

COGS Full Council Meeting
Clara Bell Smith Center Auditorium
December 5, 2012
5:15pm - 7:15pm

- I. Approval of Agenda
 - a. 5:20 start
 - b. Agenda approved
 - i. No discussion
- II. ****Approval of Minutes from November's Full Council Meeting (Attachment 1)**
 - a. Saved until January for approval
- III. Remarks from the Graduate School
 - a. Dr. Matt Helm
 - i. No remarks
- IV. Remarks from COGS Faculty Advisor (Dr. Davis)
 - a. Dr. Davis
 - i. Only remark is would like to remind students that this is end of academic semester
 - 1. Good time to remind dept chairs what have been doing and working on and progress cogs made this semester
 - 2. Requested that COGS reps at graduate school graduation to stand
- V. International Student Fee Update (Peter Briggs, Director, International Students & Scholars) (Attachments 2a, 2b)
 - a. Presented opportunity to administer \$250,000 in international student aid through student fee
 - b. Recommendation is to divide into 2 programs
 - i. Background
 - 1. International students may only work on campus
 - 2. No work study and less competitive for most competitive student jobs
 - a. About \$3000 per work study, so can fund a large number potentially (question 1 Answer)
 - b. Balance between graduate students and undergraduate students is not certain at this point (question 2 answer)
 - ii. \$100,000 for international student work study program so that international students would be more competitive for more prestigious student jobs
 - iii. Proposing to create ambassador program where students would get scholarship to mentor (like international cultural service program)
 - 1. Could partner with local schools as cultural sharing program
 - 2. Would share cultures with other international students
 - c. Rest of fee (not \$250,000 allocated for financial aid) goes to provost

- d. Proposing to employ existing structure b/c those 2 proposals are not yet ready
 - 1. Hope to have the program ready in fall 2013
 - 2. Hope to partner with admissions to target international students with these 2 new forms of financial aid
 - ii. Emergency tuition award
 - iii. Want to add \$250,000 so students can compete for it
 - iv. Interpret emergency broadly
- VI. Radio Board Presentation (Ed Glazer, WDBM Impact89FM General Manager) (Attachments 3a, 3b)
 - a. Asked listeners to fill out 1 item survey
 - i. Asked status of listeners (student, grad student, faculty, etc)
 - ii. 37% of respondents were current students
 - iii. 20% of respondents were graduate students
- VII. **Radio Board Ratification Vote (Stefan Fletcher) (Attachment 4)
 - a. 20 some odd months transfers supposed to occur for payroll
 - b. Salary account frozen
 - c. Recommendations
 - i. Ratify retrospectively student tax
 - ii. President Fletcher advised to see attachments
 - 1. No WBDM Tax would be collected until 3 conditions met
 - iii. President Fletcher read and explained the recommendations
 - iv. No questions
 - v. Recommendations unanimously approved
- VIII. Executive Board Remarks
 - a. President (Stefan Fletcher)
 - i. Events Committee Chair Update (Attachment 5)
 - 1. Applications open to any graduate/professional student
 - 2. Encouraged applications
 - a. Would plan graduate student appreciation week
 - b. Coordinating with medical colleges on Tigers Game
 - 3. Hopes for applications
 - ii. GEU, COGS, ISA Thanksgiving Dinner Recap
 - 1. Cosponsored Thanksgiving dinner at Spartan village
 - 2. 350 students served at event
 - 3. Students grateful for opportunity to have Thanksgiving dinner provided to them free of charge
 - iii. Administrative Meetings Recap
 - 1. Transition of VP for Finance and Operations
 - a. Dr. Fred Posten; now Dean of College of Agriculture
 - i. In transition
 - ii. Will be interim VP for Finance and Operations starting in January
 - iv. Student Health Insurance
 - 1. Adam Lovgren
 - a. 2 things

