



**Brody Dining Hall
September 4, 2013 5:30pm – 7:30pm**

- I. **Approval of Minutes from April's Full Council Meeting**
 - Will be approved at October Meeting

- II. Approval of Agenda**
 - Approved

- III. Remarks from the Graduate School (Dr. Klomprens)**
 - Call for Application for COGS Disciplinary Leadership Award
 - Due Nov. 23
 - Career Success Website Update
 - TAP Program- information for those interested in teaching
 - We are getting 'Chitt' done!
 - Already in the process of design and construction planning
 - Will house all the graduate and teaching assistant programs
 - Ready by Fall 2014

- IV. Remarks from COGS Faculty Advisor (Dr. Davis)**
 - Welcome back, and a reminder of what the role of the representatives is

- V. COGS Conference Grant Partnership (MSUFCU Representative Sarah)**
 - Conference grant program will grow by \$30,000 over the next three years
 - Please see the Press Release
 - MSUFCU VP of Public Relations, stressed the importance of the partnership and relationship with MSU and COGS

- VI. Executive Board Remarks**
 - a. President (Stefan Fletcher)
 - i. Introductions
 - ii. Chittenden Hall
 - iii. Meeting Schedule
 - May have another full council meeting in 2 weeks for special meeting to address those points
 - Brody Dining 5:30pm, ~~9/18~~ (This meeting adjusted to 9/11)
 - iv. Professional Development Grants
 - Personal grants for graduate students to attend professional development events

 - b. Vice President for Internal Affairs (Kent Kovac)
 - i. Strategic Vision Plan
 - Over the next year we will be making this a living document and put these

- goals into action
 - Please contact the office if you are interested in helping with this
- ii. Office Update
 - Rebecca, our office manager, had twins! Will return September 18
 - New intern Jordan will be working on new projects with COGS
 - Applaud for Katie Preston for her hard work
- c. Vice President for External Affairs (Dionisia Quiroga)
 - i. MSU Student Food Bank- 20th Anniversary
 - November 15, Kellogg Center will be hosting event 6-11pm
 - Free to students, \$25 for everyone else, childcare available
 - Events throughout the year to celebrate, including speaker series, cooking classes, updates to come
 - ii. City of East Lansing Voting Precincts
 - Redistricted the voting precincts based on suggestions from COGS/ASMSU
 - Voting precincts will be on campus for MSU students living in dorms
- d. Treasurer (Chris Harvey)
 - i. Fall 2013 Conference Grants
 - 89 applications, 59 approved, 55 funded
 - Conference Grants Approved
 - ii. September 2013 Event Funding Requests
 - Event Funding Approved
- e. Recording Secretary (Katy Meyers)
 - i. Graduate Academic Conference 2014
 - New concept, beginning to organize now
 - If you are interested in being on the committee contact meyersk6@msu.edu
- f. Law College Liaison (Michala Welch)
- g. Director of Event Planning (El-Ra Radney)
 - i. Welcome Back Picnic & COGS Tailgate
 - Picnic was a success, 400 attendees
 - Tailgate also successful
 - ii. Upcoming Fall 2013 Events
 - Trivia Night, co-sponsored with GEU
 - iii. MSU vs. W. Florida Tickets
 - iv. Will have Red Wings tickets
- h. Medical Colleges Liaison (Kiro Malek)
- i. Parliamentarian (Shannon Demlow)
 - i. Will have a Parliamentary review during October meeting

VIII. New Business

- a. Approval of September Committee List
 - Committee List Approved

XI. Member's Privilege

- a. Talk on Critical Race Theory, Friday 9/6 at Kellogg Center 104a, 9am
- b. Visiting Scholar from Malawi, Monday 9/9, International Center 303, 4-6pm
- c. Graduate Women in Science event, Saturday 9/8, BPS, 6pm

XII. Adjourn

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.