COGS Full Council Meeting January 18, 2023 Chittenden 110 & Zoom

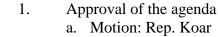
Join Zoom Meeting: https://msu.zoom.us/j/94854291712

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.



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

 $N_0 = 0$

Abstain = 0



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External Speakers 3.

- 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 postdoctoral 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.

- 2. Expand investment and consultation network.
- 3. Increase transparency.
- ii. Interested representatives should contact Emma Gilbert via 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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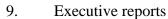
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- b. Information session for those interested in learning more about COGS and COGS Eboard scheduled for February
- c. Opportunities for COGS Representatives:
 - i. Graduate School Website Focus Group
 - 1. Starts in late March
 - 2. Will be redesigning 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



- 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. Amezquitab. Seconded by Rep. Witwer

End Time: 8:33 PM



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