TWENTY EIGHTH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting COGS Regular Session Monday, November 2nd, 2020 Zoom 6:30 PM Agenda

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

| Roll Call: |
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| Reading and Approval of Minutes: |
| Petitions into the Assembly: Kayla Sizemore (Law School) |
| Special Introductions and Student Comments: |
| Messages from Student Government: |
| Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: |
| Elections: |
| Report of Officers: • The Report of the Speaker • The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance • The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs • The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications |
| Committee Report: |
| Funding Requests: |
| Unfinished Business: |
| New Business: • Bill #23: Ecology and Evolution Research & Discussion Group Funding Request • Bill #24: BGSA Allocation Request |
| Round Table: |
| Adjournment: |
| Next Meeting: Monday, November 16th, 2020 6:30 PM via Zoom |

COGS Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2020-2021

| ACCOUNT | ALLOCATION AMOUNT | DESCRIPTION | BALANCE |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| UNALLOCATED | \$21,331.18 | For RSO funding requests at COGS meetings | \$21,331.18 |
| ORGANIZATIONAL (C- SAC) | \$3,000 | RSO funding for allocations less than \$1000 for the fiscal year | \$3,000 |
| LSC | \$44,000 | Funding allocations from Law School Council to Law School Student Organizations | \$44,000 |
| MSC | \$44,000 | Funding allocations from Medical School Council to Medical School Student Organizations | \$44,000 |
| PRESENTATION GRANTS (Jul-Oct) | \$53,000 | Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period | \$53,000 |
| PRESENTATION GRANTS (Nov-Feb) | \$60,000 | Presentation Grant balance for the November-February funding period | \$60,000 |
| PRESENTATION GRANTS (Mar-Jun) | \$47,000 | Presentation Grant balance for the March-June funding period | \$47,000 |
| ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Jul-Oct) | \$6,000 | Attendance Grant balance for the July-October funding period | \$6,000 |
| ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Nov-Feb) | \$6,000 | Attendance Grant balance for the November-February funding period | \$6,000 |
| ATTENDANCE GRANTS (Mar-Jun) | \$5,000 | Attendance Grant balance for the March-June funding period | \$5,000 |



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Assembly Meeting Regular Session Zoom October 19,2020 6:30 p.m. MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:31 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Fomberg

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Blake-Hedges, Collins, Fomberg, Hagemeyer, Creigh,

Mendez, Sangokunle, Brinkman, Hirsch, Ilesanmi, Cheuwa

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LEFT EARLY, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, EXCUSED: Morgan, Mathesie

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT, UNEXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVE LATE, EXCUSED:

REPRESENTATIVES LATE, UNEXCUSED:

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to Approve Minutes, Brinkman; Fomberg 2nd; No Objections; APPROVED.

Petition into the Assembly:

Hannah Smith - College of Fine Arts

Questions

- Hirsch will you be available Mondays for the foreseeable future?
 - Smith- yes
- Fomberg We have committees that you will serve on. Do you know which you committee you will like to serve on and will you have time commit to?
 - Smith yes, I have time and management of it, and I am interested in student affairs and is passionate about making the lives better of students across campus.

Pros

- Ilesanmi she seemed willing to work and passionate
- Fomberg seems enthusiastic and understands the time commitment Motion to call the question Hagemeyer
- VOTE: 10-0-0; Approved.



Special Introductions and Student Comments: none

Messages from Student Government: none

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs: none

Elections:

Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs

Report of Officers:

- The Report of the Speaker
 - Excused Absence N/A
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker for Finance
 - Requests have opened, we have not received as many requests as usual but hopefully we can get the word out and more people will apply. We also have our first funding requests tonight.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Judicial Affairs
 - Is working with speaker Morgan to meet with LSC to discuss funding criteria.
 Were also going to be reviewing the language in COGS code to make language more clear.
- The Report of the Deputy Speaker of Communications
 - Updates on party on October 26th, social media going well with highlighting new reps.

Committee Report:

- C-SAC: has not met
- Internal Affairs: has not met recently
- Student Advocacy: has not met recently
- Student Affairs: still working on new recruits' video as well as more info on modifying the pull up bar on campus.

