

**COGS Full Council Meeting**  
**April 10, 2019**  
**221 Natural Resources**  
**6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Attending: PRES, VPIA, VPEA, SEC, TRES, EVENT, AFRE, ANS, BAE, CSUS, ENT, FW, FOR, HRT, PSMS, PKG, PDC, ENG, RCS, SLS, RW, AIS, HB, MBA, ADV, CSD, EAD, KIN, BME, CHE, CSE, ME, EPI, LAW, BMB, CMB, CEM, GEN, GLG, IBIO, MMG, NEU, PHY, PLB, NUR, OM, Pharm, ANP, GEO, HDFS, PSY, CJ, HRLR, ISA, OGA

Non-Voting Attendees: Dr Shaw, Dr. McCabe, Matt Helm, Dr. Shannon Lynn Burton, McKenzie Javorka, Kelly Schweda, Maria Sloat, Outgoing VPEA, Outgoing SEC,

Outgoing MEDLI, Chelsie Boodoo, Fateh, Ray Garcia

Start 6:33PM



**COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Michigan State University  
Chittenden Hall  
466 W. Circle Dr. Room 120  
East Lansing, MI 48824

517/353-9189  
FAX: 517/432-0034

[office@cogs.msu.edu](mailto:office@cogs.msu.edu)  
[www.cogs.msu.edu](http://www.cogs.msu.edu)

*MSU is an affirmative action  
equal opportunity institution*

- I. Approval of the agenda
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda made by Rep. O’Connell and seconded by Rep. Fiesel.
  - b. The motion passed with 34 yes, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
- II. Consent agenda
  - a. Approval of March meeting minutes
  - b. 19-SS-54: COGS Event Funding
  - c. 19-SS-55: COGS Professional Development Awards
  - d. 19-SS-56: COGS Conference Awards
    - i. Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Rep. O’Connell and seconded by Rep. Tarrant.
    - ii. The motion passed with 35 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.
- III. Welcome new representatives
- IV. Perfect attendance & graduating reps recognition
- V. Remarks from the Graduate School
- VI. Remarks from Student Affairs and Services
- VII. Remarks from COGS Advisor
- VIII. External presenters
  - a. Dr. Shannon Lynn Burton, University Ombudsperson
  - b. McKenzie Javorka & Kelly Schweda, MSU RVSM Expert Advisory Workgroup
  - c. Mariah Sloat, Graduate Education and Prevention Specialist for POE
- IX. Old Business
  - a. 19-SS-46:51: Resolutions in support of amending the COGS Bylaws

- i. Rep. McFall-Boegeman motioned to refer the changes back to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Seconded by Rep. de Lima
- ii. The motion passed with 38 yes, 2 no, and 5 abstentions

X. New Business

- a. 19-SS-57: A resolution in support of modifying the *Student Rights and Responsibilities*
  - i. Motion to support the resolution made by Rep. O’Connell and seconded by Rep. Fiesel
  - ii. The motion passed with 46 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention
- b. 19-SS-58: A resolution in support of admitting Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) to the Council of Graduate Students
  - i. Motion to support the resolution made by Rep. O’Connell and seconded by Rep. Springer
  - ii. The motion passed with 31 yes, 8 no, and 6 abstentions
- c. 19-SS-59: A resolution in support of the 2019-2020 preliminary budget
  - i. Motion to support the resolution made by Rep. Djenontin and seconded by Rep. M<sup>c</sup>Fall-Boegeman
  - ii. Motion passed with 40 yes, 0 no, and 5 abstentions



**COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Michigan State University  
Chittenden Hall  
466 W. Circle Dr. Room 120  
East Lansing, MI 48824

517/353-9189  
FAX: 517/432-0034

[office@cogs.msu.edu](mailto:office@cogs.msu.edu)  
[www.cogs.msu.edu](http://www.cogs.msu.edu)

*MSU is an affirmative action  
equal opportunity institution*

XI. Executive reports

- a. President Abel
  - i. Tax referendum
  - ii. Parliamentarian and Director of Events search
  - iii. *What’s My Name?* campaign
- b. VPIA Straiton
  - i. Updates from the Search Committee for the Associate Vice President of Civil Rights and Title IX Education and Compliance
  - ii. President’s Advisory Committee on Disability Issues
  - iii. OIE Anti-Discrimination Policy workgroup

XII. Committee reports

XIII. COGS Event Announcements

- a. 4/12 – Library focus group
- b. 4/12 – RSVM training vendor focus group
- c. 4/17 – Graduate School appreciation lunch
- d. 4/19 – Meeting with the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Consultant
- e. 4/24 - COGS Reps thank-you dinner

XIV. Member’s Privilege

XV. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Rep. de Lima and seconded by Rep. O’Connell
- b. Motion to adjourn passed by unanimous voice vote.



**COUNCIL OF GRADUATE  
STUDENTS**

Michigan State University  
Chittenden Hall  
466 W. Circle Dr. Room 120  
East Lansing, MI 48824

517/353-9189  
FAX: 517/432-0034

[office@coqs.msu.edu](mailto:office@coqs.msu.edu)  
[www.coqs.msu.edu](http://www.coqs.msu.edu)

*MSU is an affirmative action  
equal opportunity institution*

The Council of Graduate Students (COGS) is the constitutionally authorized government representing all graduate and professional students at Michigan State University. COGS actively promotes the improvement of both the individual and collective graduate experience by working with university administrators and faculty on a multitude of graduate student issues.