



COGS Full Council Meeting
Packaging Building, Room 100
January 15, 2014 5:30pm – 7:30pm

- I. Approval of Agenda
 - Approved
- II. **Approval of Minutes from December 2013 Full Council Meeting (Attachment 1)
 - Approved
- III. Remarks from the Graduate School (Dean Klomparens)
 - Update on Chittenden: have been refurbishing the wood wall details and doors, completing the basement renovation, updating the steam tunnels
 - Visit <http://grad.msu.edu> for updates on the hall and renovation
 - Making very good progress on the renovations, hopefully completed by November 2014
- IV. Remarks from COGS Faculty Advisor (Dr. MaryLee Davis)
 - Going to have a great 2014, congrats to our football team
 - Provost search will begin next Monday in Board of Trustees Room
 - 1/16/2014 @ 7pm: State of the State Address
 - Will be discussing incentives to bring international students into the state for advanced degrees
- V. 2013-14 COGS Disciplinary Award Presentations
 - Congratulations to our leaders!
 - Endowment with graduate school that recognizes individuals who are leaders within their discipline
 - Present to receive awards: Brandon Armstrong (Dept. Fisheries and Wildlife), Nicholas Fletcher (College of Human Medicine -CHM), Kristin Moschetti (CHM), Christine O'Brien (CHM)
 - Not present, but awards also to Michael Johnson (CHM), Jenna Smith (Dept. of Physics)
- VI. Presentation: Law Student Rights & Responsibilities (LSRR), Connell Alsup, Associate Dean for Student Engagement, Registrar, and Title IX Coordinator, MSU College of Law (Attachment 2)
 - Parallel version of the graduate students rights and responsibilities
 - Deals with situations where they are ethically obligated to review students or deal with relationships
 - Purpose is to deal with issues not dealt with in other documents
 - Law student governing body has approved this document
- a. **Vote to endorse the LSRR
 - Approved for endorsement

VII. Presentation: Graduate Student Rights & Responsibilities (GSRR), Karen Klomprens, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School (Attachment 3)

- No vote on the document until February full council meeting
- Designed in 1971 to protect students, submit grievances
- Primarily changing grievance procedure and appeals process
References: Page 9- 5.3.4 and Page 11- 5.4.12.1
- Change in standards from preponderance to clear and convincing evidence when students are submitting grievances
- Changes made by faculty serving on the panels and committees

VIII. Vice President for Internal Affairs Election

- Nominations closed
- Emily Bank nominated for the position and approved by council

IX. Executive Board Remarks

a. President (Stefan Fletcher)

i. COGS Spring Issues Agenda

- Graduate and Professional Student Week: April 6-12
- Tigers Game on Sunday, April 6 \$15 with bus
- February address differential tuition
- Health recommendations

b. Vice President for Internal Affairs (Emily Bank)

c. Vice President for External Affairs (Dionisia Quiroga)

d. Treasurer (Chris Harvey)

i. **Spring 2014 Conference Grants

- 109 submitted, funding 31 grants
- Approved \$9,300

ii. **Spring 2014 Professional Development Grants

- 23 submitted, funding 13 grants
- Several students applied to both for the same event, did not outline this problem well enough- will revise the guidelines
- Approved \$3,900

iii. **January 2014 Event Funding Requests

- Approved all events with minor edits

e. Recording Secretary (Katy Meyers)

i. Graduate Academic Conference

- Only 15 days left to submit your abstract, please share!
- Will be looking for volunteers on the day of the event, if interested you can email meyersk6@msu.edu
- Looking for more judges, ask faculty or other grad students

f. Law College Liaison (Michala Welch)

g. Medical Colleges Liaison (Kiro Malek)

h. Director of Event Planning (El-Ra Radney)

X. Unfinished Business New Business

- Recommendations
- Access: increased services provided by MSU health and counseling
- Wellness Partnerships: COGS partner with Grad Student Life and Wellness, or other health related groups

- Technology: Wellness calendar events
- Environmental Factors: Determining what affects health
- Survey on Mental Health Stressors: aid graduate students by learning more about how grad students feel

a. ****Approval of Graduate and Professional Student Health Recommendations (Attachment 4)**

- Approved

b. ****Committee Elections**

- No conflicts, approved

XI. **Member's Privilege**

- February 12th 5 to 8pm, Old Town, \$10 ticket for Old Town Chocolate Walk

XII. **Adjourn**

****Requires Full Council Action**

Minutes taken by Katy Meyers

The Council of Graduate Students (COGS) is the constitutionally authorized government representing all graduate and professional students at Michigan State University. COGS actively promotes the improvement of both the individual and collective graduate experience by working with university administrators on a multitude of graduate student issues that range from degree requirements to housing to health care.