COGS General Assembly Meeting

March 9, 2009
Cherrywood Room, St Paul Student Center
COGS on Facebook

- Fan Page
- COGS (University of Minnesota)
Minutes

• Approval or February Meeting Minutes
RECOMMENDATIONS ON GRADUATE EDUCATION

• COGS response sent last week
• Workgroup Chairs impressed with graduate student involvement
• Final report to Provost
• Final recommendations April
Guest speakers

- Ilene Alexander - Center for Teaching and Learning
- Noro Adriamanaline - Graduate School

Virtual Graduate Student Commons
Travel Grant Deadline FRIDAY

- Competitive travel grants
- Amount varies
- Travel to conferences, field research sites, unique educational opportunities
- Eligible dates Sept 1, 2009-August 31, 2010
- Winners announced in April
Leadership Award Deadline
FRIDAY

- Increased to $500
- Recognize one outstanding graduate student leader
- Nomination letter - 3 pages max
- Can self-nominate
- Winner announced during Grad Appreciation Week
- Dean Henning Schroeder select winner
COGS Biennial Survey

- ISR willing partner
  - Tie survey to university goals and metrics
- **Format of survey:**
  - Core questions (demographics, advising, funding)
  - Modules:
    - PhD
    - Master’s degree
    - International Students
    - Grad Student Parents
    - School of Music
    - Others?
COGS Elections

April GA meeting - April 20th

Donuts and Coffee with COGS Exec

• Tuesday, April 6th 8:30am-11:30am
• Walter Library Room 101
• Free coffee, donuts, bagels, fruit
• Schmooze with Exec
Grad Appreciation Week Activities

• April 19th-April 23rd
• Last COGS GA meeting
  – COGS Elections
• Tables in Coffman Union and St Paul Student Center
• Meet and Greet with the Dean
  – Wednesday April 21st, 11:30-12:30pm
  – Free food, meet the Dean, announcement of Leadership award winner
Grad Appreciation Week Activities

• Free tickets to St Paul Chamber Orchestra Concert
  – 50 tickets reserved
  – April 30th (Friday) concert
  – After party (details TBA)
  – More tickets?

• Best Faculty Award
  • 2 students nominate faculty member
  • 1 page nomination letter
  • 12 awards
  • Dinner or reception?
University budget issues

- Furlough (students exempt)
- 2% pay increases
- Colleges making cuts
- CLA Budget report released