- i. Had quarterly meeting for 1st time in 9 mos 2 weeks ago
 - ii. Rates will increase by about 20%
 - iii. Students being able to pay in installments is important
 - b. Vice President for Internal Affairs (Patrick True)
 - c. Vice President for External Affairs (Suzanne Borkowski)
 - i. SAGE Summit Update
 - 1. Last weekend attended Sage Summit with student leaders from around the country
 - 2. Hosted at U-M
 - 3. 2.5 days at conference
 - 4. SAGE brings students together from public research universities
 - a. Especially student government representatives from those institutions
 - b. In March, group lobbies in DC to represent student interests in Washington
 - i. Issues:
 - 1. Income Based Taxation and Repayments of Student Loans and IBR
 - 2. Research Funding:
 - a. Maintaining amounts that Federal Agencies are able to provide to graduate students for research
 - 3. Immigration
 - a. Visa reform for international graduate students
- c. Best and worst practices were also discussed
 - i. Alumni relations was a primary important topic considered
 - ii. Could dovetail with Strategic Visioning plan
 - iii. Described COGS as doing well relative to other graduate student government groups
- d. Talked about Michigan and its current status in the country, especially economic
- e. President Fletcher advised that economic development (especially in Michigan) is important and it is also important to describe differences to legislature between needs of undergraduate and graduate students
 - i. Michigan has graduate education day which is like Wisconsin's posters in the rotunda where graduate students set up posters of their research in Capitol Rotunda
 - ii. Way to show how legislative money is being spent

1. Suggestion was to coordinate top presentations from GAC to present research to legislatures
 2. McNair Scholars have similar undergraduate program of research presentations
 3. Suggestion was to speak with Dean Komplarens about these opportunities
- d. Treasurer (Chris Harvey)
- i. No event funding requests this month
 1. \$2000 rolls over
 - ii. Wells Fargo Endowment Update
 - a. Nik Visovic is worker at bank
 - b. Endowment in past year started at \$108,000 and now just shy of \$120,000
 - i. 8.5% appreciation
 - ii. \$6500 cash acquisition
 1. Cash balance builds up from dividends
 - iii. Hope to keep \$5000 cash in account
 - iv. Want to reinvest \$1500 into Endowment
 1. Treasurers recommendation approved
 - c. Received several applications for COGS Disciplinary Leadership Award
 - d. Fund also used to fund conference grants
 - i. Conference grant scheduling question
 - ii. Conference grant applications due January 11
 2. **Wells Fargo Cash Allocation
- e. Recording Secretary (Jennifer Wray)
- i. GAC going well
 - ii. CIC institutions being involved
 - iii. Actively submitting Youtube videos for GAC
- f. Law College Liaison (Jason Bart)
- i. Tax Law Fundraiser
 - ii. Toys for Tots
- g. Medical Colleges Liaison (Jane Christman)
- i. Relationships with Distance sites
 1. Campuses in Macomb, Detroit, Grand Rapids
 2. These students can feel isolated from the larger MSU community
 3. Stefan, Ryan Jones from COMS, and Jane traveled to visit these remote sites and they expressed concerns about lack of space and communication between distance sites and the main campus
 - a. Look forward to strengthening relationships through common events like MSU-UM hockey game and Tigers game

- IX. Unfinished Business
 - a. None
- X. New Business
 - a. **Committee Elections (Patrick True)
 - i. Kent Kovac UCGS committee
 - 1. Elected to this volunteer committee
- XI. Members' Privilege
 - a. Stefan Fletcher gave one last note
 - i. Third straight year in Smith Center and publicly acknowledge good relationship with MSU athletics department
 - ii. Graduate student tickets for football/Basketball games
 - iii. One of the strongest relationships between graduate student council and athletics department in Big 10
 - iv. Complimented Athletics Director and Other Athletics Department workers
 - b. MSU salsa band Salsa Verde
 - i. Performance at what used to be "gone wired" café
 - ii. Tonight 12/5/12
 - c. Holiday Hoopla
 - i. This Friday 12/7/12
 - 1. Hosted by ASMSU in Student Services building (3rd floor)
 - 2. 2-5 P.M.
 - 3. Stefan Fletcher will forward the invitation.
 - 4. Stefan
 - d. Holiday announcement
 - i. MSU Ballroom team
 - 1. Tonight party 10-12 P.M.
 - a. 12/5/12
 - 2. In Demonstration hall
 - 3. Ugly Sweater/Santa Theme
- XII. Adjourn
 - a. Adjourn at 6:18 P.M.

