

COGS Full Council Meeting Minutes
Brody Hall – Large Private Dining Room
September 5th, 2012
5:30pm – 7:30pm

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Cliff Haka- Director of Libraries
Apologizing for cutting graduate student space for offices. Claims East side of Library is a suitable replacement. No plan to provide space for graduate students.
- III. Brian Jeffries presentation- 3 “good governance” policies to extend transparency
 - a. Student Legal Services
 - b. Taxes IRS transparency policies
 - i. Review COGS documents annually
 - ii. Whistleblower Policy
 1. Compliance officer and good faith requirements
- IV. Graduate School Advisor Remarks (Dr. Jackson-Associate Dean-Professor of Microbiology and molecular genetics) – welcome back and continue selling Chitt.
- V. Faculty Advisor Remarks (Dr. Davis)- Get Chitt done!
- VI. Introductions of representatives, eboard and office manager
- VII. Executive Board Remarks
 - a. President (Stefan Fletcher)
 - i. International student fee increased (“revenue balancing efforts”) from \$50 to \$150, continuing undergrads 300/semester, new undergrads \$1,000. Other CIC/Big Ten also do this Purdue highest \$2,000.
 - ii. Graduate Student Life Changes- Matt Helm promotion
 1. Student affairs better serving graduate students
 - iii. CIC Meeting Follow up
 1. May- increased communication between schools
 - iv. Grad/Pro student football ticket update
 1. First time tickets available to all grads.
 2. Sold out- caused seating issues
 3. Buying block of tickets
 - v. City of East Lansing parking permit program
 1. online through paypal now!!
 2. Working on 3 year agreement with the city
 - b. Vice President for Internal Affairs (Patrick True)
 - i. COGS Tax Referendum
 1. This year finance meeting/review
 - ii. COGS Office Update
 1. New carpet, painting, new undergraduate assistant, conference room update.



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2. Office staff saved COGS A LOT of money by remodeling themselves.
 3. Obligations of reps. Attend and participate (committees)
 - c. Vice President for External Affairs (Suzanne Borkowski)
 - i. Target graduate students to YOU Vote in the upcoming election
 - ii. Community health initiative through Olin health center
 - d. Treasurer (Chris Harvey)
 - i. Conference Grant Funding
 1. Approved 40 lottery selected students
 - ii. COMS Finances Review
 1. Only issue clerical error.
 - iii. Event Funding Reallocation
 1. 3 events- Latino welcome back, Psych. Conference planning committee, Animal Science Research Forum- Approved
 - iv. Gary Reed/ Radio Tax issues
 1. Unaccounted for funds/ tax
 - e. Recording Secretary (Jennifer Wray)
 - i. GAC Date and Location
 1. Feb. 15th 2013 at Kellogg Center
 - f. Law College Liaison (Jason Bart)
 - i. SBA elections
 - ii. Symposium Feb 21st and 22nd “Battle for the North”
 - iii. Talski Center looking to diversify research
 - g. Medical Colleges Liaison (Jane Christman)
 - h. Parliamentarian (Shannon Demlow)- moved to item III. Approved!!
 - i. Conflict of Interest Policy
 1. VP of internal affairs serves as compliance officer
 2. Recording Secretary- include conflicts and resolutions in minutes. Monitor activity and compliance with conflict of interest statement.
 3. Executive Board- will determine if conflicts exist
 - ii. Whistleblower Policy
 - iii. Document Retention and Destruction Policy
 - i. Events Committee Chair (Lexi MacMillan)
 - i. Fall 2012 Events
- VIII. Committee Elections
 - a. Approved non-conflicts, resolved conflicts.
- IX. Members Privilege
 - a. Plant pathology selling pumpkins outwate3@msu.edu \$4-5.00 Oct 16-18th, dancing clubs, U.S. Green Building (student) meeting HE 300, Lansing walk 5k.
- X. Adjourn



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