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**COGS Full Council Meeting**

**Brody Hall Large Private Dining Room**

**February 15, 2012**

**5:30pm -7:30pm**

1. Approval of Agenda - APPROVED
2. Approval of Minutes from January’s Full Council Meeting - APPROVED
3. Presentation from Lauren Olson, Energy Transition Plan
   1. [www.energytransition.msu.edu](http://www.energytransition.msu.edu)
4. Remarks from the Graduate School
   1. Coordinating Michigan Graduate Education Day (March 29 @ the Capitol, 10:30am-2:00pm)
      1. Looking for poster presentations especially if work related to Michigan
      2. Michigan residents talk to representatives from home districts
      3. Help staff an MSU table
      4. Email Dean Klomparens ([kklompar@grd.msu.edu](mailto:kklompar@grd.msu.edu)) if interested in any of these activities
   2. Access available for modules related to teaching and learning
      1. Sign-up information available through Graduate School
   3. Certification for Graduate Student Teaching Institute, May 10-11 (MSU Union)
      1. Announcements coming out shortly
   4. Problems with students signing up for workshops and then not showing up. These are free so please show up or give notice of cancelling so other students can sign-up.
5. Remarks from COGS advisor (Dr. Davis)
   1. Please make sure to pass on important information to your departments
6. Executive Board Reports
   1. President’s Report (Stefan Fletcher)
      1. Graduate + Professional Student Appreciation Week
         1. April 2-6 series of events including Crosstown Showdown between MSU Baseball and Lansing Lugnuts
      2. Graduate Student Research Spotlight
         1. Want to start highlighting graduate students for research, scholarship, and volunteer activities
      3. President Simon – Attending March COGS Full Council Meeting
      4. MSU Bikes
         1. Bronze recognized campus
         2. Looking for a graduate student to serve on new Bikes Advisory Committee
   2. Vice President for Internal Affairs (Adam Lovgren)
      1. Undergraduate Office Staff Update
         1. Looking to hire two new students
      2. Executive Board Elections - passed out nomination forms or can email Rebecca or Adam directly before the next meeting. Will also take nominations directly at the next meeting.
         1. Nominations for President
            1. Stefan Fletcher

Motion to suspend presidential term limits for upcoming elections – APPROVED

* + - 1. Nominations for Vice President for Internal Affairs
         1. Patrick True
      2. Nominations for Vice President for External Affairs
         1. Suzy Borkowski
      3. Nominations for Treasurer
         1. Chris Harvey
      4. Nominations for Recording Secretary
         1. Jen Wray – Not here to accept
  1. Vice President for External Affairs (LeighAnn Jordan)
     1. Steering Committee Update
        1. MSU moved from 65th to 56th in research dollars funding
        2. Looking for comments on how to discipline student athletes caught cheating
     2. Get Chitt Done 5K Walk/Run March 25th
  2. Treasurer (Shannon Demlow)
     1. Event Funding Requests
        1. 10 event funding requests for $6,252.88 – APPROVED
           1. List available from the Office
  3. Recording Secretary (Mike Zeig)
     1. GAC Update
        1. Looking for volunteer judges and session chairs
        2. Raised $18,550 thus far
     2. COGS Representatives Attendance Update
        1. Had to remove 1 member, make sure not to miss more than 2 meetings or give prior notification if possible
  4. Parliamentarian (Heather Smilde)
     1. Constitution and Bylaw Committee Update
        1. Continue to evaluate EBoard & full council changes
  5. Law College Liaison (Tom Morse)
  6. Medical Colleges Liaison (Suzy Borkowski)

1. Unfinished Business
2. New Business
   1. Smoke Free Campus Presentation from Danielle Harik and Q&A with Dr. Beth Alexander & Nancy Allen
      1. Full presentation available through the COGS Office
      2. Acknowledgement that there are many issues to consider (i.e. apply in cars?, apply at football games?, how phase in, etc.). General stance is to consider these during implementation phase.
      3. Motion to approve continued dialogue on this topic - APPROVED
   2. Committee Elections – APPROVED Elections Sheet
3. Member’s Privilege
4. Adjourn