

**COGS Full Council Meeting  
October Meeting Minutes**

**Clara Bell Smith Center Auditorium  
October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 5:30 – 7:30pm**

- I. Approval of Agenda**
  - Agenda approved
  
- II. \*\*Approval of Minutes from April's Full Council Meeting (Attachment 1)**
  - Agenda approved
  
- III. \*\*Approval of Minutes from September's Full Council Meeting (Attachment 2)**
  - Agenda approved
  
- IV. Remarks from the Graduate School (Dr. Helm)**
  - Many career development workshops and services are being offered this semester
  - Graduate Student Life and Wellness is also offering many fitness and recreation classes; there are still spaces left
  - Had about 80 graduate students participate in the Dino Dash this year; they pay for 100 graduate students to attend every year
  
- V. Remarks from COGS Faculty Advisor (Dr. MaryLee Davis)**
  
- VI. Executive Board Remarks (Attachment 3)**
  - All remarks, aside from President's (Stefan Fletcher) were in writing only
  - Connection of medical school sites in East Lansing, Macomb, and Grand Rapids... Stefan, Kiro, and COMS traveled to the Grand Rapids Secchia Medical Center and the Macomb COM site
  - Discounted Detroit Red Wings tickets (against the Ottawa Senators) will be for sale starting at 10am tomorrow; they will sell out very quickly!
  - There will be Purdue tickets given out next week through Facebook, so be on the lookout for those too
  
- VII. Unfinished Business**
  - a. **\*\*Resolution #13.14.01: COGS Fiscal Reorganization (Attachment 4)**
    - Available for review tonight; we did not meet quorum during the special meeting
    - Stefan highlighted the alignment changes that are proposed
    - Dr. Maybank emphasized that the things that were being done in this process were with the benefit of the graduate/professional students in mind
    - Shannon highlighted the "pros and cons" of this agreement... pros being better non-profit status for COGS through the university and university payment of COGS insurance; cons being we have to put all of our money on campus and put in formalized requests to access these funds
    - Resolution passed 37-1-0

## VIII. New Business

- a. Presentation by Dr. Denise Maybank regarding the division of Student Affairs
  - In line with Dr. Helm's comments, also suggested eap.msu.edu for services and handouts that compliment Graduate Student Life and Wellness services
  - Homecoming is this week! Many alumni come back to visit campus, so it is important to be good ambassadors
  - Glad to address anything including the alignment resolution agreement
  - Detailed three categories (Health Wellness and Safety, Transition Leadership and Experimental Learning, and Identity/Affinity) in which Student Affairs and Services will function... There will be Assistant VPs for each of these categories
  - By aligning students' needs in this way, believes that this will help us to better accomplish all the needs of the students
  - Work in progress; will be constantly evolving and open for feedback
  
- b. Provost Forum facilitated by Dr. Mary Mundt, Dean, College of Nursing
  - They have formed a 13 member provost search committee (one undergraduate and one graduate student)
  - Will be working through October with a search firm to identify potential candidates
  - Meeting in November to select 10-12 people for "airport interviews"
  - From there, will have 3-4 candidates that will come to the campus (this will be made completely public and all of their info/CVs will be posted on the website for everyone to check out)
  - Provost is academic leader of the campus, meaning that almost all of the university deans report to them
  - Melissa Soto is the grad student rep, so she would be a good person for us to contact if we have any questions
  - If you know of any candidates that would be qualified, she asked to have you email their information to the committee
  - Audience members brought up many topics they would like to take into consideration when looking for new provost, including diversity, "moving and acting quickly", philosophy/priorities as our provost, collaboration with labor group associations, addressing length of time to graduate, communication with deans on accessible and relevant classes, and promotion of new programs that promote interdisciplinary studies
  - Stefan included the need to examine the relationship of tuition costs and quality of education... would like to see examinations of appropriate planning of tuition usage
  - Stefan also commented on increasing the visibility of MSU's RAs and TAs as they contribute substantially to the university and are often under-recognized
  
- c. Presentation by Dr. Matt Helm & Dr. Julia McAnallen, Graduate Student Life & Wellness
  - In the final stages of building the Career Services website; details how to make it through graduate school successfully and is focused around research findings of what successful graduate students do
  - Six dimensions of wellness (grad student life, wellness, career services) (retention, career and life success, and alumni giving and future development opportunities)

- Holistic wellness is the model used to design WELLNESS dimension
  - Dr. McAnallen has come in to examine the diverse careers in all sectors available to graduate students that may be outside of academia
  - If you are interested in being involved in a committee that would address these career issues next year, let her know
  - Currently forming alumni blog and other alumni items; this is starting up this week with homecoming
  - Will be co-sponsoring UofM tailgate with COGS
  - Also brought up dissertation support group, which is a 35 student group based on a solution-based model in which goals are set for each group and addressed the following week
- d. **\*\*Approval of \$1,500 COGS Co-sponsorship of MSU Student Food Bank 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**
- Nate Smith-Tyge (Director of MSU Student Food Bank) thanked COGS for their support and mentioned that one of the awards given at this celebration will be to COGS from their support and help in the creation of the food bank
  - Motion to co-sponsor approved
- e. **\*\*Approval of \$500 COGS Co-sponsorship of MSU Greek Life Safe Halloween**
- Will take place on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm near the corner of MAC and Elizabeth Street; there will be bounce houses, games, and activities
  - Also will make Halloween baskets for children in Sparrow Hospital
  - Motion to co-sponsor approved
- f. **\*\*Approval of COGS Bylaws Amendments**
- Amendments approved
- g. **\*\*Approval of COGS Event Funding Requests**
- Funding for all presented events approved
- h. **\*\*Approval of revised COGS Finance Committee Guidelines**
- Addition of MSUFCU logo to conference materials due to their recent sponsorship
  - Addition of the question "Have you received COGS conference grant in the past?" to the conference grant application
  - Revisions approved
- i. **\*\*Committee Elections**
- Committee list approved

## **IX. Member's Privilege**

- PRL Chili Cook-Off – October 18th
- PRIME rep thanked everyone for approving to give them a rep position
- Rally outside of Admin building for GSU
- Dept. Theatre is opening for Shakespeare's Land of the Dead (playing this week and the next) in the Pasant Theatre at the Wharton Center

- Election Day – November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Look to NAGPS website for updates on what is going on during government shutdown and how this affects graduate and professional students

**X. Adjourn**

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\*\* Denotes COGS Full Council action required

Minutes taken by Dionisia Quiroga