

COGS Full Council Meeting Minutes
Natural Science, Room 326
March 18, 2015
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Call to order at 5:35 pm
Attendance done by roll call

Present Full Council Representatives: AFRE, AND, BAE, CSUS, ENT, FW, FSHN, HRT, PKG, AAAS, ART, ENG, RCS, THR, COMM, EAD, KIN, LIT, TE, AID, MGT, MBA, CHE, CEE, HM, LAW, BMB, CEM, GLG, MMG, PHY, PLB, PRIME, NUR, OM, PHARM, ANP, EC, GEO, HST, HDFS, PLS, PSY, CJ, HRLR, SW, SOC, GBSA, ISA, OGA, SPOM

Absent Full Council Representatives: PSM, PDC, EPI, GEN,

Present EBoard: PRES, VPIA, SEC, LAW, PARL, EVENT

Absent EBoard: VPEA, TRES, MED

- I) Approval of Agenda, approved
- II) **Approval of Minutes from February 18, 2015 COGS Full Council Meeting (Attachment 1)
 - A) changed to Rep member, approved
- III) Remarks from the Graduate School
 - A) New associate dean coming in May
 - B) Dean Klomparens is retiring as dean in June of this year
 - C) Last of the spring write ins at Chittenden
 - D) All day research mentor training program March 27th 9-3
 - E) Time management workshop April 10th
 - F) PhD Career Service and Graduate Life and Wellness are hiring PhD students: contact hireaphd@msu.edu
 - G) Three teaching scholarship fellowship programs, see Graduate School Website
 - 1) FAST Fellows
 - 2) 2 RCAH Teaching Fellowships
- IV) Remarks from COGS Faculty Advisor, Dr. MaryLee Davis
 - A) Types of programs that the Graduate School offers are important and we need to make sure that we do our best to get the word out.
 - B) Thank you to our members for doing what we do! The GAC was spectacular and there is another upcoming great event in the Diversity and Inclusion Workshop. These events are an opportunity to get to meet and talk to outstanding people and former MSU students. We need to figure out how to get Graduate and Professional students to this event. She challenges us to contact our colleagues and encourage them to come out to this truly amazing event where they will learn things that are incredibly important moving forward with their careers.
- V) Committee Sign Ups, COGS VP Internal Affairs, Dan Clark
- VI) Unfinished Business
 - A) **January Meeting Parking Discussion
 - 1) At the Feb meeting it was approved that this be referred to the finance committee. They reviewed this and there are no issues to be able to reimburse



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parking. We will be able to do this.

(a) Representative Loelius motions to approve the reimbursement for the parking for members with receipts from the January Full Council Meeting, approved

VII) New Business

A) New Member Introductions

- 1) CEE New Representative
- 2) Representative Mills from Psychology
- 3) Alternate Representative Blair Fleet-BGSA
- 4) Representative For 2015-2016 Mark Mans-MBA Association
- 5) Representative For 2015-2016 Jonathan Brown-Law

B) **2015/2016 Executive Board Elections

- 1) Paper ballots, 3 tellers: Parliamentarian McKeon, Representative Kean, Representative Denny
- 2) Representative Sankar Motions to approve those two above tellers for tonight.
- 3) Teller 1-Parliamentarian McKeon will count the total number of votes for each position and will record it on a sheet including the number of illegal votes, First teller will record the name and pass it to the second teller who will read and record. The announcement will be read by the president.
- 4) Illegal ballots will be presented to the full council to determine the resout
- 5) Why not use the Clickers?
 - (a) Response: Paper ballots are secure
- 6) We need a Sergeant at arms
- 7) How would the vote breakdown happen if 3 people run for a position
 - (a) In that case you would still need the majority of the vote for one candidate and there will be multiple rounds of voting.
- 8) At what point can nominations stop?
 - (a) Once each position's election is read off.
- 9) Rep Atkinson moves to take a one-time opportunity to run now and close nomination process after this point.
 - (a) Representative **Strachman** Calls to question-1 objection Representative Baker vote by iClicker **34 Yes**, 5 No, 2 Abs , approved
 - (b) Vote to approve the motion of Representative Atkinson **26 Yes**, 19 No, 3 Abs, approved
- 10) Move by Representative Vankirk to appoint Representative Timothy Hooyenga as sergeant at arms
- 11) Recording Secretary Schein nominates Recording Secretary Schein and Representative Sankar for VPIA, Representative Sankar declines.
 - (a) Nomination process is closed.
 - (b) Representative Sankar Motion to increase the 3-minute process to 5 minutes for all positions, iclicker vote: **25 Yes**, 24 No, 0 Abs. Passes
- 12) President 50 votes cast
 - (a) **Sudha Sankar-34 elected**
 - (b) Jessica Schein-16
- 13) VPIA 46 votes cast
 - (a) Katrina Brundage-14
 - (b) **Lynette Guzman- 32 elected**
 - (c) Representative Sankar moves to increase the time by 2 minutes. 5 objections:14 yes **28 no** 1 abs, fails
- 14) VPEA 44 votes cast
 - (a) **Dee Jordan-35 elected**

