



COGS Full Council Meeting
Fee Hall, Room E109
April 9, 2014
5:30pm – 7:30pm

- I. **Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to move Treasurer's updates up
 - b. Approved**
- II. **Approval of Minutes from March 2014 Full Council Meeting (Attachment 1)
 - a. Approved**
- III. Remarks from the Graduate School (Dr. Melissa McDaniels)
 - a. Thank you to all the e-board members for their work
 - b. Thank you for a successful Graduate Academic Conference
 - c. Updates
 - i. Shooter training in response to event that occurred previously in the semester
 - ii. Confusion over welcome activities, tailoring specific events for graduate international students, various presentations
 - iii. Inside Teaching MSU: online resource community for graduate students and post-docs to talk about teaching, Inside Teaching Lounge to discuss teaching, hoping to build an advisory board with a COGS representative
 - iv. Translate teaching experience into non-academic careers, collaboration with Julia McAnallen
 - v. Excited for the move into Chittenden
- IV. Remarks from COGS Faculty Advisor (Dr. MaryLee Davis)
 - a. Happy Graduate Student Appreciation Week, thank you to all the e-board members, been a phenomenal year
 - i. Got Chitt done! This is a huge step for graduate students
 - ii. To those graduate students who are graduating this year, you will be recognized as part of COGS, think about what you as an individual accomplished this year
- V. Presentation: Impacts of North Campus Construction, Will Welton, Assistant Communications Manager, IPF
Andy Linebaugh, Project Representative, IPF
 - i. Chittenden Hall, West Circle Steam Project, West Circle Housing Complex, plaza for Chittenden Hall
 - ii. High impact from three big maintenance projects, please be aware of the construction and equipment moving, will take up parking in some areas

- iii. Will continue from March to December for some of these projects, external/visible construction will end by August
- iv. <http://construction.msu.edu> has information about impacts of construction on roads, there are construction pages on each
- v. Andy Linebaugh, contact with questions: alinebau@ipf.msu.edu, 517-432-7103
- vi. Major reconstruction of Chittenden Hall to restore it for graduate students (<http://ipf.msu.edu/construction/projects/chittenden-hall-renovation.html>)
-Blog at <http://chittendenhall.grd.msu.edu>
- vii. Construction junction tomorrow at the MSU Union at 8:30am in the union, follow on Twitter (@msufacilities) or facebook
- <http://ipf.msu.edu/construction/construction-junction/index.html>

VI. Executive Board Remarks

a. President

i. 13/14 Stefan Fletcher

- 1. Strategic Plan Progress Report (Attachment 2)
-Invested over \$250,000 dollars into graduate students, have made a lot of progress
-Thank you to all the past e-board members

ii. 14/15 Emily Bank

- 1. 14-15 Executive Board Introductions
- 2. Full Council Introductions
- 3. COGS Transition and Goals
-Meetings between old and new e-board
-Goal: creating a stronger sense of community
- 4. Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week
-Has been going very well, had the Tigers opening weekend game, sold out of a number of events and coupons
-Coming up, Adam Rubens show
- 5. 2014-2015 Parliamentarian Search
-Still looking for a new parliamentarian
- 6. 2014-2015 Meeting Dates
-Sept 3, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 3, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 4, Apr 8
- 7. Thank you to the old e-board for all their work, Dr. Davis for all her support and help, and Rebecca for organizing and helping us through everything

b. Vice President for Internal Affairs

i. 13/14 Emily Bank

- ii. 14/15 Dan Clark: updates from Spartan Village, sign committee sheets

c. Vice President for External Affairs

i. 13/14 Dionisia Quiroga

ii. 14/15 Mandie Maxwell

- 1. MSU's Budget and Union Affiliation

- Began working on public universities budgets, problem with language of some courses due to union affiliation
- Going to reframe courses to prevent loss of funding

d. Treasurer

i. 13/14 Chris Harvey

1. 13/14 Budget Update
 - Number of significant overages due to unexpected issues, upgrades, still fine with overall budget
2. **April 2014 Event Funding Requests, Spring
 - MSUCOMS, Intl Osteopathic Medical Organization- funded
 - Requesting re-allocation from summer to spring
 - Approved**
3. **Summer Event Funding Requests
 - LGBT & Allies- funded
 - Approved**
4. **Summer Conference Grants
 - Received 52, approved 38, funding all 38
 - Approved**
5. **Summer Professional Development Grants
 - Received 31, approved 9, funding all 9
 - Approved**

ii. 14/15 Chris Haug (Moved below III.)

1. **14/15 COGS Budget: update on what the budget for the next year will be to match rising expenses and changes
 - Additional funds due to realignment, dispersed through budget
 - Approved**

e. Recording Secretary

i. 13/14 Katy Meyers

1. GAC Recap: The GAC was highly successful with over 150 participants, winners were announced last week, excited for next year's conference which Jessica has already begun to plan
2. Thank you to this year's committee; encourage you to be a part of the GAC committee, very rewarding and important experience

ii. 14/15 Jessica Schein (absent)

f. Parliamentarian

- i. 13/14 Shannon Demlow: no official business, but thanks for the memories! Special thanks for Stefan for being awesome.

g. Law College Liaison

- i. 13/14 Michala Welch
- ii. 14/15 Katrina Brundage

h. Medical Colleges Liaison

- i. 13/14 Kiro Malek
- ii. 14/15 Cyle Rogotzke

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. ****Approval of new COGS Logo**
-Approved**
- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. ****Confirm Katrina Brundage (College of Law) to the Executive Board position of Law College Liaison**
-Approved**
 - b. ****Confirm Cyle Rogotzke (College of Human Medicine) to the Executive Board position of Medical Colleges Liaison**
-Approved**
 - c. **Motion for cake**
-Approved**
 - c. ****Confirm Femi Oluyden to the Executive Board position Director of Events**
-Approved**
 - d. ****2014/2015 Committee Elections**
-Approved**
- IX. **Member's Privilege**
 - a. **Blood Drive next Thursday for Animal Sciences**
 - b. **Taste of East Lansing, Saturday April 26 from 4-7pm in front of Hopcat**
 - c. **Mental health awareness week**
- X. **Adjourn**

**** COGS Full Council Action Required**

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.