



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

THIRTIETH CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assembly Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Agenda

Call to Order: 6:38pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Boatright

Roll Call: See the attendance sheet

Reading and Approval of Minutes:
Hangameher: motion to approve
Second:

Petitions into the Assembly:
None

Special Introductions and Student Comments:
None

Messages from Student Government:
None

Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs:
None

Report of the Budget Committee: *Bill 7: 2022-2023 Annual Budget Proposal*
Greight: Report on the COGS budget committee, has introducing the process of requesting funds and explain
Request for funding: January 2022
The requirements: has the 50% graduate students and some other requirements
The budget committee meets to discuss and approve funding from different organizations, deliberation went on for 4 hours without a decision and the committee then meets for an additional 4 hours and finally a decision was made.
COGS has made decisions on each line items and is bringing it forward for voting today. The total amount of the bills is a little over 1.2 million dollars. Ideally, looking at what was voted the past year, decision today should be based on the past funding decisions.

Consideration of the Annual Budget:

Explanation of certain items: it is important to understand all of the items to be discussed today and I will be open to answering questions towards the end. Other budget committee members are free to respond as well.

ANS fees:

Linksey: 12.86 per credits

Creigh: ANS fees are then paid to the school per students, COGS has been getting 30% of ANS fees in the past, Linksy and Hagemeyer spend a lot of time and effort of getting that reinstated because in the past, representatives have discovered that we were not getting that amount. They can have the budget funded rightfully so by a total 1.2 million dollars this year by voting on resolution 8.

Resolution 8 stated that we took upon new responsibilities on fully funding “the Globe” and “FSU childcare”. As a reminder, if we are to say

Linksey: there is a veto process that happens after the bill is voted on today. Basically, the budget can be rejected by the administration. So be sure to keep in mind of that veto power since we have already been delayed.

Creigh: In other word, Once we vote on what we decide to vote on tonight, it can get rejected and we are back to discuss it again. FSU childcare center in the past had been funded \$77,000. The rest of the moment that we have funded them this year come from resolution 8. There have been other increases that we have made.

We have a couple new ticket items: Sport management and ...

Other factors was increase would be administrative items, increase in wages

Note, this is a lot of money to be allocated on, all of you representative are representing the school and all of your voices need to be heard and be independent, not influenced. This is a lot of money, be conscious of it.

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Allocation distribution: we can not allocate cents. We need to zero out all our allocation, I was told by the administration.

COGS unallocated: money that we have throughout the year to student organizations for events.

RSO can have several events throughout the year. COGS unallocated normally had \$30,000 in the past, that may change this year due to the change

Hagemeyer: Are we going to discuss the budget?

Linskey: We should be following rules of debate 15

Gfatter: motion to amend to round up, as discussed previously

Gaurav: we are not at that point yet,

Creigh: Keep that in mind, to be amended later

Llesanmi: is this a one time commitment for finding GLOBE and childcare?

Creigh: yes, it is. 1 time funding commitment due to our promiss to SGA

R: what is the overheard cost:

Linskey: We don't know. We have ask the administration but we still have no answer. Division of student affairs comes up with these numbers but we don't really know what it is. This is indicative of a systemic issues, this money can be used for graduate students but we are not going to be able to solve this problem/funding.

R: I appreciate this explanation, another question: at page 12 is there a line item there overhead?

Creigh: you are looking at the wrong packet, please go to page 4, line time is there

Linskey: point of clarification, we might run the risk of alienating the senate if we don't fund resolution 8. I fear that if we don't fund resolution 8, we might tear up a relationship with senate. We need to a good relationship with the undergraduate leaders to know details such as “overhead cost”.

The cant assess whether the decision that are being made are wise and prudent if we don't know what they are.

