

COGS Full Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Chittenden Hall, Room 110

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

Attendees: ACMMS, ADV, AFRE, ANP, ANS, BAE, BMB, BME, CEM, CJ, CLS, CMB, COMM, CSUS, EC, ENT, EPI, FSHN, FW, GEN, GEO, HDFS, HRLR, HRT, IBIO, KIN, MBA, MGI, MTH, NEU, NUR, OM, PHL, PKG, PLB, PSL, PSMS, PSY, SOC, STT, TE, WRAC

Non-Voting Attendees: Dean Pero Dagbovie, Dr. Kirsten Tollefson, VP Shashank Priya, Dr. Laura McCabe, VP Jim Hintz, Grace Danison, Kristen Mccool, Diego Praquive Gomez, Sophia Hoersten, President Kothari, VPIA Heilman, VPEA Baisley, Treasurer Kitcher, Secretary Lin, DoEP Chen, Parliamentarian Sanders, Liaison Popovski, Deanne Arking



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- I. **Call to order: 6:30pm**
- II. Welcome and Standing rules
- III. Approval of the agenda
 - a. *No objection*
- IV. Thanks & Honors
 - a. 26-SS-37: Honoring Dr. Allyn Shaw
 - i. *Motioned Rep Carr*
 - ii. *Seconded Rep Datko*
 - iii. *Passes: 32 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain*
- V. Consent agenda
 - a. January Full Council Meeting Minutes
 - b. 26-SS-28: February Committee Assignments
 - c. 26-SS-29: GSO Support Award
 - d. 26-SS-30: GSO Event Funding Award
 - e. 26-SS-31: Conference Funding Award
 - f. 26-SS-32: Professional Development Award
 - i. *Passes with no objection*
- VI. Remarks from the Graduate School
 - a. *Dr. Kirsten Tollefson*
- VII. Remarks from Office of Research & Innovation
 - a. *Dr. Shashank Priya*
 - b. *Dr. Laura McCabe*
- VIII. Remarks from Student Affairs

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- a. *Dr. Jim Hintz*
- b. *Grace Danison*
- c. *Kristen Mccool*

IX. New Business

- a. 26-SS-33: Revising DoEA to Director of Outreach
 - i. *Motioned Rep Carr*
 - ii. *Secoded Rep Datko*
 - iii. *Yes: 39; No: 2; Abstain: 1*
 - 1. *Passes*
- b. 26-SS-34: Executive Board Roles and Responsibilities
 - i. *Motioned Rep Carr*
 - ii. *Secoded Rep Datko*
 - iii. *Yes: 42; No: 0; Abstain: 0*
 - 1. *Passes*
- c. 26-SS-35: COGS Committees Responsibilities
 - i. *Motioned Rep Carr*
 - ii. *Secoded Rep Datko*
 - iii. *Yes: 41; No: 0; Abstain: 1*
 - 1. *Passes*
- d. 26-SS-36: Bylaws Revision 2026.02.18
 - i. *Amended by: Rep Carr*
 - ii. *Secoded by: Rep Thor*
 - iii. *Motioned Rep Carr*
 - iv. *Secoded Rep Caldwell*
 - v. *Yes: 40; No: 1; Abstain: 0*
 - 1. *Passes*



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X. Executive reports

- a. President Kothari
 - i. CATA Update
 - ii. Launching ASMSU Safe Ride for Graduate Students: Pilot
 - iii. Virtual Off Campus Housing Fair – Feb 25
 - iv. 2026 Spartan Wellbeing Summit – Feb 26
 - v. [Nominations Open](#) for Eboard Elections
 - 1. President, VPIA, VPEA, Treasurer, Secretary
- b. VPIA Heilman
- c. VPEA Baisley
- d. Treasurer Kitcher
- e. Secretary Lin
 - i. Graduate Academic Conference – Feb 21
- f. Parliamentarian Sanders
- g. DoEP Chen
 - i. Upcoming Events

XI. Committee Report

XII. Representative Privileges

XIII. Adjourn

- a. *Motion Rep Kucera*

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- b. *Seconded Rep Datko*
i. *8:31pm*



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