

Council of Graduate Students General Assembly - April 16, 2009

Before Meeting - Geoff announced that COGS would have an open meeting in May. Dean Crouch will speak and the assembly will debate the recommendations.

6:00 - Approved Agenda & General Assembly Minutes

6:01 - Presented Leadership and Travel Awards

- Presented Leadership award to Apeckchya Karki and Runner Up Greg Schneider
- Presented the Travel Awards to John Ballard, Yi-Wen Chiu, Jill Flynn, Amanda Kueper, Oksana Laleko, Uttam Sharma, Elizabeth Wallace, Lucia Zacchi

6:08 - Mr. Hart updated the GA on COGS meeting with President Bruininks. COGS wrote a pledge on student governance and asked the President to sign it. The President said he would not sign it but that he would work with COGS after the Committee on Graduate Education's report was released to assure the continued existence of student governance. Mr. Hart also reported that he educated the President on the function and role of COGS. It was asked if the letter to the Regents was address. Mr. Hart reported that it had not been.

6:13 - Mr. Cothran updated on the Implementation Team. He said the report is written. It will be finalized tomorrow and this weekend. It will be released no later than April 24.

6:17 - Mr. Hart reported on the Faculty Senate Motions. The first motion addressed the process of the Graduate School restructuring. The second called for a resolution opposed to the restructuring.

6:21 - Mr. Hart reported that GAPSA provided GradSEHD and COGS with funding to bring Jorge Cham, author of "Piled Higher & Deeper."

6:23 - The GA voted on the Proposed Amendment to the COGS Constitution.

Amendment 1:

Article II. Membership

Paragraph 3:

“The Council of Graduate Students represents all students in good standing in programs within the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota.

Change to:

Paragraph 3:

“The Council of Graduate Students represents all students in good standing in programs within the Graduate School or any successor unit at the University of Minnesota.

The Amendment was moved to vote and seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

6:26 - Floor was opened for nominations.

It was moved that Mandy Stahre be nominated as President - Ms. Stahre accepted - the vote was unanimous.

It was moved that Charlie Billington (in absentia) be nominated as Executive Vice-President - A letter from Mr. Billington was read aloud - there was 30 to 1 in favor of Mr. Billington.

It was moved that Boyd Cothran be nominated as VP of External Relations - the vote was 30 to 1 in favor of Mr. Cothran.

It was moved that Jeremy Wang be nominated as VP of Internal Relations - Mr. Wang accepted - Mr. Wang read a prepared statement to the GA.

It was also moved that Angie Pitel be nominated as VP of Internal Relations - a letter from Ms. Pitel was read aloud -

It was moved that the vote for VP of Internal Relations be a paper ballot.

It was moved that Tim Salo be nominated as VP of Communications - Mr. Salo accepted - the vote was unanimous.

P&R Chairs

It was moved that Jeff Hall be nominated as the Biology P&R Chair - Mr. Hall accepted - the vote was unanimous.

Nelson Amaral moved to nominate himself as the Social Science P&R Chair - Mr. Amaral gave a speech - the vote was unanimous

It was moved that Caroline Hilk be nominated as the Education and Psychology P&R Chair - the vote was unanimous.

It was moved that Yun Li be nominated as the Engineering, Physical and Mathematical Sciences P&R Chair - Ms. Li gave a speech - the vote was unanimous.

It was moved that Muhammad Adburrahman be nominated as the Language, Literature, and Arts P&R Chair - a letter from Mr. Adburrahman was read aloud - the vote was.

Senators

It was moved that Angie Pitel be nominated, Boyd Cothran moved to nominate himself, it was moved that Pamela Weisenhorn, Charlie Billington, Heather, Zeeshan, Joao be nominated - the vote was unanimous.

It was moved that the GA be adjourned. The vote was unanimous.