

COGS Full Council Meeting

April 19, 2023

Chittenden 110 & Zoom

6:30-8:30 pm EST

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/98780035999>

Meeting ID: 987 8003 5999

Passcode: fccogs

Attendees: GEO, PSY, BAE, FW, PHY, MTH, ME, EC, CEM, CJ, ENG, FOR, BMB, ACMMS, PRIME, GLG, EPI, ANP, KIN, HRLR, RW, CSUS, SOC, NUR, ANS, FSHN, PSMS, MMG, SW, STT, CHE, HDFS, PSL, OM, TE, GEO, AGSA, Arianna Pittenger, Carly Gomez, Becca Sutton,

Non-voting attendees: PRES, TRES, VPEA, SEC, PARL, Dr. Allen Shaw, Dr. Pero Dagbovie, Luis Suarez Salaz, Deanne Arking, Katherine Martin, Kelly Tebay, Kelsey Petterson, Shannon Lynn Burton, Justice Oduro, Megan Hill, Alexis Wooldridge (new DoEP), Andrea Mata, Annes Eum, Darwyn Howard (new MEDLI)

Start: 6:31 PM



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1. Approval of the agenda
 - a. **Motion made by Rep. Dans Chavarria**
 - b. **Seconded by Rep. Mane**
 - c. **Motion passed by 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain**
2. Honoring outgoing COGS representatives and representatives with perfect attendance
Congrats to all!
3. Distribution of COGS Awards
Congrats to all!
4. Consent agenda
 - a. Approval of March meeting minutes
 - b. 23-SS-30: Conference awards
 - c. 23-SS-31: Professional development awards
 - i. **Motion made by Rep. Zhang**
 - ii. **Seconded by Rep. Mane**
5. External Speakers
 - a. Trustee Kelly Tebay, MSU Board of Trustees
 - b. Kelsey Patterson, Registered Dietitian, SLE Culinary Services
Rep Curley Q: Are off campus meal prices gonna go up?
Rep Groeller Q: Late night meals for undergraduates? Any plans for bringing back late night meals?
PRES Q: mobile dining/ordering – does that apply to people with off-campus meal plans? No , but vending options are on the way

Summer dining for grad students? Brody, shaw or gallery will be open. Some spartys will be open.

Rep Groeller Q: bringing back the food truck?

Rep Oduro: intl students during summer(?) or holidays dining? The hours are available on the website.

c. Dr. Shannon Lynn Burton, University Ombudsperson

- i. *Emails are deleted after a week for confidentiality.*
- ii. *1218 visitor last years – 95% student related issues, 5% employee related issues*
- iii. *57% of student concerns from students themselves, rest from non-students.*
- iv. *Academic issue is around instruction. Non-academic issue is ‘special concerns – legal, medical, etc’*
- v. *Grad students: 123 grad students last year. 33% master, 41% Phd %20 med school. Issues were: grievance, grad advising, bullying, incivility.*

Rep.Stanley Q: how soon they can see you? 24-48 hours

Dr. Shaw Q: where is the office? North Kedzie hall.

Rep Sylvia Lin: If we know that another student (not yourself) is experiencing issues, what's the best way to advocate for them? Have a conversation with them to see how they would like you to advocate for them. Encourage them to visit the ombudsman office.

Rep Zhang Q: people come to you when conflict is above certain level – are there resources for students before reaching to that level? Conflict coaching. Conflict resolution training with student organizations etc.

6. Remarks from the Graduate School

a. Dr. Pero Dagbovie

Summit on Friday 21st of April with grad program director (not open to grad students), addressing the following:

-diversity eq inclusion within grad educ

-dealing with concept of periodically reviewing grad school program in pursuit of continious improvement

-concept of mentoring student success and grad student resilience

7. Remarks from Student Life and Engagement

a. Dr. Allyn Shaw

For gowns: Union, 1855 store, or get it mailed (gotta pay shipping)

Speakers at the commencement – Dr. Fauci, and (I missed it)

Bryan Jeffrey(?) – for legal counsel for housing matters

Next Tue and Wed (25th, 26th) reception at Presidents house for graduating people! From 5 to 8 PM.

EAP and CAPS are available for grads.

8. Old Business

- a. **Announcement of the creation of the MSU Office for Resource/Recovery and Support Coordination**



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Designed as a direct result of shooting on Feb 13 to help students deal with traumatizing feeling, identifying resources for them. Not just psyc, but maybe financial

- b. New COGS RVSM committee position available starting next Fall
If interested, please keep this in your mind! We ll bring Dr. Rebecca Cmbell to speak in Fall to understand what they are looking for in the position.

9. New Business

- a. 23-SS-32: 2023 Full Council meeting dates
Rep Chavarria Q: when would be the finals in Fall2023? Later in December.

i. Motion passed by 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

- b. 23-SS-33: COGS Preliminary budget
*TRES: Not a finalized budget – opportunities to discuss how it would like are going to be in Fall 2023 meeting.
Most important column is the “prelim” column.
Dr. Shaw Q: Any carry-forward from this year – prolyl not very much.
We ll discuss the budget again in Fall as well.*

i. Motion passed by 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain

- c. Painting on the rock
*MSU will not paint on the rock – it is up to students to decide what will be painted on the Rock.
If you have any ideas, feel free to reach out.*

10. Announcing newly appointed Eboard members and professional school liaisons

- a. 23-SS-34:
Director of Equity and Antidiscrimination – Rachel Pyrum

i. Motion passed by 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstain

- b. 23-SS-35:
Director of Event Planning – Alexis Wooldridge

i. Motion made by Rep. Zhang
ii. Seconded by Rep. Chamoun
iii. Motion passed by 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain

- c. 23-SS-36:
Parliamentarian – Bismarck Amaniampong

i. Motion made by Rep. Ghosh
ii. Seconded by Re. Dans Chavarria
iii. Motion passed by 27 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain

- d. 23-SS-37: Medical School Liaison



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Medical School Liaison – selected by COMS – Darwyn Howard

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ii. Seconded by Rep. Zhang

iii. Motion passed by 27 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

e. 23-SS-46: Approval of the appointed Eboard members

11. Special election for COGS VPIA

PSY (Rep. Zhang) and MTH (Rep. Chamoun) reps nominated themselves. AGSA rep (Rep. Marri) is nominated by Bismarck A. (New PARL).

Rep. Zhang (vote A) – 7 votes

Rep. Chamoun (vote B) – 13 votes

Rep. Marri (vote C) – 3 votes

None (vote D) – 0 votes

Abstain (vote E) – 2 votes

12. Executive Reports

a. President Jeffery: DEI issues with MSU faculty and how COGS is addressing these concerns

Conference Funding: July 1st – December 31st, 2023 conferences can apply during Fall 2023.

13. Upcoming Events

a. 4/25, 9-10 am, Coffee and Connection @ Constellation Cat Café

b. 4/28, 3 pm, FRIB Tour, RSVP required

c. 4/29, 9 am – 6 pm, Graduate Academic Conference @ Kellogg Center

d. **4/26, 3-4 pm, COGS Graduate Student Presidential Search general body meeting** requested by the Office of the President

a. Zoom link to be provided

b. *All COGS representatives are welcome to participate*

14. Representative's Privilege

15. Adjourn

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b. Seconded by Rep. Dans Chavarria

End at: 8:39 PM



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