I. Meeting begins at 6:00 PM  
   a. Motion to approve agenda; motion passes  
   b. Motion to approve 10/12/11 minutes; motion passes

II. Introduction of COGS by Gabe Shapiro

III. Presentation by Rachel Peterson and John Romano, Global Programs and Strategy Alliance  
   a. Global Spotlight Program: facilitates international research among graduate students and faculty  
   b. A major part of this program is graduate student research grants who want to conduct research abroad.  
   c. This year’s two themes for Global Spotlight are urbanizations and Latin America.  
   d. Two grant programs: 1) for Masters and Doctoral research (pre-dissertation stage) on one of the themes; and 2) Dissertation grants for Doctoral students doing international research.  
   e. Grant application deadlines are December 2nd  
   f. February 17th: Showcase of international research of both faculty and graduate students at the University. The event is still looking for proposals for poster sessions presenting research by graduate students.

IV. Presentation by Dave Golden of Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)  
   a. On the smoke-free campus initiative  
   b. Initiative started in 1998 under President Bruininks, who let it expire with the end of his Presidency.  
   c. SHAC is picking up the initiative again.  
   d. Smoke-free campus initiative is part of students, staff, and faculty.  
   e. Q & A  
   f. If you have any further questions contact Dave Golden (golde002@umn.edu) and cc Kathy Nelson (mich0354@umn.edu), the SHAC rep for COGS

V. College Delegation Meetings and Reports  
   a. Carlson and Humphrey  
   b. CFANS: none  
   c. CSE: Physics grads are coordinating with Faculty to improve exam process.  
   d. CEHD: none  
   e. CLA: report back from CLA Graduate Dean; still confusion about metric system  
   f. AHC: discussion about fees.

VI. New Business: Election of VP Finance Election 2011  
   a. No nominations from the floor.  
   b. Louise read Lindsey Kroeger’s nomination statement.  
   c. Motion to vote by affirmation; motion approved  
   d. Motion to elect Lindsey Kroeger as VP of Finance  
      i. Motion approved  
      ii. Lindsey Kroeger is new VP of Finance

VII. Officer Reports
a. Emily Combs
   i. Working with Rec Center about making sure we have clean towels
   ii. Survey Update: Currently working on 2012 survey which will go to all Graduate Students on campus. If you are interested in getting involved contact cogs@umn.edu
   iii. Henning Happy Hour: November 30; 5:30 @ Acadia Cafe
b. Scott Thaller: update on fees resolution
   i. Meeting Richard Pfutzenreuter (VP and CFO) and Julie Tonneson (Associate VP for Budget and Finance): Very little point in an audit because of how broadly the Collegiate fee is defined. Revenues are relatively co-mingled so it is difficult to track where they are going to. Will require VP for University Relations (of COGS) to request the publically available budget proposals submitted by the individual colleges to the compact/budget process.
   ii. Will be voted on in GAPSA (Nov. 30)
c. Melody Hoffman
   i. Most of the committees are filled. Still need a few more.
   ii. See slides for available committees
   iii. Contact Melody if you are interested: hoffm794@umn.edu

VIII. Committee Representative Reports
a. Kathy Nelson (SHAC)
   i. Kathy, Emily, and Laurie from Sociology are working on facilitating focus groups to get better information on graduate students’ experience with Boynton. Will conduct different focus groups to get a broad range of different experiences of graduate students. Will have either a grad assistant or Boynton staff do the data analysis.
   ii. If you are interested in getting involved contact cogs@umn.edu

IX. Motion to adjourn, motion approved (7:22 PM)