Gaurav: there is an option for a recess if we want to have more off record discussion

Ryan: espanic student association? I thought it was a lesser amount that was funded

Creigh the request PDF is accurate

Gfatter: Can we put a cap to overhead

Gaurav: this is a good question, we can take it to discussion, this is none debatable question

First round of pros

Gfatter: we can work during the next year to fix those little things, but

Vaughn: thanks to the budget committee for this great work in making important decision

Linskey: I was in the budget committee, we great work and we very meticulous in making decision. I would love to see more question and discussion about allocating money

Llesanmi: I want to echo the great work of the budget committee, I will be voting yes, although the bill is not perfect. This was great work.

Mustafa: echoing all what was said, thanks for great work. Congrats for more RSO coming to ask for more money and be more involved. I will also vote yes for this budget. Thanks you Linskey for the resolution that was voted last time about the FSU childcare and everyone input.

CONS

Hagemeyer: I appreciate all the effort that the budget committee. I will be voting no, we never fund department. We can not set such precedent. MSC and LSC has too much money; we did not increase travel fund. RSO need to be supported and the fact that we funding departments. Sweeping are better for department to look into. I wil making many amendments.

Llesanmi: the bill is not perfect, I appreciate Hagemeyer's amendment. I am concerned that we only allocate 10,000 dissertation grants. I know a few people who have no funding for their graduate studies. we need to look after our constituents. I will hope to see more funding to go towards travel grants and dissertation grants. Those are my cons

Gfatter: I want to support Hagemeyer opinion for the travel grant. The amount that is being allocated is too little. If Hagemeyer brings an amendment, I will support it.

Mustafa: Is the details of who can ask for this money is written somewhere? Only RSO?

Hagemeyer: We cant bar the department from applying for the money, its up to our students to decide to whether to fund them or not. The funding is open to department but its up to us to fund them or not.

Hashe: We can come up with an amendment to put that in the COGS Bills

Linskey: It might not be possible to do that.

R: Presentations grants line items have not increased in the last 3 years. We need to increase that.

Delva: I investigated changing funding department in our COGS code but according to the administration it will get overturned

Linksey: Yes, that will not be possible

Hagemeyer: motion to unluck funding

Linskey: Clarification: we should vote for each

Hagemeyer: retract motion. Motion to unluck education policies leadership studies

Representative: ?? second

Linskey: We need a motion to amend to unlock with dollar amount

Hagemeyer: question: Do we unluck line items and vote?

Linskey: yes, it required the majority vote to unlock

Gfatter: second

Gaurav: voting time

15/2/2

Motion to passes

PROS

Hagemeyer: should I amending the open up line item?

Hagemeyer: Motion to amend that line items to O

Neal: Second

Gfatter: Can Hagemeyer explain why he is making this amendment and which line item he is referring to?

Gaurav: He will clarify in a minute in a minute at his opening statement

Opening statement

Hagemeyer: Proposing to 0 fund new departments to increase to travel grant. Department are in all of nothing deal. We want to keep increase travel grant by 66,000 for presentation grant. We want graduate student to be able to go out to fund and represent our university. I also want to increase unallocated for \$9000. MSC needs to be cut \$15000 because the need for travel grants is prominent right now.

PROS

Gaurav: Want to give time to non-rep to speak as well.

Linskey: how much money in resolution 8 was not committed to travel?

Hagemeyer: \$500,000

Courtney Beck: Thanks to everyone to allow me to speak.

Proposing an amendment: coming from the department of sport management because we were not a RSO at time of funding. We are now a RSO with executive members called women of sport management and we would like to replace the departmental funding request for departmental funding in sport management.

Regarding the amendment for justification for funding

Linskey: thank you, unfortunately you may not propose any amendment, only a member of COGS can.

CONS

Linskey: I understand that we want to increase travel fund. However, we need to be supportive of new department who comes to COGS. I will be voting against this amendment.

R: I have some questions and concerns after Courtney statements, I agree we should be supportive for new RSO and not completely zeroing this budget categories.

Lesanmi: I am also in support of this organization, since this is a new RSO, starting them with \$30,000 as an RSO might be a bit reckless. We would need to reduce this RSO considerably

Young: I echo all of your concerns, I do understand that we would need to compromise on that and make deduction.

