

APPROVED 4/9/12
UCGS Meeting Minutes
113 Linton Hall
March 12, 2012 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Participants: Karen Klomparens (TGS), Judith Vinson (NUR), Michael Lawrence (Law), Ayana Allen (COGS), Stefan Fletcher (COGS), Rich Spreng (BUS), Debra Hardison (CAL), Suzanne Lang (HRT/CANR), Lisa Schwartzman (CAL), Liz Gardner (CANR), Derek Polischek (Music), Joe Walther (CAS), Kriss Renn (CoEd), John Goddeeris (CSS), David Weiliky (CNS), Pero Dagovie (SSC), Peter Youngs (CoEd)

Guests: Sue Selke (PKG), Cornell Alsey (Law), Neil Fortin (CANR), Rick Brandenburg (CANR), Bill Jackson (Pharm/Tox)

1. Approval of Agenda: **Approved**

2. Approval of February 6, 2012 Minutes (Attached): **Approved after corrections. See attached corrected minutes.**

3. Remarks from the Chairperson (Goddeeris) – **None**

4. Remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School
 - a. **Dual enrollment proposal AMENDED Feb 27, 2012. Dean Klomparens explained dual enrollment intention. See attachment.**

5. **Remarks from the COGS Representative: Stefan Fletcher's, COGS President, Remarks:**
 - a. 1) **Smoke-Free Campus Proposal:** At Feb. COGS Full Council meeting, graduate & professional student representatives voted to support discussions related to MSU moving towards a smoke-free campus. Council recognized, however, that certain questions related to implementation and enforcement still must be addressed.
 - b. 2) **Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week (April 2-6, 2012).** 1st annual appreciation week to be sponsored by COGS. Lots of events & activities planned for the week. Events to be announced at the March COGS Full Council Meeting (March 14, 2012, KIVA Erickson). Over 300 tickets have been sold to graduate and professional students for one of the events that week, the annual CrossTown Showdown baseball game between the Lansing Lugnuts and the MSU Baseball team. Order forms can be found at <http://www.cogs.msu.edu>.
 - c. 3) **COGS Graduate Academic Conference (March 30, 2012, Communication Arts & Sciences Bldg.:** 4th annual interdisciplinary research conference. Over 200 students expected from MSU, Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. More information can be found at <http://www.msugac.com>.
 - d. 4) **CIC Graduate Student Leadership Collaboration.** COGS working hard to encourage collaboration at the graduate and professional student leadership level amongst various campuses in the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC). Graduate and professional leaders from across the CIC will be joining their Graduate Deans at their annual meeting, which this year is at MSU at the end of May.

- e. 5) **"Get Chitt Done 5K Run" (March 25th, 2012):** Raising awareness of COGS' support to renovate Chittenden Hall. Race entry forms can be found at <http://www.cogs.msu.edu>.
 - f. 6) **COGS Executive Board Elections:** The COGS Executive Board elections will be held during the March 2012 COGS Full Council meeting. Information related to this will be communicated to academic governance after the meeting.
6. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees
- a. **Curriculum and Program Review Subcommittee** – No Report
 - b. **Academic Research Policy Subcommittee** - No Report. Dean Klomparens shared with UCGS that there seems to be no interest in changing the current configuration of Graduate Faculty.
 - c. **Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee**
 - i. *DRAFT: Recommendation for RA/TA compensation 2012 – 2013 at 3% stipend increase. (TAs will receive 2% plus access to the TA Tuition Pool). **Discussion by UCGS and motion put forth to approve this Recommendation. Approve.**
7. ***Request to establish the Master of Laws Program, the L.L.M. and M.J. in Global Food Law** in the Michigan State University College of Law. **Approved.**
8. *Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Science** degree in **Packaging** in the School of Packaging. **Approved.**
9. *Request to establish a **Graduate Certificate** in **Safety Pharmacology** in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. **Approved**
10. UPDATE: review of graduate dean (Renn). **Several UCGS members volunteered to assist Dr. Renn with Dean Klomparen's Review**
11. Roundtable: Dr. S. Lang clarified the merger language for Plant Pathology and Horticulture. A letter will be sent to the faculties from the Dean and Chairperson of Horticulture for faculty feedback.
12. Adjournment

*Action Items