

COGS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 29, 2006—5:00 PM
Presidents' Room—Coffman Memorial Union

Announcements

- **Spring meeting schedule is available** (locations to be determined)
 - Jan 24
 - Feb 21
 - March 21
 - April 18

- **January Grad Orientation**
 - Thursday, Jan 12, 2007
 - 8:45-9:45 Resource Fair, Coffman
 - 3:30-4:30 Student Panel, Coffman
 - (See Denise to volunteer)

- **Extra insurance cards: Blue Cross Blue Shield**
 - Aeleah would like to collect names of people who received more than one set of insurance cards in the mail from Blue Cross Blue Shield to pass along to the Grad School deans to investigate with Boyton administrators. Aeleah collected names and emails from people at the meeting who received multiple sets of cards.

GAPSA meeting Update

- Tony Guba elected at-large director of student affairs,
- Exec board wants to facilitate a closer relationship with NAGPS
- Some issues about travel grants were expressed
 - Law students are excluded for many functions that qualify
- GAPSA exec board had issues/questions with COGS lobbying initiative

COPE meeting-presented by Ellie Hartman (rep)

- Community building April 11 Public Engagement Day: Coffman: share public engagement opportunities with everyone on campus: maybe we could link it to research for grad schools (maue0016@umn.edu)
- Public engagement is building community (on the weekends the campus is empty)
- Program student groups may be a way to develop more public engagement

SENATORS

- We need more volunteers for GAPSA, one additional senator and several alternates!
- One opening for a senator—would serve on GAPSA and University Senate
- Contact Bryan for more info (gordo225@umn.edu)

P & R Councils

- **CAROL: Food Crop Sciences**
 - Did not endorse new degree program at Duluth
 - 8666: before you have passed your orals (4 semesters worth: 6 credits per semester, after two semesters need to get DGS approval, encourage depts to develop/authorize Directed Research credits)

- **JOAO: Engineering, physics and math sciences**
 - Discussed 8666
 - Writing down policy for certificate program
 - Change budget process—dean looking for input- surveyed DGS and assistants, 27 % response rate, where should they spend extra money. Survey said the grad student advising was OK, (not the students feelings). Judicial committee rep for 6 students contact Dean Green
 - Deans are very implicitly supportive, impressed with tax lobbying last year

- **ELI: Social Sciences**
 - Some student reps and professor did not like the way the deans accused the grad students of misusing 8666 credits
 - Why do students take so many 8666 credits? Depts are the only one's who benefit from this arrangement.

- **EDEN: Language, Lit and Arts**
 - Interesting info: find completion stats for the last ten years from: www.grad.umn.edu: follow links through: Program & Profiles: TW Grad Programs: can get stats for completion rates for specific programs

- **SARA: Education & Psychology**
 - EdD at Duluth approved: Professional program summer intensive courses and online courses
 - 2 semesters of 6 credits, after that need approval
 - Starting student groups in Ed Psych discussion

- **SAIBU: Health Sciences**
 - Some students do need more than 4 semesters of 8666
 - Support of lobbying efforts
 - Certificate in surgery was tabled for now

FORMS AND FORMALITIES Workshop

- 35 at Masters
- 45-50 at PhD workshop
- PowerPoint presentations are posted to the website

FELLOWSHIPS WORKSHOP

- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Info Sessions
- Panel will include: Director and faculty member evaluators, 2 currently fellows
- \$21,000/a year for 60 students
 - Monday December 4, 12:30, @ 110 St. Paul Campus Student Center (see map at <http://onestop.umn.edu/Maps/StCen/>)
 - Wednesday December 6, 2:30, @ 2-101 Nils Hasselmo Hall (see map at <http://onestop.umn.edu/Maps/NHH/>)

LOBBYING ROUNDTABLE: Eden and Eli

- Create position for a liason, more involvement with groups on campus and legislature
- Still working on the organization of the duties:
 - Organize and coordinate visits to the legislature
 - Keep eye on the budget: issues for grad students: 1 mil for grad students
 - Those issues excluded from the budget
 - Advocate for COGS resolutions
 - Testify at higher ed committees (leg would like more grad school presence)
 - Attend COGS GA meetings
 - Maintain relationships with state legislators
 - Keep open lines of communication with organizations on campus
- Should this person go to Dean's meetings? Exec meetings?
- 3-5 hours per month/ heavier in the spring: 12-20 hours per month
- Anyone who is interested should talk with Eden or Eli (kaise113@umn.edu)

DEPT SPECIFIC EMAIL

- If you should need one you can ask ADCS
- They can give you an alias with dept specific email account such as: hilk@educ.umn.edu
- Is this an issue COGS should take up?

ELECTION ANNOUNCED FOR NEW VP OF FINANCE

- Position will up for election in January
- Comes with a \$1000 stipend
- Processes travel grants in the spring

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.