

**COGS Full Council Meeting**  
**February 21, 2024**  
**Chittenden 110 & Zoom**  
6:30-8:30 pm EST

The meeting started at 6.30 pm.

Attendees: ANS, ME, NUR, PRIME, GEN, CEM, PLS, ENG, FOR, MTN, PSY, ACMMS, PLB, TE, PHY, GLG, EPI, ENT, MBA, RW, CMB, FW, CSUS, PSL, PHL, OM, SOC, MANRRS, BMB, AFRE, NEU, KIN, FSHN, CSD, NMG, BME, HRT, CMSE, HM, PSMS, HDFS, CHE, PHARM, BAE, EAD, THR, ANP, CJ, EC, AGSA.

Non-Voting attendees: Dr. Allyn Shaw AVP (SLE), Dr. Alexi Travis (Asst. Provost, University Health and Wellbeing), Eric Tornng (Graduate School), Jeremy Whiting (Impact Radio) Sydney Sims (Impact Radio), Pres Jeffery, VPIA Chamoun, VPEA Kaur, TRES Roberts, SEC Kitcher, PARL Amaniampong, EVENT Cardino, DoEA Pyram



Reminder:

- Pres Jeffery reminded the House Council of the upcoming election for Eboard positions in March.
- A Graduation cord for members who served COGS while studying at MSU.

1. Time to fill out committee reports.

Pres Jeffery asked committee members to complete the committee report.

2. Standing Rules

- a. Welcome of New Members
- b. Guide to Robert's Rules of Order
- c. Guide to iClicker

3. Approval of the agenda

- a. Motion: Rep Paige
- b. Seconded by: Rep Cinzori

4. Consent agenda

- a. Approval of January meeting minutes
- b. 24-SS-32: GSO event funding
- c. 24-SS-33: Professional development awards
- d. 24-SS-34: Conference awards
- e. 24-SS-35: Committee appointments

- i. Motion: Rep Khandelwal
- ii. Seconded by: Rep Paige
- iii. Votes:

1. Yes=44
2. No=0
3. Abstain=0

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5. External Speakers

- a. Dr. Alexis Travis—Mental health resources for graduate and professional students

Dr. Alexis Travis outlined the mental health resources and support available to graduate students and outlined the importance of mental health facilities and asked graduate students to help provide feedback for their assessment plans.

- b. Jeremy Whiting—Student radio fees

Jeremy Whiting presented the evolution of impact radio and how tax from students has kept the station running over time. He pleads with the house to increase the tax from \$3 to \$5. He said that for over 20 years, they have relied on a \$3 tax from students to run the station, and salary and remuneration need to be sustained.

6. Remarks from Student Life and Engagement (SLE)

Dr. Shaw informed graduate students about available services and reminded them of upcoming events like spring break. He also told the House of Management's decision to close the Spartan Village apartments. He expressed his gratitude for the February 13 memorial commemoration.

7. Remarks from the Graduate School

Dr. Eric Torng expressed his gratitude towards the graduate students and the resources and support available to them at the graduate school. He also reminded them of the upcoming fellowship, workshops, and certification at the graduate school.

8. Recurring Business

- a. 24-SS-36: Resolution to provide \$1500 to the In Joy! Gala  
a. Request from event leader Gloria Ashalou, to increase the funding amount to \$2000.

Amendment to increase the amount from \$1500 to \$2000.

- i. Motion: Rep Cinzori  
ii. Seconded by: Rep Hill  
iii. Votes

1. Yes = 37  
2. No = 7  
3. Abstain = 1

Resolution to give \$2000 to provide to the In Joy! Gala

- i. Motion: Rep Paige  
ii. Seconded by: Rep Kothari  
iii. Vote

1. Yes = 40  
2. NO = 4  
3. Abstain = 1

9. New Business

- a. Call for Michigan State University to divest from the Israeli government.  
i. Motion: Rep Sime  
ii. Seconded by: Rep Miller

During the discussion, it was agreed that the resolution draft should be brought to the following House Council meeting.

- i. Motion: Rep Paige



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ii. Seconded by: Rep Cinzori

iii. Votes

1. Yes = 37
2. No = 7
3. Abstain = 2

b. Proposed amendments to the COGS Bylaws

Parliamentarian Amaniampong briefed the House and asked permission to amend and review the bylaws. The resolution will be discussed during the next council meeting.

## 11. Executive Reports

a. President Jeffery

- i. Update about the Recreational and Wellness Center fee fund
- ii. Student Legal Services contract has been signed.
- iii. Joined tribute committee for President Woodruff

## 12. Committee Reports

- There was an update from the GAC committee concerning the upcoming conference.

## 13. Upcoming Events

- a. Group fitness classes are still going on!
- b. [The Graduate Student Staycation](#) is hosted by the Graduate School. Mon 2/26 from 12-1 PM
- c. Coffee and Connection: Fosters on Wed, 3/6, 9-10 AM
- d. Red Wings outing- sold out, but a handful of tickets were reserved. COGS reps- \$45 includes ticket, t-shirt, and round-trip transport.

## 14. Representative's Privilege

- Rep Aziz has asked COGS to petition the Director SLE on the closure of Spartan Village and its aftermath effect on graduate students.
- Rep Liu suggested that there would be OSIS orientation for international students, and it would be appropriate if COGS would represent.
- Rep Curly raised issues regarding [doctoral dissertation research credits](#). This issue occurs because you are disqualified for financial aid if you have a 67% pass rate.

## 15. Adjourn

- iii. Motion: Rep Shirley
- iv. Seconded by: Rep Liu

The meeting ended at 8.49 p.m.



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