Getting Chitt Done

On Friday, October 25th, The Board of Trustees voted to approve building plans and a budget for the renovation of Chittenden Hall as the future location of the Graduate School. The building will serve as a central location for services provided to graduate and graduate professional students, and postdoctoral trainees. Construction will begin in November, with an approved budget of $6,200,000. Renovations are expected to be complete by August 2014. Amr Abdel-Azim is the MSU architect coordinating the work with architects Tamara Burns and Gene Hopkins, of HopkinsBurns Design Studio, leading the project with the Christman Company serving as the general construction-management contractor. Both firms specialize in historical renovations.

Call For GAC Abstracts

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Abstracts must be no more than 300 words and should be submitted by Friday, December 20, 2013.

For more information on the presentation types and registration, please visit www.msugac.com

October Full Council Meeting Resolution Action

The COGS Full Council voted to approve Resolution #13-14.01 on the October 9 full council meeting after the University requested COGS to organizationally restructure to align with revised university expectations.

This resolution serves to protect the ability of COGS to advocate for and serve all graduate and professional students at MSU while more closely aligning structurally and financially with the practices of Michigan State University.

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2013 Safe Halloween

COGS was happy to once again collaborate with MSU Greek Life to host a successful Safe Halloween event. 2013 Safe Halloween was held on October 24th at 5:30pm on M.A.C. Safe Halloween is an annual event in which fraternity and sorority chapters host a street ‘carnival of Halloween’ activities for area children to enjoy.

The purpose of Safe Halloween is to provide a safe alternative to trick-or-treating for the children of East Lansing’s community.

COGS Full Council Meeting

The next Full Council Meeting will be held in the Radiology Building Auditorium on Wednesday, November 13th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm.

COGS Upcoming Events

Discount to Mamma Mia

Due to our special relationship with Wharton Center, COGS is being given the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets to a student of ALL academic fields with the purpose in mind of entertaining our friends. No registration required.

The winning team will take home fantastic prizes! Plus, free appetizers!! There is nothing better than being rewarded for outstanding your friends.

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SFB 20th Anniversary

The MSU Student Food Bank (SFB) is celebrating its 20th year with an Anniversary Reception on Friday, November 15 at 6:00pm. COGS is happy to be a cosponsor of this event along with a longtime donor to the MSU SFB. COGS will also be one of the groups receiving an inaugural Bea and Roy Mott Award at the reception. More information on the 20th Anniversary Reception can be found online at https://www.msu.edu/~foodbank/about.htm