

## COGS Full Council Meeting

January 18, 2023

Chittenden 110 & Zoom

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Meeting ID: 948 5429 1712; Passcode: fccogs

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Attendee: CJ, BGSA, FW, PSY, CMSE, PSMS, WRAP, ME, MTH, BAE, MANRRS, AGSA, AFRE, ANS, CSUS, ENT, FSHN, FOR, HRT, PKG, ENG, LIN, RW, KIN, TE, EPI, CMB, CEM, GEN, GLG, IBIO, MMG, NEU, PHY, PSL, PLB, PRIME, STT, NUR, OM, ANP, EC, HDFS, HRLR, SOC.**

**Non-voting attendees: Dr. Doug Gage (VP ORI), Dr. Allyn Shaw, Dr. Eric Torng (Graduate School), Mike Balow, Emma Gilbert, Travis Nitkiewicz, Deanne Arking, Katherine Martin, PRES, VPIA, VPEA, SEC, TRES, PARL, EVENT, DoEA.**



1. Approval of the agenda
  - a. Motion: Rep. Koar
  - b. Seconded by Rep. Kosh
  
2. Consent agenda
  - a. Approval of December meeting minutes
  - b. 23-SS-18: Conference award funding
  - c. 23-SS-19: Committee appointments
    - i. Motion: Rep. Witwer
    - ii. Seconded by Rep. Chavarria
    - iii. Votes: Yes = 33  
No = 0  
Abstain = 0
  
3. External Speakers
  - a. Doug Gage, VP of the Office of Research and Innovation
    - i. Roles include facilitating research on campus; regulatory compliance affairs like human subject protection and animal care; run contract and grants submission; technology transfer, patent, intellectual property and start-up support; supports various institutions and centers; ensure supportive environments for graduate students.
    - ii. Incoming projects:
      1. Faculty RCR training (includes Mentoring model)
      2. Improve environment for field studies/ remote sites.
      3. NIH funded BEST program- expose graduate and post-doctoral students to professorship and open career options. (Deadline: Jan. 20)
      4. Establish connections between Humanities and Sciences.
      5. Establish stronger connection with COGS
  - b. Emma Gilbert and Marianna Coelho Uchoa, University Sustainable Investment Working Group
    - i. Three recommendations to BOT
      1. Ensure actions adhere to set goals.

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- 2. Expand investment and consultation network.
- 3. Increase transparency.
- ii. Interested representatives should contact Emma Gilbert via [gilbe284@msu.edu](mailto:gilbe284@msu.edu)
- iii. Virtual Strategic Advocacy Forum 1/25/2023 at 5PM contact Emma for venue details
- c. Travis Nitkiewicz and Michael Balow, MSU Swim and Dive
  - i. Goal is to help revive MSU swim and dive team
  - ii. MSU is planning to build a new sports facility.
  - iii. BOT approved a new 'Health and Wellness Center'

- 4. Remarks from the Graduate School
  - a. Dr. Pero Dagbovie – Absent (Sent Rep.
    - i. Spring 23 ETD deadline
      - 1. Submission – April 26
      - 2. Final – May 10

- 5. Remarks from Student Life and Engagement
  - a. Dr. Allyn Shaw
    - i. January 28: Cultural Rec. Fest at Wharton Center
    - ii. February 3: Multicultural engagement center, 11:30 AM ZOOM. (Check SLE website for details)
    - iii. SOS Emergency funds are available, check grad school website
    - iv. Food bank

- 6. Remarks from COGS Advisor
  - a. Dr. Matthew Wawrzynski
    - i. Increasing student awareness of availability of physical activity programs at MSU
    - ii. The importance of communication between graduate/professional students and Graduate Secretaries: getting information from COGS to your constituents
    - iii. Discussion of COGS election bylaws

- 7. Old Business
  - a. MSU Religious Observance Policy now requires that faculty and staff be sensitive to the observances of religious days
    - i. Students cannot be disadvantaged in any way if they excuse themselves for a religious observance day
    - ii. Students who miss class, assignments, or exams must be accommodated
    - iii. <https://provost.msu.edu/academic-resources/religious-observance-calendar>

- 8. New Business
  - a. 23-SS-20: Resolution to support the Write Winning Grants workshop
    - i. Motion: Rep. Amezquita
    - ii. Seconded by Rep. Chavarria
    - iii. Votes: Yes = 36, No = 0, Abstain = 2.



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- b. Information session for those interested in learning more about COGS and COGS Eboard scheduled for February
- c. Opportunities for COGS Representatives:
  - i. Graduate School Website Focus Group
    - 1. Starts in late March
    - 2. Will be redesigning the Graduate School website
  - ii. Dean of Libraries Search Committee
    - 1. Will be scheduled based on participant availability
    - 2. 45-minute listening sessions with an executive search firm to discuss the desired experience, qualifications, traits, and characteristics they would like to see in the next Dean of Libraries



- 9. Executive reports
  - a. President Jeffery: Discussions about mental health awareness and responsible driving
  - b. Treasurer Roberts: Spring semester funding
  - c. Recording Secretary Amaniampong; GAC Update
- 10. Committee reports
- 11. Representative's Privilege
- 12. Prize Drawing for Committee Members
  - a. Winner: Anh Do
- 13. Adjourn
  - a. Motion: Rep. Amezquita
  - b. Seconded by Rep. Witwer

**End Time: 8:33 PM**

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