WHAT IS A COGS REPRESENTATIVE?

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

COGS Representatives are responsible for attending monthly Full Council meetings. At the meetings, representatives learn about resources and important issues happening at the university level, discuss current business and vote on legislation. Representatives communicate important information back to their constituents, and advocate for their concerns when needed. *For 2020-2021, all meetings will take place online: https://cogs.msu/governance/.

Representatives also must actively serve on a committee – either a COGS committee or one of the many University boards or committees representing a vast array of interests. This is how we ensure the graduate/professional perspective is considered at every level across campus. Some committees meet infrequently or as needed and others more often. Representatives are able to choose based on their time constraints and interests.

Overall, the time commitment is not huge and the Executive Board and COGS Office is always available to help. COGS can be a great way to network with peers and administrators beyond the department and to help affect changes you want to see in the MSU Graduate School community, as well as build lasting connections!

HOW TO SERVE:

Each Department chooses their rep and confirms them to the COGS Office via email. If you are interested, the best place to start is to inquire with your department/graduate secretary. Each department does things a little differently – some have elections, some have their department GSO’s choose, and some take volunteers. Even if your department already has an active COGS rep, you can still attend the council meetings, request to act as a proxy when your representative is unavailable for a meeting or serve on a committee (any graduate/professional student can request to serve on a committee).

QUESTIONS?

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