

**COGS Full Council Meeting**  
**Radiology Building Auditorium**  
**November 13, 2013**  
**5:30pm – 7:30pm**

- I. Approval of Agenda
  - Approved
- II. **\*\*Approval of Minutes from October's Full Council Meeting**
  - Approved
- III. Remarks from the Graduate School (Dr. Rique Kampa)
  - Numerous courses and workshops available through the graduate school
  - MSU recognized as having one of the most progressive programs for graduate students
  - CRITL: NSF funded center composed of 22 research universities, goal is to prepare next group of STEM faculty
    - Received major grant for training
    - Any grad student can take advantage of these programs
- IV. Remarks from COGS Faculty Advisor (Dr. MaryLee Davis)
  - Happy Thanksgiving, drive safe!
- V. Presentation: Park District Project by Joseph Manzella, Truscott Rossman and Colin Cronin, DTN Management
  - Major redevelopment opportunity in East Lansing, 5.5 acres
    - Goal is to attract professionals and students, get them to stay in East Lansing, create Grand Rapids or Ann Arbor here
    - Rental apartments
    - <http://www.elparkdistrict.com/>
- VI. Presentation: Council of Medical Students (COMS) Budget by Kiro Malek, Medical Schools Liaison
  - Discussion of their budget over the past year
  - Will discuss their constitution in the future
- VII. Executive Board Remarks
  - a. President (Stefan Fletcher)
    - i. Spartan Village
      - Will be discussing this with Vennie Gore and Kathy Collins at the December meeting to address questions
    - ii. Graduate/Professional Student Health Data
      - Get an understanding of what it looks like for grad students
      - Get recommendations for our population
    - iii. December COGS Full Council Meeting Schedule
      - WDBM will present at December meeting
      - Next month's meeting will be structured slightly differently
  - b. Vice President for Internal Affairs (Kent Kovac)
  - c. Vice President for External Affairs (Dionisia Quiroga)
    - i. NAGPS National Conference debriefing
      - Spoke with reps from other institutions
      - Impressed by MSU's representative of grad students



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- Attended sessions on grad debt and open access
- d. Treasurer (Chris Harvey)
  - i. Yearly Audit Success
  - ii. COGS Professional Development Grant Program
    - Through the graduate school, seeking approval
    - Will be available to people who are doing professional workshops and events, not for conferences
    - You are eligible for one conference grant and one professional development grant
    - Approved
  - iii. MSU Endowment Recommendation
    - Protect account from inflation by changing drawings
    - Changes in account with transfer to MSU
    - Approved
  - iv. Budget Reallocation
    - Surplus from last year, will be re-allocated to conference grant fund, event planning and GAC
    - Approved
- e. Recording Secretary (Katy Meyers)
  - i. Graduate Academic Conference Update
- f. Law College Liaison (Michala Welch)
- g. Medical Colleges Liaison (Kiro Malek)
- h. Director of Event Planning (El-Ra Radney)
  - Red Wings trip coming up
  - Trivia went well
  - Friday is the MSU Food Bank dinner and party
  - 6pm Awards begin
  - Free to students
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
  - a. Approval of \$600 COGS Co-sponsorship of International Students Association Thanksgiving Dinner
    - First year that the event will be catered, free to grad students
    - Requesting raise to \$800
    - Approved
  - b. Approval of COGS Event Funding Requests
    - Indonesian Student Association: recommendation to fully fund
    - Approved
  - c. Committee Elections
- X. Member's Privilege
  - MSU's Indigenous Graduate Student Collective is hosting a panel next Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>
  - <https://www.facebook.com/events/538946096187379/>
- XI. Adjourn