

**COGS Full Council Meeting**  
**October 1, 2025, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Chittenden Hall, Room 110**

**Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/99668217892> (Passcode: cogs25-26)**

**Called to order 6:30pm**

**Attendees:** AFRE, ANP, BAE, BMB, BME, CEM, CHEms, CJ, CLS, CMSE, COMM, CSD, CSUS, EC, ENT, EPI, FSHN, FW, GEN, GEO, HDFS, HRT, IBIO, KIN, LILAC, MBA, MGI, MTH, MUS, NUR, PHY, PKG, PRIME, PSL, PSMS, PSY, SOC, STT, VM, WRAC

**Non-Voting Attendees:** Dr. Allyn Shaw, Dean Pero Dagbovie, Dr. Julie Rolewski, Dr. Laura McCabe, Nikki Schmidtke, Olivia Scott, Swapna Hingwe, Maria Cinzori, Teresa Cuellar, President Kothari, VPIA Heilman, VPEA Baisley, Treasurer Kitcher, Secretary Lin, DoEP Chen, Liaison Popovski, Liaison Nauman, DoEA Parker, Sophia Hoersten, Deanne Arking



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1. Welcome and Standing rules
  - a. *New Representatives and EBoard new member welcome*
  - b. *Reminder of Robert's Rule and standard operating procedures.*
2. Approval of the agenda
  - a. *No objections.*
  - b. *Adopted.*
3. Consent agenda
  - a. Consent agenda Approval of September meeting minutes
  - b. 25-FS-06: September Committee Assignments
  - c. 25-FS-07: GSO Support Award
  - d. 25-FS-08: GSO Event Funding
  - e. 25-FS-09: Executive Liaison to the Colleges of Medicine
    - i. *No objections.*
    - ii. *Approved.*
4. Remarks from the Graduate School
  - a. *Remarks from Dr. Julie Rojewski*
5. Remarks from the Office of Research and Innovation
  - a. *Remarks from Dr. Laura McCabe*
6. Remarks from Student Affairs and Services
  - a. *Remarks from Dr. Allyn Shaw*
7. New Business
  - a. New Business Discussion on Policy on Protection from Retaliation
    - i. *Presentation on the policy by Nikki Schmidtke*
    - ii. *Open to Q & A*
  - b. 25-FS-10: Sponsor Fresh Check Day
    - i. *Guest Speakers: Olivia Scott & Swapna Hingwe*



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- ii. *Would like to invite more graduate students to the event*
    - iii. *Collaboration with COGS Graduate Welfare Committee*
    - iv. *Motioned by: Rep. Freeman*
    - v. *Seconded by: Rep. Trout*
      - 1. *Motion passes*
        - a. *Yes – 33*
        - b. *No – 1*
        - c. *Abstain - 5*
  - c. 25-FS-11: Sponsor HEAL Sexual Health 2026 Conference
    - i. *Guest Speaker: Maria Cinzori*
    - ii. *Motioned by: Rep Freeman*
    - iii. *Seconded by: Rep. Trout*
      - 1. *Motion passes*
        - a. *Yes – 39*
        - b. *No – 0*
        - c. *Abstain - 2*
  - d. 25-FS-12: Revise GSO Support Award Funding Guideline
    - i. *Motioned by: Rep Dusseau*
    - ii. *Seconded by: Rep. Caldwell*
      - 1. *Motion passes*
        - a. *Yes – 36*
        - b. *No – 0*
        - c. *Abstain - 4*
8. Executive reports
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    - i. President Kothari COGS Annual Report 2024-25
      - 1. Upcoming MSU Events
        - a. Disability Summit
        - b. Healthy Homecoming Walk
        - c. Fresh Check Day
        - d. Write winning grant workshop registration
    - ii. DoEP Chen
      - 1. Upcoming events
9. Committee reports
- a. Information on Academic Governance
    - i. *Remarks from Teresa Cuellar*
  - b. Filling the Committee Reports
10. Representative's Privilege
11. Adjourn
- a. *Motion to adjourn: Rep. Kucera*
  - b. *Seconded by: Rep. Sathyanarayana*
  - c. *Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm*