

**COGS Full Council Meeting**  
**International Center, Room 115**  
**January 16, 2013**  
**5:30pm – 7:30pm**

- 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week April 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> - Get Excited!!
- c. Volleyball Tourn. Sat March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 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