Council of Graduate Students  
General Assembly Meeting  
The Whole, Coffman Union  
Wednesday, September 21, 2011

I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM
II. Approval of Agenda
   a. Motion to approve agenda; motion approved
III. Introduction to COGS (Gabe Shapiro)
   a. Reference slides
   b. COGS Mission statement is on website
   c. Meeting with College Delegations to appoint College Delegation Leads (CDL). CDLs have a number of duties: facilitate communication among students and college; attend college level meetings; moderate College Delegation discussions at GA meetings.
   d. CDL Reps: Gabe got in contact with all of the new CDL reps. He will be in contact further to let you know of your duties. Congratulations to new CDL reps.
IV. Approval of minutes from 5/11/11 meeting
   a. Motion to approve minutes; motion approved
V. Officer Reports
   a. Emily Combs: announcements
      i. Coty Jen (student representative) on Provost search committee – four candidates have been identified for Provost. COGS exec has been able to meet with all Provost candidates and has submitted evaluations to them to the search committee.
      ii. Super Fantastic Week: Friday, Sept 23 at 4PM; at St. Paul Student Center. COGS will be handing out pizza, and we still need volunteers. Come check it out!
      iii. Henning Happy Hour: Next Wednesday, Sept 28 at 5:30 PM; at Kitty Kat Club. Henning Happy Hour is a chance for grads to come and talk with the Dean of the Graduate School, Henning Schroeder, in a casual, no pressure environment.
      iv. SPCO Club 20/30 Happy Hour; Saturday, October 8; happy hour at SPCO Center. Good music, good food, and good drink for $10. The Happy Hour will start at 8 PM at the Ordway Theater in St. Paul. See the SPCO website for more information.
      v. PhD Comics Movie; Nov 2 at 6 PM and 8 PM, in Coffman Theater. Tickets will be available on our website starting October 12.
      vi. Senate and GEC alternates are appointed. Reference slides.
vii. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) is holding an information session for Science and Technology Policy Fellowships at the Postdoctoral level: October 12, 4-5 PM, in MCB 2-122. See our blog for more information.

viii. Still need volunteers: Parliamentarian, fees committee selectors, ACEC selectors. Let Emily know if you are interested.

ix. New President Inauguration events: see slides

x. Changes from ASR: see slides

b. Adam Dahl: Constitution Changes
i. At the next meeting we will vote on changes in the Constitution to reflect the language used by the Student Activities Office: 1) eligible officers must be enrolled in six credits at the University of Minnesota; 2) graduate students finished with thesis and course credits must provide proof of their status as students from their graduate programs.

ii. Suggestion to change “academic department” to “graduate program” heeded.

iii. Will talk with SUA adviser about including language about part-time students

c. Scott Thaller: report on policy changes
i. Leave of Absence and Reinstatement from a Leave: Graduate Students

ii. Appointment to Graduate Examination Committees

iii. Credit Requirements for Masters and Doctoral Degrees

iv. Application of Graduate Credits to Degree Requirements

v. Adding, Changing, or Discontinuing Academic Plans

vi. See slides for more details

d. Melody Hoffman: report on committees we need filled

i. See Melody if you are interested in serving on any of these committees

ii. See slides for available committee positions

   1. University-wide committees
   2. College of Liberal Arts
   3. College of Science and Engineering
   4. College of Biological Sciences: college appoints grad students internally
   5. CEHD: TBD

VI. Committee representative reports

i. Kathy Nelson

   1. Boynton director job search has narrowed down to three candidates
   2. Healthcare cost update: see slides
   3. Other important details: see slides
VII.  Unfinished Business  
   i.  None

VIII. New business  
   i.  Senator election: 2 senate positions open, taking nominations from the floor
      1.  Nominations:
         a.  Benjamin McDaniel
         b.  Liana Nice (self-nominated from the floor)
         c.  Elections held
         d.  Winner: Benjamin McDaniel
   ii.  Melody Hoffman: explanation of fee changes
        1.  General increase in fees
        2.  University fee was rolled into tuition; but this does not mean that fees went down
        3.  Capital enhancement $60 increase
        4.  Student Services fee $15 increase
        5.  Collegiate fees: increases vary by college. See slides for details.
        6.  See Melody if you got a late registration fee. These are generally pretty easy to get out of.
   iii.  Pamela Weisenhorn: Collegiate Fee Transparency Resolution
         1.  No Debate
         2.  Resolution passed unanimously
   iv.  Mandy Stahre: Waiver of Collegiate Fee for Graduate Assistants Resolution
         1.  Motion to prolong meeting by ten minutes; motion approved
         2.  Debate and Questions
         3.  Resolution fails
         4.  Motion to increase meeting by ten minutes
         5.  Motion seconded
         6.  Motion fails
         7.  Motion to have roll call vote
         8.  Motion seconded
         9.  Motion fails

IX.  General Announcements  
   i.  Next Meeting: October 12; St. Paul Campus; Cargill Building; dinner at 5:30 PM, meeting starts at 6:00 PM

X.  Motion to adjourn  
   i.  Motion approved