Funding Requests:

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Bill #21 – the Organization for Religious Graduate Students -Sponsored by Representative Collins

- Concerns the reallocation of costs. Originally allocated funds for a conference and food. Now with a virtual conference, they would like to reallocate 1,000 dollars of food money to use for an additional speaker and for conference fees.
- Questions

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 o Fomberg so the breakdown on the bill packet is the same amount of originally allocated funds, but it is now on speakers?
 - Yes
- Will this be recorded for others to watch later? Hagemeyer
 - Historically the keynote has been recorded with presenters' consent, and the rest are not, because they are often papers in progress or dissertations.
- o Is it open to everyone or just students in your organization Mendez
 - It is open to all graduate students. Quite a few undergrads also attend historically
- Will the speakers be paid more because of the additional 1000 dollars? –
 Cheuwa
 - The additional funds that were originally for food will now be for an additional speaker and online fees.
- What platform will it be on? Olu
 - Will likely be hosted via zoom with a website for information on the conference.
- Is there any reduction in cost for speakers because the speakers are now online rather than coming in person – Hagemeyer
 - The department usually pays for the travel fees and such so they will be getting paid the same.
- Debate pros
 - Fomberg it seems like a good way to use funds this year, given the current state.
 - Hirsch sounds like a great event, and appreciates that it will reach out to students at FSU as well as individuals nationally. Sounds like a great program and use of money.
 - Cheuwa this will be great given the current times, to learn something and take advantage of the time.
- Cons
 - Motion to call the question Mendez, second, Fomberg
 - 10-0-1, PASSED

Bill #22 – Music Theory Society – Rep Creigh

- o 30th annual music theory forum. Has a reputation at FSU and nationally, because it brings in graduate students as well. They are asking for \$15,000 for an honorarium for the speaker for the conference. He's very well known, mainly for a conference paper he did last summer, based on racism and music theory, looking at race theory in music scholarship. Registration will be free and open to all, over zoom. They also fundraised and will paying other expenses on their own.
- Questions
 - None
- First round of pro

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 It seems like it will be a very relevant talk, and its really great to see that there are more petitions for covid friendly talks. Mendez
- This speaker would be talking about very important issues in the field of music today, it would be very beneficial to anyone who attends – Ilesanmi
- It should be a great tool for recruitment as well. a great use for the money Fomberg
- Its is a very Important topic in any field and the event should be more important than ever
- Cons
 - No cons
- Motion to call the question, Fomber, second, brinkman
- 10-0-1, PASSED

Bill #23 - Ecology and Evolution Research and Discussion group - Rep Ilesanmi

- Hopes to further establish the outreach of this group. To fund upcoming events, as well as tshirts, to increase recognition on campus. And for venue in the future outreach events. Requesting \$1,950.
- No one was present from the group, to answer questions or explain funding.
- Motion to table until next meeting Blake-Hedges, second, Mendez.

Round Table:

Adjournment: 7:44 pm

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 2nd 2020 at 6:30 PM via Zoom

Allocation, Revision, or Transfer

28th Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 23

Sponsored by: Representative Ilesanmi

Date: November 2nd, 2020 (Tabled: October 19, 2020)

Amount: \$1,950.00

From (account name): COGS Unallocated

To (account name): Ecology and Evolution Research & Discussion Group

Purpose & Description: Much of these funds requested will be used to further establish the outreach arm of EERDG and to prepare for upcoming events both in foreseeable and unforeseeable future, when the COVID crisis subsides. Clothing funding will be used to purchase a large shipment of t-shirts that will serve as excess for years to come, and will immediately increase the recognizability of our organization at outreach events. In addition, funds for food will be used to increase attendance at on campus events for both undergraduate activities, when possible, and for graduate students, to increase their involvement in outreach

Itemized Expenditures:

| Quantity | Description | Unit Price |
|----------|-------------------|------------|
| 1 | Expense | \$850.00 |
| 1 | Food | \$400.00 |
| 1 | Clothing & Awards | \$700.00 |

Total: \$1,950.00

ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION RESEARCH DISCUSSION GROUP (EERDG) BUDGET HEARING 2020 – 2021

2019-2020 ACTIVITIES BUDGET REPORT

Mission Statement:

The Ecology and Evolution Research Discussion Group (EERDG) aims to foster solidarity among students in the Ecology and Evolution graduate program within the Department of Biological Sciences at Florida State University, and disseminate scientific research to the community. By providing students with opportunities to present their research, communication is facilitated amongst graduate and undergraduate students, and faculty within the Department of Biological Science. Interdisciplinary interactions are also encouraged with students from various fields of study (Cell & Molecular, Coastal & Marine Lab, as well as Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science). Additionally, our outreach events encourage the general public to become involved in science and learn about the current ongoing research at Florida State University.