Mustafa: I agree with all of you. Questions: about LSC and MSC, how much have we funded them in the past?

Creigh: yes, please look the financial package in reference for that

CreighL PDF page 132 in the package for reference of past funding

Gfatter: motion for second round of Pros

Mustafa: Second

SECOND ROUND PROS

Ryan: I am in support of allocating 0 dollar to the department and allocate the new RSO for starting \$7000

Gfatter: cutting funding is hard for me is hard, because it would in fact benefit graduate students

Neal: I agree that we need to lowering funding to department, and since this RSO is new perhaps funding for \$3000 for this new RSO within this department

Llesanmi: I am in support with everything that is benefit graduate students. We also need to give each other grace and allocate some funding for the new RSO. About MSC and LSC allocation can be reduced. Addition we can also reduced funding for the GLOBE as well

Vaughn: point of clarification, do we vote for this amendment as it is

Linskey: Point of information, we might not be able to change the funding recipient.

Vaughn: point of information to the new RSO, even if you don't get funded tonight you can still come back and ask for money for event in this coming year

Gfatter: motion to move to cons

R: Second

CONS

Linskey: I am proposing and amendment to this amendment. \$15,000

R: Object, I motion to just fund line items

Hagemeyer: don't I need to agree to an amendment of my amendment

Creigh: information, we are not funding for the RSO here, if we move forward in voting for this amendment, this would be voting for the department. We cannot allocate money for the RSO at this moment.

Llesanmi: we can not fund line items 6

Gfatter: I am agreeing to the propose lesser amount

R: We cannot fund line items 1 and 7, can I amend line items 3

Delva: Are we funding the department? Or the RSO? We cannot mix both.

Creigh: Department have the ability to distribute those funds to their RSO if they chooses.

Courtney Beck: We are working on the website development and we definitely would appreciate funds to work on the website.

R: I will redraw my amendment

Llesanmi: Amendment to change the request to 0 fund to \$9000

Hangameyer: I do not that motion friendly.

Linskey: we need to vote to hear the new motions at this point

Gfatter: Once we vote on this, are we done with this department decision

Linskey: No, we would go back to another amendment

Laurel McKinney

Clarification: you guys are talking about line items for the department. Again you are not voting in the line item, you are just voting on funding the department.

Hagemeyer: I want to propose an amendment with no

Gfatter: Clarification, if we don't fund this department, remember that the RSO can come back and request fund later on.

R: Can RSO submit can submit funding request anytime?

Lynskey: yes, if the RSO did not have a change to request money during the budget request. They can request from the unallocated amount over the next year.

Llasanmi: propose to fund line items 5 for \$5000

Vote 12/5/2

Yes:

No: W,G,H, N,S,M,P

A: C,D

The amendment fails, not a 3/2 vote

SECOND ROUND OF CONS

Linskey: we need 2/3 majority for this to pass and, we need a compromise. I amend to fund the department for 5000

Gfatter: I want to hear Hagemeyer amendment

Linskey: I redraw my amendment

R: motion to call a questions

Neale: second

Hagemeyer: I want to propose to 0 fund the department. And allocate those funds to the RSO. Need to keep the department off our books. The department can come back and request the next fiscal year and take their chances then.

R: motion to have Courtney Beck speak

Hegameyer: second.

Courtney: How can the RSO come back to request funds?

R: you have a change to get you funding request approved. You can do so as soon as tonight.

Hagemeyer: if their anniversary event needs funding, that's next fiscal year therefore it should be fine to acquire funding.

Neal: yes, supporting that if they come right now its for the current fiscal year.

Vouzas: This matter that are being discussed right now is about department funding. if you come back to request fund you have better control of those fund as an RSO.

Lynskey: it would be better to make those decisions tonight than

Mustafa: motion for Courtney to speak

R: second

Courtney Beck This is a bit disappointing. This whole process might set us back if not funded to get access to what we need. I appreciate everyone time tonight.

Mustafa: She is here representing the department. I would support giving them this money tonight.

