- We can work with student affairs to (1) help RSOs connect with one another and (2) inform RSOs that don't know about COGS that we are a resource for them. It will be a good way for us to get involved.
2. Upcoming Events
 - a. Link ---- Compile a Listserve RSOs. Write what already happened and advertise an event that is coming up.
 - b. RSO training
3. Member corner

- a. Highlight ---- (see above newsletter)
- 4. Upcoming
- ii. COGS handbook
 - 1. Updates 2022 and 2023 ---- The updates on the handbook are done but posted online yet. Due to the high turnover in the executive board, the executive members need not be named in the handbook. We may simply include executive board titles with the emails alone (no pictures) to reduce the number of edits required.

2) Goals of COGS Code update

a. Continue with group travel

COGS code update: Promoting the mission and goal of the RSO

i. **Research about group travel ----**

Re-word COGS codes 202.8, 208, and 207 regarding group travel to avoid confusion related to each RSO's different interpretation of the current writing:

202.5

- A. Group travel is limited to travel that serves the promotion of the mission and goal of the RSO as well as to the betterment of the FSU student body.**
- B. All purchases for travel require the approval of the Assembly by resolution in a majority vote.**

202.8

No RSO shall receive COGS Fund for Conference Travel. All Conference Travel may be funded through COGS Presentation and Attendance Grants (Refer to chapter on COGS Conference Grants)

202.8 Edit

A) Any conference (more than 100 miles) within the Continental United States shall be eligible for a grant of up to \$200.00 of appropriate conference-related expenses. (as defined in Chapters 208 and 209 of this code)

208.2 D

Strike.

- 1. Statutes? ---- see above
- 2. SGA? ---- see above
 - a. Should have a separate committee for travel
 - b. Allocate different line items for group travel for the workshop
- 3. Expired language ---- see above
 - a. Need to strike from the CODE
 - i. Allocate different sections of code for review
 - ii.

b. Student Engagement

1. Increase graduate student engagement (Post COVID) ---- Goal is to increase engagement with RSOs before semester-end.
 - a. RSO on campus ---- New events! We will diversify who we're collaborating with by starting an annual graduate student welcome event. Plan and distribute information to gather international and graduate students together.
 - b. Assessment of what percentages are getting funded by COGS ---
- Collaboration and programs: Send out a Qualtrics form on the RSO Listserv to gauge our collaboration and program involvement.
 - c. COGS presence on Campus ---- Also send out collaborative program requests to RSOs announcing our want to collaborate. The more we can collaborate, we can have others in RSOs help push out events! We can also advertise: If an RSO comes to us for funding, not only is the bill sponsor sponsoring the RSO, but will also be a resource in the next steps in terms of planning the event after they receive the money. We are there to help facilitate the event and put the COGS name on it. This would help to get our name known on campus and get more grad students involved.

Creating a Listserv: Someone internal in NoleCentral must download a current list. As back up, we can manually add each RSO to our list once an RSO comes to COGS requesting a budget. This would help us see who is on our annual budget.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 21st at 5:00 P.M.