All the activities done during the 2019-2020 session were either self-funded, free of cost, funded by COGS, or provided by individual voluntary contributions from participating members of the organization.

PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENTS IN 2019/2020:

Talks at Raa Middle School's SciGirls club

SciGirls is a club for girls that provides exposure to the STEM fields by bringing in researchers from many different fields to talk about research and engage in activities that foster excitement and learning in the fields of STEM. The SciGirls club meets in the mornings before the regularly scheduled school day and is comprised of about 25 girls. These girls have expressed interest in the STEM field and are eager to learn more about what's out there. Several members of EERDG did talks and activities at the SciGirls meeting last year, discussing we do as scientists, how we got to where we are, and why we love working in this field.



Volunteering at the Tallahassee Science Festival

The Tallahassee Science Festival is an annual event where scientists from all over Tallahassee set up booths that people can visit to learn about the different scientific research happening in Tallahassee. Last year, several members of EERDG volunteered to assist with the scavenger hunt, which sent kids around the festival to find answers to some scientific questions. This encouraged them to explore the different booths and helped them retain the information. Volunteers assisted in passing out the scavenger hunts, counting attendees, and assisting families in finding booths and prize locations.



Darwin Day Celebration

This event is hosted by EERDG and the department of Biological Sciences. Featuring live music performed by bands of Biology graduate students, a Charles Darwin themed cake, a Darwin photo booth, and of course the traditional Yo Chuck! Salute, we celebrate Charles Darwin and his contributions to biological science. Everyone across the university is welcome to join in celebrating the originator of one of history's most influential ideas. A colloquium is hosted following the celebration to learn how Darwin's theory of evolution continues to influence modern cutting-edge research. This event is advertised university wide and is hosted every year on the 12th of February.



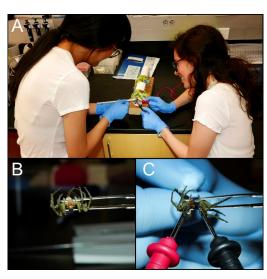
Animal Encounters at the Museum of Natural History

Many graduate students from a variety of research labs in the Ecology and Evolution program volunteer at the Tallahassee Museum of Natural History. Every other Sunday graduate students go to the museum and participate in "animal encounters" where they present different animals (snakes, alligators, tortoises, etc.), teach the visitors about them, and let the kids see and touch them. They also help with some of the basic animal care duties, like feeding and cleaning.



Museum Venom Camp

Each summer our venom-based lab brings in kids from the museum venom camp to learn about the venom research happening at FSU. EERDG graduate students in this lab give the budding young scientists a tour of the facilities and all of the venomous animals that are worked with a FSU (snakes, scorpions, centipedes, etc.), all while teaching them about all things venom. In association with this program, they bring in several exceptional high school students each summer as part of the YSP program. They take classes at FSU and work in the research lab for a total of six weeks. These high school students conduct a research project (this past year it was looking at sex-based variation in spider venoms) and at the end the summer give a poster presentation and write a paper about their experience.



Booth for Earth Day at Tallahassee's Downtown Farmer's Market

At this event, the EERDG outreach team set up a booth focused on how people are connected to the ecosystem around us and how people can positively and negatively affect the ecosystem. As part of the booth, we had a giant food web Jenga game where participants selected cards that described actions that either hurt or helped some level of the food web. If it was a positive action, they got to add a block to that level, and if it was negative, they had to take a way a block from that level. The game continues until all of the cards are gone or the food web (Jenga tower) has collapsed. We also had a watershed model in which we demonstrated how different pollutants can seep into the watershed and wash down to our lakes, rivers, and oceans.



