

COGS General Assembly Meeting

Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008

5-7pm

Coffman Memorial Union, President's Room

5:00-5:15pm Food: Jewel of India

5:15pm Meeting Begins

Announcements:

- Leadership Award Recipients
  - Noelle Noonan - Music
  - Honorable Mentions:
    - Isaac Kamola - Political Science
    - Robyn Skrebes - Public Policy
- Travel Grant Recipients
  - Zhen Wang—Political Science
  - Catherine Kelly—Education
  - Debarchana Ghosh—Geography
  - Lynne Baker—Conservation Biology
  - Fernando Herrera Calderón—History
  - William Daddario—Theatre
  - Leah Domine—Ecology, Evolution & Behavior
  - Julia Rauchfuss—Geography
- GSA Workshop update by Eden Kaiser, good ideas and questions, May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Linguistics conference \$5, email [cogs@umn.edu](mailto:cogs@umn.edu) or [kaise113@umn.edu](mailto:kaise113@umn.edu) for more info

Elections: We elected a full executive board!!

- President: Geoff Hart

- Exec. VP: Matt Kaplan
- VP of Finance: Andy Exley
- VP of Communications: Peter Gloviczki
- VP of Internal Relations: Vladimyr Gidzak
- VP of External Relations: Boyd Cothran
- P&R Chairs
  - Biological Sciences: Pamela Weisenhorn
  - Social Sciences: Zhen Wang
  - Education and Psychology: Caroline Hilk
  - Engineering Physical & Mathematical Sciences: Jessica Eichmiller
  - Language, Literature and the Arts: Eden Kaiser
  - Health Sciences: Mandy Stahre
- Senators: Still need more!! Contact Bryan Gordon or Matt Kaplan
  - An-Min Wu
  - Jennifer Corcoran
  - Neeraj Rai

Alternates:

Gena Quiriam

Sara Mack

Pamela Weisenhorn

Carol Powers

Updates & Discussion:

- GAPSA Meeting
  - Elections went well, but long
  - Best Financial Practices Resolution passed, monthly financial reports will be presented at meetings
  - U of M GAPSA hosting national assembly, NAGPS, call for volunteers on planning the conference
- Collaborative Dissertation to be voted in the Executive P & R Council: discussion

- 60/40 split between reps who knew about it and those who didn't, brief synopsis of what it is- collaboratively written theses and dissertations between students at the same academic level. P & R councils met, voting results as follows:

- Biological Sciences: Passed
- Social Sciences: Failed
- Education and Psychology: Passed
- Engineering Physical & Mathematical Sciences: Passed
- Language, Literature and the Arts: Passed
- Health Sciences: Failed

- Question of what the student interest is in all of this, so far only faculty and deans have been discussing the idea. Who's it really for anyway?

- Basically have to trust future students to make the right decisions for their own futures.

Guest Speaker: Gayla Marty (Graduate School Dean's office) discusses

Grad School Communications:

- Will be overhauling the website, making it more compatible between MyU and the U portal.
- Does work for University relations, involved with Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship and providing media training for them

Update:

- o Sustainability Committee (Matt Kaplan)
  - Attended a conference in Iowa about sustainable campuses
  - Conference mostly full of smaller schools, their issues are different than larger schools like the U of M
  - Conference did not discuss roles of grad students and undergrads, but both are important shareholders in sustainability on campus
  - Need more members for the Sustainability committee!!

Appreciation:

○ Current Officers and Reps:

Bryan Gordon (Executive VP)

Eric Grashorn (VP Internal Relations)

Matt Kaplan (VP External Relations)

Andy Exley (VP Finance)

Jenny Corcoran (VP Communications)

Caroline Hilk (Ed & Psych P & R)

Sarah Stoddard (Health Sciences P & R)

Eli Meyerhoff (Sociology P & R)

Eden Kaiser (Language & Liberal Arts P & R)

Geoff Hart (Biological Sciences P & R)

Scott Johnson (Eng., Phys. & Math Sciences P & R)

○ Top GA Attendees

Alyssa Anderson (Entomology)

Angela George (HLLCL)

Duane Robinson (Vet Medicine)

Tim Salo (Computer Science)

RenataTicha (Education Psychology)

Andy Warta (Chemical Engineering)

Pamela Weisenhorn (Ecology, Evolution & Behavior)

Pam Wesely (Education, Curriculum & Instruction)

Xi Zhu (Sociology)