- (b) Jamil Scott-9
- 15) Treasurer
 - (a) Quinton Baker withdraws
 - (b) Maurice Atkinson uncontested- elected**
 - (c) Rep Hooga moves to forgo speech
- 16) Recording Secretary
 - (a) Kendra Pennings Kamp withdraws
 - (b) Charles Loelius uncontested-elected**
- C) **Spring 2015 Event Funding Requests, COGS Treasurer, Chris Haug
 - 1) Representative Hooenga motions to approve of 2015 Spring Event Funding Requests for the amount of \$5013.50
 - (a) Passes without objection
 - 2) Conversation about why a specific event was not funded (Representative Fitzgerald)
 - 3) Representative Huey moves to make an exception for a TROPOS Conference held on Feb. 27th to cover a speaker fee.
 - (a) Rescinded.
- D) **2014/2015 Committee Elections, COGS VPIA, Dan Clark
 - 1) Kristen Mills elected to the Representation Committee and Graduate Welfare Committee
 - 2) Quinton Baker elected to the Representation Committee
 - 3) Joyce Farley elected to the Representation Committee
- VIII) Executive Board Remarks (Attachment 2) See written reports
 - A) President – Emily Bank
 - 1) Mental Health Awareness Week, March 30th to April 3rd declared citywide week, COGS will be participating in Positive Affirmation Day
 - 2) MSU’s Health Services
 - (a) Looking to put together a small group of students together to deal with health issues on campus offerings. Would like to have the group ready by next week. Most likely would be a one time meeting
 - 3) MSU’s New Email System
 - (a) At last university council meeting we learned that this will be taking place. New since 1992.
 - 4) Graduate/Professional Student Alumni
 - (a) We are looking to compile this and need your help!
 - B) Vice President for Internal Affairs – Dan Clark
 - 1) Representation Committee -- there should be a recommendation for the April meeting
 - 2) Department Review --there were some discrepancies in how we define seats on the council. We need to define what a department/program is to work on this.
 - C) Vice President for External Affairs – Mandie Maxwell
 - 1) UCUE Report
 - 2) Dee Jordan-looking for volunteers for the workshop; so far things have gone really well; email out your constituents we currently have 19 people signed up; question please refer to VPEA Maxwell maxwe118@msu.edu
 - D) Treasurer – Chris Haug
 - 1) February Monthly Financial Report (Attachment 3)—Maurice: We are good with money. Event funding applications are due to the office on 3/25
 - E) Recording Secretary – Jessica Schein
 - 1) Graduate Academic Conference

- F) Parliamentarian – Meaghan McKeon
 - G) Director of Events – Femi Oluyedun
 - 1) Graduate/Professional Student Appreciation Week (GPSAW)
 - H) Law College Liaison – Katrina Brundage
 - 1) Upcoming Law School Events open to All Graduate & Professional Students
 - (a) Pay for Play: Unionization and the Business of the NCAA
 - (b) Beyond the Shadows
 - I) Medical Colleges Liaison – Cyle Rogotzke, absent
 - IX) Member's Privilege
 - A) Representative Loelius thanks everyone for their service
 - B) Come out to the Purposing Stand Alone Courses Event Held Tuesday March 24th
 - C) Dept of Theater opening Sirens April 3rd See the Williamston theatre website (Williamstontheatre.org)
 - D) Thanks for the food!
 - E) Rep Atkinson-discussion of 3 programs on financial competency. If you are interested, let me know
 - F) VPIA Dan Clark-GEU Bargaining Update: 2 proposals are on the table right now, one from Graduate Employees Union, one from Administration. Administration proposal removes dependent health care premium support and caps tuition after comprehensive exams at 3 credits a semester in fall and spring, and 1 in the summer. Talk to Dan after the meeting;
 - X) Representative Dolinski moves to Adjourn at 8:36 pm
- ** COGS Full Council Action Required