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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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