

COGS General Assembly Meeting Agenda
January 24, 2007

5:00-5:15 Dinner

5:15-5:25 **Reflections on Public Engagement/Volunteer Opportunity:**

Big Brothers Big Sisters (Michael Gold, graduate student in History)

Presentation Richard Orr, Community Outreach Coordinator

One-year commitment is required. The children who need mentors are generally between the ages of 13-17 yrs old, 70 percent are non-white and 70 percent come from single parent homes. There are several different programs that need volunteers:

-Community-based

-Mache (faith-based initiative)

-NCOP: Child of a prisoner

-Big Families: multiple people mentoring one "little"

-School-based program: meet at school only (1 hour a week over lunch)

Go to: <http://www.bbbs.org/site/c.drLRK6PELoF/b.1637489/k.9EA6/Volunteering.htm>
for more information about volunteering.

5:25-5:35 **Updated Job Descriptions for COGS executives and other elected positions**

Senators: need to be available from 11:30-1:30, 3-5 University Senate on one Thursday a month, also for GAPSAs meetings once a month on Wed evenings. The commitment includes 3-4 meetings in the second semester.

Caroline Hilk was named as an Alternate Senator; there are still several openings for Senators!

Vice President for External Relations: stipend \$500 a year, not huge time commitment, write 2 GradLetters, attend meetings

Kristina Erstad, School of Social Work, was elected for this position.

Vice President for Finance: \$1,000/stipend; track finances, not large time commitment, QuickBooks, process travel grants

Andy Exley, Computer Science Department, was elected for this term and fall of next year. Term runs from January 07-January 08.

5:35-5:45 **Announcements and Opportunities**

- Student Fees request completed to GAPSAs
- Graduate School Orientation: 30 students non-traditional students accepted mid-term
- COGS executive positions open
- Travel grant and leadership award applications available and due in March: available soon, deadline before spring break (around Sept1, 2006- August 2007)
- Leadership Award: need letter of nomination
- Exec VP: no new news
- Communication VP: no new news
- Finance read applications for travel grants

- GAPSA executive position open: VP for Public Affairs is open; 20 hours week
- GAPSA resolutions: Both passed
- MSA and GAPSA joint proposal to add more ethnicity check boxes to University forms
- GAPSA proposal that opt out fees, should not be optional with each semester registration

5:45-5:50 **Transportation and Parking Survey**

- Survey online at University website
- Write up a resolution for increased parking availability for graduate students on weekends and evenings

5:50-6:05 **Legislative Committee Hearing report**

- Information on budget process, and discussion of recommendations for new executive position
- Debt accumulation, cost of textbooks
- Tuition is not the bottom line
- Class sizes are getting larger, smaller classes are getting cancelled

6:05-6:20 **P&R Council organization for spring in groups (Policy and Review Council)**

- Sign-up for spring council meetings
- Discuss recruitment strategies specific to area
- Brainstorm projects, workshops, etc that address a need of the grad student population that could be offered in spring
- Monitor and update DGSs, discuss course proposals, COGS brings grad student voice, take info back to the COGS General Assembly

Ed Psych meeting: Wed, March 28, 3-5

Bio Sci: Tues, March 27, 3-5

Eng, Phy, Math, Sci: Tues, April 10, 3-5

Health Sci: Tues, April 24, 3-5

Lang, Lit, Arts: April 4, 3-5

Social Sci: Wed, April 18, 3-5

6:20-6:30 **New Business or ideas from program representatives**

Nothing brought to the floor

6:30 **Meeting was adjourned**