Hagemeyer: Motion to 0 fund the department of sport management

Wilson: second

Voting in process:

Vote: 9/7/3

Amendment fails

Laurel McKinney: you guys need to decide on this bill tonight because it is due in 3 days.

Motion to enter for 10 minutes recess:

Llesanmi: motion for a recess

Vaugh: Second

14/2/3

Recess start at 9:30pm

Order again at 9:41pm

Linskey: I move to amend this line item to \$6000 in the expenses department

Susan R: Second

Lynskey: I submit that \$6000, although is not enough. It would be a proof of principle that they can be responsible and pull off their events.

Susan R.: Move to call a question?

Gaurav: you can not

PROS

Gfatter: This will be a good amendment to support organization

Creigh: if we approve this department for funding, the department will be ineligible to be for funding for PAC funding.

Gaurav: what is the percentage of graduate students?

Flanagan: we have 200 master students, 30 PhD students. as per the PAC funds, I have no idea what they are.

Gfatter: motion to instinguish CONS

Gaurav: motion to call a question

Susan R: motion to call a question

Lynskey closing statement: this is important that the committee stay engage in the process for an extended amount of time.

Amber Second:

Vote

13/3/3

amendment passes

Lynskey: I move to unluck the travel grant

Mustafa: second

Opening statement Lynskey: use the money that we just cut to put in the travel funding.

PROS

Mustafa: I agree with this need to increase the travel fund

CONS

Vaughn: we need to cut all that we need to cut and then decide

Lynskey: retract statement

Vaughn: motion to unluck the law school funding

Second: ??

Opening statement: I believe that has been some issues with the law school and their budget can be cut

Lynskey: how much money that the law school generate.

Vaughn: I don't know.

Lynskey: the law school generate 300,000 in ANS fees, the med school generate more than 400,000 in ANS fees. So I am adamant in reducing their funding. Those group has more than 30 RSO under their umbrella. We just fund a department for \$6000.

Ryan: LSC and MSC are not department and they have multiple RSO under their umbrella

Wilson: I will echo what was just said. MSC has multiple organization under their wing

Vaughn: I understand your arguments, just wanted to bring that to the table to discussion

Vote on that motion:

0/13/6

Motion fails

Creigh: we will have to uncluck MSC because it is not an even number

Gfatter: Motion to uncluck MSC funding

Wilson: second

Opening statement: this is an important matter let's get it done

Beatright: call a questions

Vaughn: second

Closing comment: I yield my time

Voting:

17/0/2

Motions passes

Llesanmi: motion to uncluck the unallocated

R: seconded

R: should we adjust everything else first?

Boatright: object

Llesanmi: I don't want to take my motion back.

Boatright: take back is objection

Opening remark: yielding my time

PROS

Lynskey: can't vote for any cents

Neale: point of clarification, are we voting for the cents

No CONS

Gfatter: motion to call a question

R: second

Vote:
18/0/1
Motion passes

Llesanmi: motion to reduce COGS unallocated .27 cents to 0
Lynsky: second

Boatright: motion to call a questions
Wilson: Second
Vote: 18/0/1

Motions passes

Llesanmi: motion to add .27 cents to expenses under MCS
Second: Parker

No PROS
No CONS

R: motion to call a question
Wilson: second

18/0/1

Motions passes

Llesanmi: do I need to close up the line items?

Susan R: motion to unlock department of education line items
Neal: second

Opening statement: motion to open this up to make decisions

Linskey: motion to call a question
Vouzas: second

Mustafa: what are we doing right now, things are bit vague

No CONS
NO Pros

Linskey: motion to call a question
Neal Second:

Vote
15/1/2

Motion passes

CONS:

Vaughn: I am making an amendment food \$4000 and contractual services for \$2000 for the speaker and all other categories to move to 0

Second: Mustafa

Wilson: How much can we spend for contractual services per speaker?

Creigh: max \$2000

Creigh: objection, statue 807.6 is prohibiting this department for acquiring those funds

Susan R: what exclude the department from acquiring those funds? Does that mean even when approve, they won't get funding?

