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CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

# Resolution

## 29<sup>th</sup> Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution #: 2

Sponsored by: Representative Hagemeyer

Date: February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Update to Virtual Funding Guidelines regarding in-person events moving forward.**

Read: 2/15/2021  
COGS Vote: 11-0-1

**PASSED: February 15, 2021**

**CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY**

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Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students

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Deputy Speaker for Finance

2-23-2021



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**Sponsored by:** Representative Hagemeyer

**Date:** February 15th, 2021

**Whereas:** On March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Florida State University cancelled all university-sponsored domestic (U.S.) and international travel until further notice;

**Whereas:** On March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Florida State University announced all class would be held remotely for the remainder of the Spring 2020 Semester, all campus events were also cancelled until further notice;

**Whereas:** On April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the 28<sup>th</sup> passed Resolution 5: Presentation and Attendance Grant Awards Awarding Suspended until University Sponsored Travel Reinstated

**Whereas:** Resolution 5 stated that, “no presentation or attendance grants will be awarded until the university reinstates university-sponsored travel and the application to apply for these grants will be closed until that time;”

**Whereas:** On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the 28<sup>th</sup> passed Resolution 6: Virtual Events Guidelines and Committee Formation;

**Whereas:** Resolution 6 stated that, “no funding proposals for virtual events out of the COGS Unallocated account will be accepted for review until such a time that the aforementioned committee has created funding guidelines and/or a funding related Code Amendment for virtual events has been ratified;”

**Whereas:** On October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the 28<sup>th</sup> passed Resolution 10: COGS Virtual Event Funding Guidelines;

**Whereas:** Resolution 10 adopted the following guidelines determined by the Internal Affairs Committee for reviewing funding proposals for the remainder of the semester for Fall 2020:

“1. COGS will not fund requests associated with increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 nor requests that are in violation of University Guidelines for procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic; the kinds of requests that fit into this category include, but are not limited to:

- a. in-person events
- b. food for in-person events
- c. travel requests



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2. COGS will apply the regular review process used for In-Person Events/Materials as found in the SGA Code and the SGA Financial Manual for the following requests on a case-by-case basis:

- a. Honorariums to pay a speaker or artist for a Virtual Event
- b. Funding requests to hold Virtual Conferences
- c. Funding requests for Group Travel to present at a Virtual Conference
- d. Funding requests to hold Virtual Meetings or Outreach Events
- e. Promotional Items/Clothing
- f. Office Supplies
- g. Printing & Copying;"

**Whereas:** On August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Division of Student Affairs at Florida State University put fourth guidelines and expectations for on- and off-campus events and gatherings to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. These guidelines are in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), local, state, and federal guidelines;

**Be it resolved by the Twenty-ninth Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that:** Allocation requests for in-person events that are in accordance with the guidelines put forth by the Division of Student Affairs will be accepted starting February 15<sup>th</sup> 2021;

**Be it further resolved that:** FSU and COGS encourage students to utilize virtual platforms and avoid in-person events when possible;

**Be it further resolved that:** Allocation requests that involve travel to conferences, workshops, and other events not organized by the University will not be accepted;

**Be it further resolved that:** MSC and LSC must inform all of their constituent recognized student organizations (RSO) on these new guidelines;

**Be it further resolved that:** MSC and LSC may begin hearing funding requests from their RSOs as soon as every RSO has been informed of their new in-person funding guidelines via email to their executive board and advisors;

**Be it further resolved that:** All RSOs planning an in-person event must provide an explanation in their funding request for how their event abides by the in-person event guidelines supported by this resolution;

**Be it further resolved that:** The Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Finance reserve the right to deny any graduate registered student organization allocation that they believe are in violation of the in-person event guidelines set forth by the University.

**Be it further resolved that:** copies of this resolution be sent to the SGA accounting staff, the Interim Director of SGA, Dr. Brandon Bowden, and the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Amy Hecht.