

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

COGS Full Council Meeting Minutes International Center, Room 115 September 3, 2014 to October 8, 2014

- I. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Motion by Charles Loelius, to amend the agenda creating a new section VIII entitled Healthcare Changes. Motion approved
 - B. Motion by Robert Vankirk, to amend the agenda adding a new order of business to New Business entitled Sports Admittance. Motion approved.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from April 2014 Full Council Meeting
 - A. Motion by Robert Vankirk to approve minutes from April 2014 Full Council Meeting (Attachment 1). Motion approved.
- III. Remarks from the Graduate School, Melissa McDaniels
 - A. Thanks COGS for its involvement in Welcome Week.
 - B. Statement of the importance of COGS moving into Chittenden Hall to meet the needs of graduate students.
 - C. Grand Opening of Chittenden Hall will take place November 7, 2014.
- IV. Remarks from COGS Faculty Advisor, Dr. MaryLee Davis
 - A. The move to Chittenden Hall is a historic event in MSU history. She hopes for the involvement of COGS representatives at the Grand Opening of Chittenden Hall on November 7, 2014.
 - B. Dr. Davis addressed the importance of committee involvement and COGS's role in advocating for graduate and professional students on university committees.
- V. Committee Sign Ups, COGS VP Internal Affairs, Dan Clark
 - A. Committee sign up sheet provided to Full Council and interested graduate and professional students.
- VI. Presentation: University Club of MSU, Phyllis Riley, Director of Membership
 - A. Discounted rates are available to all members of COGS.
 1. More information available online, <http://www.universityclubofmsu.org> or in the COGS Office.
- VII. Presentation: CATA Bus Service, Jeff Kacos, Director Campus Planning & Administration
 - A. Summary presentation of current CATA services on MSU's campus.
 - B. Feedback was provided by representatives to Mr. Kacos
- VIII. Healthcare Changes
 - A. COGS Full Council Member, Charles Loelius gave the floor to Graduate Employees Union President, Sylvia Marquis, who explained the GEU's stance and desired action moving forward regarding the recent changes to the graduate assistant student healthcare plan.
- IX. Executive Board Remarks
 - A. President – Emily Bank
 1. New Member Introductions
 2. GA Healthcare Changes
 - a) Informed the Full Council of the communication that was sent to MSU administration on August 28, 2014, regarding the changes made to the graduate assistant health care plan.
 - b) Debate of COGS Full Council on the topic of changes made to graduate assistant healthcare plans.
 - (1) Motion by Charles Loelius, I resolve that Council of Graduate Students requests transparency from the administration of the university and all interested parties including Atena, any other body, that there be full transparency of legal rational of cutting healthcare benefits. Motion Approved.



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- (2) Motion by Jules Strachman, to retract the statement within the memorandum sent out by COGS Executive Board on August 28, 2014, "COGS acknowledges that an increase in the 2014-15 Student Health Plan was necessary due to the implications of the federally-mandated Affordable Care Act, utilization changes, and medical costs inflation." Motion approved.
 - (3) An ad-hoc committee was formed to research the changes made to graduate assistant health care plan.
 - (4) COGS will be putting forth an educational campaign to inform graduate and professional students of their current health care plan.
 - 3. Transition to Chittenden Hall
 - a) COGS move to Chittenden Hall will take place on September 23, 2014
 - 4. Approval of COGS Parliamentarian
 - a) Motion by Robert Vankirk, to approve Meaghan McKeon as COGS Parliamentarian. Motion approved.
- B. Vice President for Internal Affairs – Dan Clark
 - 1. Committee elections will take place at this meeting.
 - 2. COGS hopes to implement a system for committee updates to the Full Council to make committee involvement more visible.
- C. Vice President for External Affairs – Mandie Maxwell
 - 1. COGS E-Board will be touring F-RIB on September 26, 2014.
 - 2. Encouragement for COGS Full Council to pay attention to upcoming local elections.
- D. Treasurer – Chris Haug
 - 1. **Fall 2014 Event Funding Requests
 - a) Motion by Charles Loelius to approve listed funding totaling \$3130.00. Motion Approved.
 - 2. **Fall 2014 Conference Grants
 - a) Motion by Charles Loelius to approve listed funding totaling \$8,700.00. Motion Approved.
 - 3. **Fall 2014 Professional Development Grants
 - a) Motion by Charles Loelius to approve listed funding totaling \$2400.00. Motion Approved.
- X. Recording Secretary – Jessica Schein
 - A. 2015 Graduate Academic Conference Announcement
 - 1. This year's GAC will take place on February 27, 2015. COGS Full Council is encouraged to communicate that date to their respective departments.
- XI. Parliamentarian – Meaghan McKeon
- XII. Director of Events – Femi Oluyedun
 - A. Fall 2014 Events were presented. More information of COGS events is available on the COGS website and social media accounts.
- XIII. Law College Liaison – Katrina Brundage
- XIV. Medical Colleges Liaison – Cyle Rogotzke
 - A. The medical colleges are partnering with COGS to fund this year's trip to the Red Wings game.
- XV. Unfinished Business
- XVI. New Business
 - A. Sports Admittance
 - 1. Robert Vankirk expressed frustration with general student section seating at the MSU football game on August 29, 2014
 - a) Motion by Robert Vankirk, to ask our COGS representative on the Athletics Committee to demand seating before games. Motion denied.
 - B. **2014/2015 Committee Elections
 - 1. The following committees elections were approved:
 - a) All University Awards Committee
 - b) DPPS Oversight Committee

- c) East Lansing Student Commission
- d) United Way Steering Committee
- e) Out of State Fees Committee
- f) Women's Organizational Coordinating Council
- g) Systems Team for Sustainability
- h) Commencement Committee
- i) All University Traffic and Transportation Committee
- j) Women's Advisory Committee to the VP for Student Affairs
- k) MSU Bikes Advisory Committee
- l) Student Insurance Advisory Group
- m) University Committee for the Library
- n) MSU Student Food Bank
- o) University Committee on Undergraduate Education
- p) University Committee on Curriculum
- q) University Committee on Student Affairs
- r) University Committee on Graduate Studies
- s) University Council
- t) All University Student Hearing Board
- u) Constitution and bylaws committee

XI. Member's Privilege

XII. Alec Steep move to adjourn at 7:00 pm October 8, 2014. Approved