

**COGS Full Council Meeting
October 29, 2025, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Chittenden Hall, Room 110**

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

Call to order: 6:31pm

Attendees: ADV, BAE, BMB, BME, CHEms, CJ, CMB, COMM, ENG, ENT, EPI, FW, GEN, GEO, GLG, HDFS, HRLR, HRT, KIN, LILAC, MBA, MGI, NEU, NUR, OM, PHY, PKG, PLB, PRIME, PSL, PSMS, SOC, STT, TE, VM, WRAC

Non-Voting Attendees: Dr. Allyn Shaw, Dean Pero Dagbovie, Dr. Meg Moore, Dr. Laura McCabe, President Kothari, VPIA Heilman, VPEA Baisley, Treasurer Kitcher, Secretary Lin, DoEP Chen, Liaison Popovski, DoEA Parker, Samuel Zheng, Deanne Arking



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1. Welcome and Standing rules
2. Approval of the agenda
 - a. *Agenda approved and adopted*
3. Consent agenda
 - a. October 1, 2025 meeting minutes
 - b. 25-FS-13: October Committee Assignments
 - c. 25-FS-14: GSO Event Awards
 - d. 25-FS-15: Conference Funding Awards
 - e. 25-FS-16: Professional Development Awards
 - i. *Consent agenda approved and adopted*
4. Remarks from the Graduate School
 - a. *Dean Dagbovie*
 - i. *Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities* being reviewed and revised
 1. *COGS will have representation*
 - ii. *Local level (colleges & departments) and graduate program changes*
 - iii. *President Guskiewicz pledged \$100,000 research enhancement award for the next 3 years*
 - b. *Dr. Meg Moore*
 - i. *Open to partnership and supporting graduate student wellness*
 - ii. *Write Winning Grant* – in January
 - iii. *Nov 3 – Resilience & Recovery in Chittenden Rm 110 3:30pm*
 - iv. *Get Stuff Done – Tuesdays*
5. Remarks from Division of Student Affairs
 - a. *Dr. Allyn Shaw*
 - i. *Extra services to continue to support education & employment with SNAP benefits being held back*
 - ii. *Thanksgiving Day Unity Dinner 12-2pm Brody Classrooms*

The Council of Graduate Students (COGS) is the constitutionally authorized government representing all graduate and professional students at Michigan State University. COGS actively promotes the improvement of both the individual and collective graduate experience by working with university administrators and faculty on a multitude of graduate student issues.

- iii. *SOS Funds*
 - 1. *College specific and Student Affairs Fund*
- iv. *Traveling for break – please make sure your VISA and paperwork are in order!!*
- v. *Student Legal Services in Student Services Building on 3rd floor*
 - 1. *READ YOUR CONTRACTS!*

- 6. Remarks from the Office of Research and Innovation
 - a. *Dr. Laura McCabe*

- 7. New Business
 - a. 25-FS-17: Quarterly Tax Estimates for Fellowships
 - i. *Motioned Rep. Carr*
 - ii. *Second Rep Kucera*
 - iii. *Questions*
 - 1. *Rep Caldwell*
 - 2. *Rep Hodgkins*
 - 3. *Rep Franco*



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- 8. Executive reports
 - a. President Kothari
 - i. *Write Winning Grants*
 - b. Treasurer Kitcher
 - i. *ASMSU Short Term Loans \$300*
 - c. Secretary Lin
 - i. *GAC is open!*
 - d. DoEP Chen
 - i. *11/4 (Tue) 9-10am: Coffee & Connections @ Holden Hall Community Kitchen ft. Tour of ImpactFM*
 - ii. *11/6 (Thu) 7-9:30pm: Grad Night @ Abrams Planetarium ft. Dark Matter Mystery*
 - iii. *11/13 (Thu) 4-6:30pm: Craft & Connections @ MSU Library Hollander Makerspace ft. Laser Cutting Workshop*
 - iv. *11/21 (Fri) 9-10am: Coffee & Connections @ Hollander Lounge in MSU Auditorium Building ft. Dept. Of Theatre*
- 9. Committee reports
 - a. Information on XX ?
 - b. Filling the Committee Reports
- 10. Representative's Privilege
 - a. Rep. Winda
- 11. Adjourn
 - a. *Motion to adjourn Rep Caldwell*
 - b. *Second Rep Thor*