Saturday at the Sea

Saturday at the Sea is run by the Office of Science Teaching and Outreach and it provides opportunities for students to gain an understanding of both marine life and Florida coastal system as a whole. Middle school age students from diverse backgrounds are picked up and driven to the Coastal & Marine lab. We first teach them how to identify adaptive physiological traits on fish and how to use microscopes. They also learn about sea grasses and the importance of phytoplankton. Students also get the opportunity to go out to the gulf to collect different organisms in otter trawls. During that time students are encouraged to think about why certain organisms are found in particular locations and how they interact with their environment. This is an engaging and interactive way to get students out into the field and get excited about marine sciences. Many of the group leaders are EERDG graduate students.



Science Salon at Waterworks

Most recently, Jess Cusick, an FSU Biology PhD student and EERDG President, gave an informal presentation on her dissertation research (cooperation in birds) for Waterworks' Science Salon. As scientists, it is critically important to be able to convey your research to a general public and teach about the relevance and importance of basic biological research. To a group of about 40 people, Jess gave a ~30 minute informal talk and held a question and answer session, and even brought in specimens of the birds she talked about. Many other members of the Biology Department have also presented at Science Salon in previous years.



Outreach with Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle

Some of the EERDG outreach members work with local Girl Scout troops. Recently, the Girl Scouts have released a lot of science-related badges that troop leaders are excited to implement. EERDG members have been working with these leaders to help the troops earn these badges. In particular, several troops are pursuing a "Think Like a Citizen Scientist" patch. EERDG members have helped troop leaders construct activities that will teach the girls how to observe their surroundings like a scientist and will continue to visit these troops when they work on these activities to tell them about being a scientist.

Outreach Abroad

EERDG Members doing outreach in Bonaire actively coordinate with Stichting Nationale Parken (STINAPA) Bonaire to involve STINAPA Junior Park Rangers (ages 13-17) in their research. The Junior Park Rangers dive with them to assist in setting up and maintaining scientific equipment in reef study

areas, giving them an inside look at some of the research being conducted on their reefs, while encouraging more active stewardship. In Panama, during their field season, other members of EERDG bring children from the local elementary school out to field sites for activities focused on research, conservation, and appreciation for natural resources. During the outreach day they mist-net for birds to show the children how scientists catch birds for research and to give them a close-up look at wild birds. They also set up ecology and evolution games for the students to play, plant native trees in an area that was recently clear cut,



and end the day with a picnic lunch on the beach and more games.

EERDG RETREATS AND EVENTS IN 2019/2020:

EERDG & TCGA Bearpaw Float Trip 2019

Members of EERDG and TCGA (The Cell and Molecular Graduate Student Group) like to start the semester off in true Floridian style by spending an afternoon floating the Chipola River! This activity allows members of the Ecology & Evolution as well as the Cell and Molecular Biology programs; both in the department of Biological Sciences; to interact, discuss research interests, and to enjoy some of Florida's natural environments. The scenic Chipola river runs through river swamps, hardwood forests, **limestone bluffs, and caves**; many of which are environments where graduate students conduct their research. This will be an annual retreat and is scheduled for the first weekend of October 2018.





EERDG Scavenger Hunt for New Graduate Students

This is an awesome time for both new and old graduate students to meet, have fun, goof off as they run around town, and win some fabulous prizes! The scavenger hunt acts as a way for new students to interact and meet others in the department that aren't necessarily in their lab or area of study, while also learning their way around Tallahassee. Challenges include taking pictures at assigned locations or getting a stranger to sing a song with you. This event has been going on for several years and is always a big hit for both incoming graduate students and grizzled veterans alike. Prizes, gift cards to local coffee and pizza shops, are awarded to the winning team.



EERDG TALKS: WEEKLY GRADUATE SEMINARS

EERDG TALKS are weekly seminar sessions where graduate students in the biological sciences department or other related departments can present their research or research topics of interest to peers and receive important feedback on their work and ideas. We also a hold a mental health seminar, where we invite the FSU Counseling Center to present on mental issues specific to graduate students. This seminar is uniquely offered by EERDG and open to anyone in biology to attend. This year we plan to hold an additional Mental Health First Aid Course. We have been having weekly seminars since the start of this organization, but recently have been trying to increase our advertising of the seminars to increase outside participation bringing new insight to our work. Below are the 2017-present seminars that have been advertised on our Facebook page as well as through the intra-departmental email newsletter "Bionotes" which details upcoming seminars and colloquia. All speakers are from the Department of Biological Sciences at FSU unless otherwise noted.



EERDG flyer placed around campus Date - Presenter – Talk- (Attendance)

| Date | Talk Title | Attendance |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 8/30/2019 | Welcome to EERDG Day | 35 |
| 9/6/2019 | Liz Lange: How social environment affects mating strategy in livebearing fish | 20 |
| 9/13/2019 | Jasmin Graham: Tracking Movements of Sawfish using Acoustic Telemetry | 24 |
| 9/20/2019 | Bobbie Renfro: Increasing Outreach Opportunities in EERDG | 25 |
| 9/27/2019 | Joseph Horacek: Meiofauna in the South Pacific | 18 |

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| 10/4/2019 | Will Booker History of Genome Duplication in Gray Treefrogs | 17 |
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| 10/11/2019 | Natali Ramirez-Bullon: Plant Populations & Rarity | 21 |
| 10/18/2019 | Sarah Kettelkamp: Selection Experiments in D. Melanogaster | 19 |
| 10/25/2019 | No EERDG | 0 |
| 11/1/2019 | Luke Jones: Evolution in Drosophila melanogaster | 18 |
| 11/8/2019 | Nate Spindel: Metabolic Ecology in Size-Structured Populations | 19 |
| 11/15/2019 | Mike Hogan: Sensory perception in the Diamondback Rattlesnake | 14 |
| 11/29/2019 | Dr. Marsha Cohen: Stress Management and Self-Care | 22 |
| 12/6/2019 | Will Ryan: Conservation of the African Elephant (Loxodonta africana) | 28 |
| 12/13/2019 | Brendan Scherer: Mangroves and their associated microbes: A proposal | 10 |
| 1/10/2020 | EERDG cabinet: Updates and Future Plans | 31 |
| 1/17/2020 | Cheston Peterson: Habitat use of Sharks in Apalachicola Bay | 18 |
| 1/24/2020 | Joseph Horacek: Meiofauna in the South Pacific | 15 |
| 1/31/2020 | Brian Moe & Alexa Guerrera: Mental Health Discussion | 23 |
| 2/7/2020 | Bobbie Renfro: Methodology of Measuring Sponges! | 17 |
| 2/14/2020 | Valentine's Day Celebration! | 19 |
| 2/21/2020 | Abbey Engleman: Reverse Engineering Coral Reefs | 14 |
| 2/28/2020 | Ethan Cissell: Taxonomic Profiling of a Cyanobacterial mat | 16 |
| 3/6/2020 | Scott Miller: Fish and Benthic communities in Moorea | 18 |
| 3/13/2020 | Ben Pluer: Scientific Outreach with Board Games | 19 |
| 3/20/2020 | No EERDG: SPRING BREAK!! | |

PAST EVENTS:

- Monarch Butterfly tagging with SEEDS
- Natural Areas cleanups with TCGA
- Tallahassee Virtual School
- Talks at Raa Middle School's SciGirls club
- Volunteering at the Tallahassee Science Festival
- Capital Regional Science Fair
- Darwin Day Roadshow
- Southeastern Ecology and Evolution Conference, FSU 2015-2016
- Raa Middle School Science Fair
- Brainshops for the Mad Scientist of Tomorrow
- Wild & Scenic Film Festival

FUTURE EVENTS IN PLANNING FOR 2020-2021:

- Date TBD: Bearpaw River Float Trip
- Date TBD: Tallahassee Science Festival
- Date TBD: Virtual School of Leon County (Middle School)
- Date TBD: Virtual School of Leon County (High School)
- Date TBD: Ask a Scientist! Tables at Market Wednesday and Booth at First Friday

