COGS General Assembly
Meeting

September 22, 2009
Mississippi Room, Coffman Union
What is COGS?

- Governing body for over 10,000 grad students
- Grad student = degrees conferred through Graduate School
- Largest Council in GAPSA
- University Committees, pass resolutions, travel grants, organize and mobilize graduate students
Introductions to 2009-2010 Exec

- President
- Exec VP
- VP Finance
- VP Communications
- VP Internal Relations
- VP External Relations
- 6 Policy and Review Council Chairs
Old Business

- Approve April meeting minutes
- P&R Chair Health Sciences
- Update on Senator positions
- Parliamentarian
Department Rep Responsibilities

- Attend GA meetings
- Communicate with students
- Serve on University and COGS Committees
- Send alternate if unable to attend meetings
- Join the COGS Reps Google listserve
Senator elections

- 3 open seats
- 1 minute to speak
- Duties include: attend all COGS GA meetings, GAPSA, University and Student Senate meetings
Fall Senator meeting dates

- **COGS GA meetings**
  - Oct 20th (St Paul)
  - Nov 17th (President’s Rm CMU)
- **GAPSA meetings** (6-8pm)
  - Oct 28th, Nov 18th, Dec 9th
- **University** (2:30-5:00pm) and **Student Senate** (11:30-1:30pm)
  - Oct 1, Dec 3

- Must send alternate if unable to attend a meeting
University Committees

- COGS has representatives on most major University Committees

- Please contact COGS if you are serving on University Committee as a student at-large rep
Policy and Review Council
Meetings 3:00-5:00pm

- Assembly meeting: Wed Oct 14
  - Health Sciences: 5 members (Nov 16)
  - Biological Sciences: 9 members (Nov 11)
  - Ed and Psych: 4 members (Nov 4)
  - Lang, Lit and Arts: 7 members (Nov 3)
  - Social Sciences: 9 members (Nov 17)
  - Eng, Phys and Math Sciences: 10 members (Nov 18)
Update on Graduate School

- Dean Search
- Workgroups
- Masters degrees
Dean Search

Finalists: Gary Balas (IT), Sally Gregory Kohlstedt (Geology), Henning Schroeder (Pharmacy)

Public Forums: 402 Walter Library
  Sept 23 10:30-11:30am: Kohlstedt
  Sept 28 10:00-11:00am: Balas

Student Forums:
  Sept 23 (12 Morrill Hall) 1:30-2:30pm: Kohlstedt
  Sept 28 (238 Morrill Hall) 2:00-3:00pm: Schroeder
Workgroups

- 2 Workgroups:
  1. Academic Issues
  2. Student Administrative Process

Recommendations due December 1, 2009
Academic Issues

- John Finnegan (Chair)
- Gary Balas (IT)
- Suzanne Bardouche
- Brian Buhr - CFANS
- Will Durfee - IT
- Tim Holst - UMD
- Jeffrey Kahn - Med
- Cathrine Wambach - CEHD
- Matthew McGue - CLA
- Peter Radcliffe
- Rebecca Ropers-Huilman - CEHD
- Brian Southwell - CLA
- Kathryn VandenBosch - CFANS
- Leanne Wirkkula - Carlson
- John Ziegenhagen - VP Office
Student Administrative Processes

- Mary Nichols (Chair)
- Jay Bell - CFANS
- Ann Hill Duin - OIT
- John Gardner - IT
- Julie Harrold - Humphrey
- Lincoln Kallsen - Budget & Finance
- Susanna McMaster - CLA

- Meredith McQuaid - Int’l Programs
- Mary Ellen Nerney - SPH
- Henning Schroeder
- Christopher Uggen - CLA
- Susan Van Voorhis - Office of Registrar
Master’s Degrees

- Programs will need to opt-in to keep Master’s degrees in graduate school

- Over 4,000 students pursuing Master’s degree (7/2009)

- Speak with your respective Deans
AHC Long-term disability insurance

- Who it affects
- What it is
- Why it is an issue
- Next steps
GA Health Plan

- Please tell COGS what changes you are noticing between the new Health Partners plan and the former BC/BS

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COGS Committees

- Advising
- Communications
- Go Green Initiative
- Social Events
- Others?
COGS Caucuses

- Groups within COGS with common interest
- Help bring issues to attention of GA
- Examples include: Master students, AHC students, Graduate Student Parents
Events 2009-2010

- October 23rd Frank Warren
  [www.postsecret.com](http://www.postsecret.com) event
- Social gatherings (monthly)
- Ideas for Spring Jam (April 2010)
Open floor

- Discussions of Fee increases in programs
- Graduate School forms
- Open access to research
- Other Topics?
Social Gathering

Stub and Herbs

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