COGS GA Meeting Minutes  
University of Minnesota  
2/15/2012

I. Meeting begins at 6:00 PM  
   a. Motion to approve agenda; motion passes  
   b. Motion to table approval of minutes for 11/16/11 GA Meeting

II. Introduction of COGS by Gabe Shapiro

III. Presentation by Dean Henning Schroeder, Graduate School, on quality metrics  
   a. Discussion and questions ensue.

IV. Presentation by Ross Neely, GLBTA office  
   a. GLBTA office is in place to build community and relations in the University with regard to gender and sexuality.  
   b. Effort is to change institutional barriers and campus climate that impede advancement and flourishing of GLBTA students.  
   c. Education, training, partnerships with other University organizations to foster institutional change and social justice.  
   d. Give out awards and scholarships at the Lavender Celebration at the end of the year. See www.glbta.umn.edu/awards for more information. Deadline for awards is April 9, 2012.  
   e. Discussion and questions ensue.

V. New Business  
   a. Election of VP Finance  
      i. Speeches by Neil Dhingra, Kyutae Kim, and Andy Lechner  
      ii. Andy Lechner is new VP of Finance  
   b. Senator election  
      i. Nomination from the floor: Anna Beek  
      ii. Anna Beek is confirmed by a vote of affirmation

VI. Resolution on fee disclosure  
   a. Reading of Resolution  
   b. Friendly amendment to include language that makes this official University policy  
   c. Motion to close debate; motion passes  
   d. Resolution passes unanimously

VII. Resolution on creation of sufficient seats in graduate level English classes  
   a. Reading and introduction of Resolution  
   b. Questions and debate from the floor  
   c. Friendly amendment – make it clearer that the lack of room in 5000-level classes is due to an insufficient number of seats and ask that the University allocate more resources to make these classes available to international graduate students  
   d. Motion to close debate; motion passes  
   e. Resolution passes unanimously

VIII. Officer reports  
   a. Emily Combs: announcements  
      i. Volunteers for Outstanding Faculty Awards  
         1. To volunteer contact cogs@umn.edu
ii. Accepting applications for awards; see www.cogs.umn.edu/awards for more information.

iii. ITRAAC
   1. Send us your experiences!

iv. Grad appreciation week, April 2-6
   1. Reshow PhD Comics movie
   2. Other ideas?

v. Housing occupancy limits
   1. Houses during university by law can only have 2-3 occupants who are not related by blood.
   2. Is this an issue for grads?

b. Melody
   i. Will send out list of committees we need filled
   ii. Survey: will come out mid-March for distribution

c. Gabe
   i. Career Networking breakfast
      1. Friday April 13, 2012; 9:00-11:30 AM
      2. Must register by April 10 online: will post a link on COGS website
   ii. Collegiate Reps Meetings
      1. Feb 16, 2012; 3:15-4:45 PM
      2. March 22, 2012; 3:15-4:45 PM
      3. April 19, 2012; 3:15-4:45 PM
      4. May 17, 2012 3:15-4:45 PM

d. Focus Group Committee
   i. Conduct focus groups on Boynton Health Service; conducted different groups with international male students, international female students, domestic male students, and domestic female students
   ii. Currently analyzing data and will present results to Boynton in April