Creigh: yes, that's what is stated?

Linsky: Unfortunately, that was there to prevent double dipping. Basically, they are receiving money from other places and it's a way to regulate funds.

Vaughn: our department has never ask funding for this.

Gaurav: what is the demographic of your department?

Mustafa: 100 face-to-face students and a little over 100 online

Creigh: resending my motion.

Opening statement: This funding is important for the return of student to the sense of normalcy.

PROS

Mustafa: tonight, is about increase travel and this would great for the

Susan R: this says a lot for the student from that department and moving this money for the department grants

Llesanmi: all of this is based of compromised. I'm glad to see how the students from the department of education is ready to compromise.

Linsky: I was ready to speak against it but hearing the student of education and how they are ready to compromised. This is a department has a lot of graduate students

Linsky: move to call a question

Neal: second

Vaughn closing statement let's get this done!

Voting

17/0/1

The motion passes

Creigh: currently, we have more than 47,000 left

Susan R: motion to increase the presentation grant to \$40,000

Gfatter: second

Creigh: Increase \$40, 000 will be \$250 for 800 for presentation grants and 50 inc

Susan R opening statement: this is a great opportunity to make positive changes, at the beginning it was alarming that presentation grant hasn't been increased in 3 years.

PROS:

Gfatter: this is

Linskey: move to call a question

Neal: Second

Vote:

17/0/1

Motions passes

Gfatter: do we need to motion to close all line items?

Mustafa: motion to transfer 1,400 out unallocated

Gfatter: Second

PROS

Gfatter: it's a great idea to make the number work let's do it

SECOND ROUND CONS

Susan R: I am worried that too much money out of the unallocated if we do this move

Wilson: motion to call a question

Boatright: second

Vote

17/0/1

Motions passes

(Representative Luis Left)

Mustafa: motion to move \$8500 to the conference attendance grants
Linskey: second

Opening statement: Let's vote on this

Parker: Motion to call a question
Boatright: second

Vote:
17/0/1

Motion passes

Creigh: we need to change provisor language. We need to first unlock it and then vote on it.

Linskey: Motion to unlock this provisor language
Neal: second

Opening statement: Let's hang in there and get this done

Parker: motion to call a question
Boatright: second

Vote:
17/0/1

Amendment passes

Creigh: I have the number ready for the provisor language

Gfatter: motion that presentation grants 20,000 and attendance grants 25,500
Second: Neal

Opening statement: I support this and

Boatright: call a question
Neal: second

Voting
17/0/1
Amendment passes

Linskey: motion to call a question on the Bill 7
Gfatter: second

Linskey: I move to luck to provider language

Vouzas: motion to call a questions
Second

Voting:
17/0/1

It passes

Linskey: move to luck travel allocation line item
Vaugh: second

Wilson: call a question
Mustafa: second

Vote
17/0/1
Passes

Wilson: motion to luck
Galeano: second

Vouzas: call a question
Mustafa: second

Vote
17/0/1
Motions passes

Wilson: motion to luck MSC
Boatright: second

Mustafa: motion to call a question
Boatright: second

Vote:
17/0/1

Motion passes

Wilson: motion to luck sport management
Boatright: second

Mustafa: call a question
Susan R: second

Votes
17/0/1
The motions passes

Boatright: motion to luck the department of education
Mustafa: second

Wilson: call a questions
Susan R: second

Votes
17/0/1

Motion passes

Mustafa: move to call a question in Bill 7
Gfatter: second

Closing statement

Greigh: Thank you for staying to make this decision for over 5 hours. This is a big decision that we had made, you all have a voice, and you make that known tonight.

Votes:
17/0/1

Round Table:

Wilson: motion to eliminate Round Table
Boatright: second
No PROS
No CONS

Votes
17/ 0/1
Adjournment:

Time of the meeting:
Adjourn the meeting: 11:49pm

Next Meeting: **Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:30p.m. on Zoom**