COGS GA Meeting
4/18/2012

The Whole
Agenda approval  
Minutes approval
COGS:

• Who are we?
  – The Council of Graduate Students was established to promote the academic, social, and economic wellbeing of graduate students of the University of Minnesota, to establish effective communication among graduate students, to create channels of communication with the other parts of the university, and to act as the representative organization for the graduate student body at the University of Minnesota.
COGS Mission

To advocate on behalf of graduate students and for graduate education within the University community, and to ensure graduate students -- who are integral to the support of the research and teaching enterprises of the University -- are fully supported by their advisors, departments, colleges the Graduate School and the University at large.
COGS:

- With Whom Do We Work?
  - GAPSA
  - U of M Administrators
  - You!
Program Representatives:

• The Role of the Reps:

  – As a program representative, you function as a two-way conduit for information
Stay in Touch with Exec:

- cogs@umn.edu
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Website
- Meetings
Election: President
Election: Executive Vice President
Election: VP University Relations
Election: VP Internal Relations

"Hi, My name is Laurie Knies and I am a graduate student in the Department of Sociology. This past year I served as my departmental representative on COGS, and I became involved with the study of graduate student health. Serving in these capacities, prompted my interest in joining the COGS Executive Board as VP of Internal Relations. One of the fundamental duties of this position is organizing graduate student orientation. I believe my organization, motivation, and previous involvement in COGS make me the ideal candidate for this role. Thank you."
Election: VP Communications
Election: VP Finance
Election: GEC Representative, 2 year term
Election, GEC representative
1 year term

Lori Fischer
Liana Nice
Cece Martin
Elections: Senators (5)
Presidents Update (Emily)

• Survey

• Focus groups

• Grad Ed Policies (time limits, any more?)

• Meetings with administrators
Formation of a committee on fees

- Details in the charge letter

- Discussion?

- Vote
Formation of a committee on quality metrics

• Details in the charge letter

• Discussion?

• Vote
Exec VP Update (Melody)

- Survey
- Committees
VP University Relations Update
(Scott Thaller)
Collegiate Fee Proposals

• We’ve requested and received the proposed collegiate fee increases submitted to the compact budget process.

• Proposed increases by college:
  – College of Design - from $330 to $350
  – College of Liberal Arts - from $145 - $155
  – College of Pharmacy - from $300 - $495 (professional students) and from $200 to $205 (graduate students)
  – College of Public Health - from $140 - $145
  – College of Veterinary Medicine - from $500 - $525 (DVM students only)
Collegiate Fee Proposals

• Proposed increases are only proposed!
• Last year, in many cases, the full proposed increase was not granted.
• Please discuss these in your Delegation meetings.
• Ask me for a copy of the your college’s fee proposal if needed.
Disclosure of fees to students in offer letter...

• Proposed language in Graduate School’s welcome email:

  Tuition and fees – For information regarding tuition and fees please see (PDF). For further clarification about your individual tuition and fees, feel free to contact your graduate program directly.
Disclosure of fees to students in offer letter...

- Graduate School provides example offer letters to programs.
- We drafted some suggested best practices language that the Graduate School can use to help programs communicate effectively regarding fees.
VP Communications Update (Adam Dahl)
VP Internal Relations Update (Gabe Shapiro)
SHAC Update

Kathy Nelson
CDLs

• Each Delegation selects a College Delegation Lead (CDL)
  – Facilitate two-way communication
  – Attend collegiate rep meetings
  – Communicate with college-level administrators
CDLs

• Non-voting members of exec committee
• 3-5 hours per month time commitment
• Moderate discussion at beginning of meetings
• Can organize events (funding available)
Announcements
Thank You!