I. Approval of Agenda- approved!

II. **Approval of Minutes from November & December’s Full Council Meetings
   (Attachments 1a, 1b)- Approved!

III. Remarks from the Graduate School- None

IV. Remarks from COGS Faculty Advisor (Dr. Davis)- welcome back! Voice and access to governmental affairs happens at COGS- be heard in your departments!

V. Presentation, 2013 Government Relations Update (Mark Burnham, Vice President for Governmental Affairs & Monique Field, Assistant Vice President for Governmental Affairs)
   a. Purpose: manage relationships between MSU and local, state and federal governments.
   b. University must evolve with ever changing climate of education, policy, funding, research, etc. and government decisions affect MSU.
   c. Effects of sequestration- likely to affect graduate student funding from federal agencies (and new P.I.’s /new faculty), possibly fewer RA’s, stricter limits on time periods, limits to P.I.’s.
   d. New website being launched soon for students to get involved and advocate for issues that affect students. (MI Spartan Impact)

VI. Presentation, Dissertation Embargoes (Antonio Nunez, Associate Dean of the Graduate School) (Attachment 2)
   a. Availability of theses and dissertations via proquest

VII. Executive Board Remarks (Attachments 3a, 3b)
   a. President (Stefan Fletcher)
   b. Vice President for Internal Affairs (Patrick True)
   c. Vice President for External Affairs (Suzanne Borkowski)
   d. Treasurer (Chris Harvey)
   e. Recording Secretary (Jennifer Wray)
   f. Law College Liaison (Jason Bart)
   g. Medical Colleges Liaison (Jane Christman)

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. New Business (Attachments 4a, 4b, 5)
   a. COGS Strategic Framework Update (Stefan Fletcher)
   b. **Taste of East Lansing Co-Sponsorship, $500 (Stefan Fletcher)- Approved!
   c. **Committee Elections (Patrick True)
   d. **Conference Grants (Chris Harvey)- 141 applied for 40
   e. **Event Funding Requests (Chris Harvey)-
      i. Roll over funds from Fall to Spring- Approved!

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ii. 5 applied- Approved!

f. Graduate Academic Conference (Jennifer Wray)
   i. GAC application deadline extended to Jan 28th.
   ii. Please advertise to both students

g. **Bylaws Amendment (Shannon Demlow)(Attachments 6a, 6b)- Approved!

X. Member’s Privilege
   a. COMS sponsoring MSU vs U of M Hockey Game at Joe Louis Arena!
   b. 2nd Annual Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week April 1st-5th - Get Excited!!
   c. Volleyball Tourn. Sat March 30th @ IM West ($10/person to benefit Michigan Special Olympics)
   d. New registered student organization for a “bike friendly campus”
   e. International Law Review opportunities- attendance to symposium “Battle for the North” is free to MSU students (MUST register in advance). Career opportunities and workshops open.
   f. 2 new members introduced and one visiting member- Welcome!!!
   g. Charity Welcome Back Social! Thursday 17 Jan 2013 Dublin Square Co-sponsored by College of Law and COMS and MBAA. Proceeds will go to “Elie’s Place”

XI. Adjourn

** COGS Full Council Action Required