

**MICHIGAN STATE**  
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**COGS Full Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Clara Bell Smith Center, Auditorium**

**October 8, 2014**  
**5:30pm – 7:30pm**

I. Dan Clark moves to move section VI. b. 1. from VPIA to VII. Unfinished Business a., approved.

II. Robert Vankirk moves to approve the agenda, approved.

II. Remarks from the Graduate School Dean Klomparens, Dean Klomparens encourages all graduate/professional students to check out Chittenden Hall! Th Chittenden Hall Dedication will take place November 7, 2014. The Capital Campaign Kickoff is this coming month.

III. Remarks from COGS Faculty Advisor, Dr. MaryLee Davis  
Dr. MaryLee Davis addressed the excitement surrounding the opening of Chittenden Hall. Encouraged full council members to bring their expertise to MSU through their involvement in committees.

IV. Committee Sign Ups, COGS VP Internal Affairs, Dan Clark

V. Presentation: Parliamentary Procedure, Meaghan McKeon, COGS Parliamentarian (Attachment 2)

VI. Executive Board Remarks

a. President – Emily Bank

i. New Member Introductions

ii. Executive Board Meeting

Explanation of emergency executive board meeting

iii. Progress on Health Care Changes for Graduate Assistants

iv. Grad Factor Project

Visit the grad factor website to learn more: <http://msu.edu/gradfactor/>

v. COGS 2014-15 Roadmap (Attachment 3)

Presentation of the roadmap outlining COGS direction this year.

b. Vice President for Internal Affairs – Dan Clark

i. Chittenden Hall Update,

The move to Chittenden Hall is complete and the COGS office is up and running.

c. Vice President for External Affairs – Mandie Maxwell see slide for details

i. MSU Student Food Bank

ii. CATA Feedback



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d. Treasurer – Chris Haug

i. \*\*Fall 2014 Event Funding Requests

Chris Siemer moves to approve funding as detailed on slide, approved.

Donald Barringer moves that COGS monthly budget should be provided to the full council outlining COGS expenditures, approved.

e. Recording Secretary – Jessica Schein

i. 2015 Graduate Academic Conference

This year's GAC Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Brian Luke Seaward. Applications are now open until 12/5/14.

f. Parliamentarian – Meaghan McKeon

i. \*\*COGS Constitution and Bylaws Changes

Robert Vankirk moves to amend Section 2.4 of Bylaws as stated on slide, approved.

Jules Strachman moves to adopt the amendment to Sec 3.1.1.1 as stated on slide, approved.

Robert Vankirk moves to adopt the amendment to Sec 3.1.1.6 as stated on slide.

Maurice Atkinson moves to refer the recommendation back to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, approved.

Robert Vankirk moves to adopt the amendment to Bylaw 4.3 that are grammatical or technical challenges as a slate, approved.

Donald Barringer moves to approve changed to 8.1.1. Committee Activity as stated on slide, approved.

g. Director of Events – Femi Oluyedun

i. Upcoming Events

h. Law College Liaison – Katrina Brundage

i. YouVote Update Please use twitter #MItownhall #SpartansVote @YouVote to support this initiative.

i. Medical Colleges Liaison – Cyle Rogotzke

i. COMS is cosponsoring the COGS Redwings game and trivia night.

VII. Unfinished Business

a. Report from the Interim Chair of the Ad Hoc Health Care Committee

Robert Vankirk gave an informal formal report of the committee proceedings.

VIII. New Business

a. \*\*2014/2015 Committee Elections

i. Eli Kean moves to vote to formally create an ad-hoc healthcare committee.

- ii. Call to question by Robert Vankirk, approved.
- iii. Eli Kean clarified her motion to formally create an ad-hoc healthcare committee within COGS, approved.
- iv. Donald Barringer moves that all of the members that signed up last month's meeting and new members interested from this meeting are included in that committee, approved
- v. Jules Strachman moves that the charge of the ad-hoc committee on healthcare is to investigate the changes to the graduate health care plan as made by the university and Atena then they will then make a recommendation to COGS full council as to how to proceed, approved.
- vi. Donald Barringer moves to elect Sudha Sankar as chair of the ad-hoc committee on healthcare changes, approved. Position was accepted by Sudha Sankar
- vi. Sam Moses moves to make an announcement regarding stuttering awareness week in two weeks, approved.  
 Sam Moses-International Stuttering awareness day is Oct 22, 2014.  
 Please get involved and support!

b. Committee Elections

- i. Jules Strachman moves to approve all unopposed positions, approved.
- ii. The following committees were voted upon:  
 University Committee on Graduate Studies  
 College of Human Medicine Judiciary Committee  
 University Graduate Judiciary Committee  
 COGS Finance Committee  
 COGS Graduate Welfare Committee

IX. Member's Privilege

- i. Elspeth Williams- Musical Carrie is opening this weekend. More info online.
- ii. Sudha Sankar- in addition to the counseling center there is a couples and family clinic offering therapy sessions at subsidized rate.
- iii. Jules-MBA is hosting a startup competition where graduate students can participate encouraging collaboration between departments
- iv. Emily- COGS Faculty Advisor will be inducted into Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. Congratulations Dr. MaryLee Davis!

X. Adjourn

Donald Barringer move to adjourn 8:10 pm