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**COGS Full Council Meeting**

**International Center, Room 115**

**March 12, 2014**

**5:30pm – 7:30pm**

**I. Approval of Agenda**

-Approved

**II. \*\*Approval of Minutes from February’s 2014 Full Council Meeting**

(Attachment 1)

-Approved

**III. Presentation: Dr. Lou Anna K. Simon, President, Michigan State University**

-Revision of ‘Boldness by Design’ known as ‘Bolder by Design’

-Added a sixth initiative: high performance focus

-http://bolderbydesign.msu.edu/

-Budget

-Improved from last year, rise with inflation however needs increase

-Need to improve IT student systems, research modules, need more research space

-Focus on investing in specific areas

-More attention to attendance and participation in active shooter courses

-Focus on augmenting the technological system

-Offered to faculty, students

-Encourage participation

-First graduate school endowment

-Leverage gift to grow this further

-Question about safety for female students

-Full review was done of the issues, not unique to the university

-Have always had initiatives to help minimize these issues and improve safety, will continue to do so

-Service awards to Stefan Fletcher and Shannon Demlow for their five years of service to graduate students at MSU

**IV. Remarks from the Graduate School (Dr. Rique Kampa)**

-Certification in College Teaching Institute: May 8 at the Breslin Center

-1 ½ day institute on teaching

-Announcement made through graduate school: http://grad.msu.edu/collegeteaching/

-FAST applications due March 19, found on graduate school website: http://grad.msu.edu/fast/

**V. Remarks from COGS Faculty Advisor (Dr. MaryLee Davis)**

-Thrilled by this extraordinary year and COGS accomplishments

-Check out the State News article today!

**VI. \*\*2014/2015 COGS Executive Board Elections**

-Voting procedure: 3-minute speech by candidate, 5-minute questions, and 5- minute discussion

-President:

Emily Bank- Elected

Daniel Clark

-Vice President of Internal Affairs:

Daniel Clark- Elected

Jessica Schein

-Vice President of External Affairs:

Amanda Maxwell- Elected

-Treasurer:

Christopher Haug- Elected

-Recording Secretary:

Charles Loelius

Jessica Schein- Elected

**VII. Executive Board Remarks**

a. President (Stefan Fletcher)

i. RA-TE Compensation

-3% rate increase

ii. Advanced Degree Commencement Speaker Recommendations

-Gone through to board of trustees

iii. Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week (GPSAW 2014) (Attachment 2)

-Fliers were handed out

iv. Differential Tuition

b. Vice President for Internal Affairs (Emily Bank)

i. COGS Rebranding (Attachment 3)

- Logos for voting next month

ii. Committee Reports

-Requesting reports from specific committees, due April 9

c. Vice President for External Affairs (Dionisia Quiroga)

i. Open Access Policy

-Discussion on these issues, should include graduate students

ii. International Student Fee

-Suggested percentage of fee returned to fund more subsidies and programs

d. Treasurer (Chris Harvey)

i. \*\*March 2014 Event Funding Requests

-Funding for five events

-Approved

ii. \*\*Event Funding Application Changes (Attachment 4)

-Will be voted on next meeting

e. Recording Secretary (Katy Meyers)

i. 2014 Graduate Academic Conference Update

-Only two weeks left to go, excited for the conference! We have over 150 presenters doing a variety of presentations, keynote lunch talk by Jorge Cham, and some great raffles and giveaways throughout the day.

Total attendees: 154

-Breakdown: Doctoral 104, Masters 37, Medical 10, Law 1

-Presentation Types: 10 Minute 84, Poster 54, 3 Minute 22

ii. Evening with Jorge Cham: 3/27/14, 6:00pm, 1281 Anthony Hall

-Following the Graduate Academic Conference, Jorge Cham of PhD Comics will be showing his movie and a short presentation for all who are interested. Light snacks will be provided.

f. Parliamentarian (Shannon Demlow)

g. Law College Liaison (Michala Welch)

h. Medical Colleges Liaison (Kiro Malek)

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

**IX. New Business**

a. \*\* Academic Freedom Report (AFR) Vote (Attachment 5) (Miles Armaly)

-Numbers of changes to the document, see attachment

-Approved

b. \*\*GSRR Revised Edition (Attachment 6)

-Approved by council last month, two substantive suggestions by lawyers but were not approved

-Approved

c. \*\*2014/2015 Committee Elections

-Approved

**X. Member’s Privilege**

-Law College Events

-March 22: Modern Abolitionist Legal Society Play about modern slavery

-Free admission, 7:30 pm, Wharton Center

-March 27: March Madness at Peppino’s

-$5, 6pm, public auction benefit to provide legal assistance for others

-GEU Spring General Membership Meeting

-April 2, 5-8pm at Beggar’s Banquet, two free drinks

**XI. Adjourn**

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