EERDG COGS FUNDING REQUEST FOR 2020-2021:

| Category | Event or Items | Funds | Purpose and Breakdown | Justification of Costs |
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| | | Requested | of Funds Requested | |
| | Tallahassee | \$120 | Activity 1: Evolution | Onetime costs for printing |
| | Science | | Trading Cards | large quantities of educational materials. |
| | Festival | | Activity 2: Graduate | |
| | | | Scientists Poster | |
| | | | Activity 3: Panhandle | |
| | | | Plants | |
| | Virtual | \$120 | Activity 1: Drawing | Further printing & supplies |
| | School/EERDG | | Evolution | to encourage class interaction |
| | in the | | Activity 2: Predator Tag | |
| | Classroom | | Activity 3: Evolution: The | |
| | (High School) | | Board Game | |
| | Virtual School | \$90* | Activity 1: Adaptation | *Cost per activity |
| | (Middle | | kickball | reduction due to reuse of supplies. |
| Outreach | School) | | Activity 2: Darwin's Finches | |
| Events | | | Activity 3: Cave Classroom | |
| LVEIIIS | Boy and Girl Scout Ecology & Evolution Talks | \$90 | Activity 1: Skype a Scientist | Costs associated with |
| | | | Activity 2: A World of | activities to appropriately complete Merit Badges |
| | | | Microbes | and Award |
| | | | Activity 3: Finding | |
| | | | Fluorescence | |
| | Booth at | \$90 | Activity 1: Food Web Jenga | 3D printing of watershed |
| | Downtown Farmer's | | Activity 2: Interactive | as well as building large Jenga set from scratch |
| | Market | | Watershed | , and the second |
| | | \$40 | Activity 3: Southeastern | |
| | | | Sharks | |
| | Undergraduate Reading Group | | Include undergrads in the | Snacks and setup/advertisement costs. Prizes for within |
| | | | conversation and teach | |
| | | | them how to read scientific | discussion participation |
| | | | literature | |

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| | Food for SGA | \$400 | Food for EERDG Talks | Increase EERDG |
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| | EERDG | | meeting | attendance & increase community outreach. |
| | TALKS | | \$35 per week for 17 weeks. | community contracts |
| EERDG | EERDG Shirts | \$700 | 58 shirts @ \$12 per shirt | Allow EERDG to be recognized both on campus as well as at all outreach events. |

We request funding for our consistent weekly events, EERDG Talks, which are held Fridays at 3pm in KING biological sciences building. Our EERDG Talks seminars have grown in popularity and after surveying our attendees for ideas on how to improve these events, the overwhelming majority of people suggested that we have food at the seminar sessions to reinforce/build new relationships with peers, when these can be held again. In addition, much of the funds requested will be used to further establish the outreach arm of EERDG and to prepare for upcoming events in the future, when the COVID crisis subsides. Outline for costs are detailed below:

COGS funding request for General Expenses: \$850

COGS funding request for Food: \$400

COGS funding request for Clothing/Awards: \$700

TOTAL 2020-2021 FUNDING REQUEST FOR EERDG = \$1950

Executive Members Attending Budget Hearing:

Brian Moe, President – <u>bmoe@bio.fsu.edu</u> Ben Pluer, Treasurer - <u>bpluer@bio.fsu.edu</u>

Alexa Guerrera, Outreach Coordinator – aguerrera@bio.fsu.edu

Allocation, Revision, or Transfer 28th Congress of Graduate Students

Bill #: 24

Sponsored by: Representative Hirsch

Date: November 2nd, 2020

Amount: \$226.40

From (account name): COGS Unallocated

To (account name): Black Graduate Student Association

Purpose & Description: The BGSA Retreat on February 27th will be an event held for members of our organization. It will open to all members and will be held at FSU's Reservation. It will be an all-day event, filled with team building activities, food, and games for our members to participate in. This was created to give our Black graduate students a space to recoup and bond while upholding our mission of empowering, enriching, and enlightening our community. We are expecting between 20-30 attendees and would like to budget for at least 30 since our organization is growing.

Itemized Expenditures:

| Quantity | Description | Unit Price |
|----------|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 30 | "First of All" Venting Journal | \$24.99 |
| 50 | BGSA Shirt | \$15.00 |
| 1 | Rez Retreat Center Rental Fees | \$350.00 |
| 1 | Retreat Meals/Food/Catering | \$750.00 |
| 1 | Retreat Materials (pens, pencils, paper, etc.) | \$500.00 |
| 1 | Decoration for Event | \$250 |

Total: \$3350.00