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FY 2017-2018 Financials
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

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Council of Graduate Students: 2017-18 Report

Continued Services

- Student Orientations: COGS EBoard representatives attended 39 department orientations & resource fairs and distributed over 2,000 welcome packets
- Funding/Support : (Spring Awards to be announced after 4/25 are not included here)
 - Approved \$12,900 among 43 students in conference awards
 - Approved \$10,500 in professional development awards among 21 students
 - Approved \$14,310.00 GSO support awards among 28 student groups
 - Renewed the COGS Childcare Endowment Fund and assisted 16 eligible students with \$500 each toward Childcare needs.
 - Successfully secured donations from VPRGS and MSUFCU in the amount of \$10,000 to bolster the Conference Fund account toward funding as many applicants as possible.
 - Prepared and distributed 7,000 End of Semester “Rest & De-Stress” kits - treats for all graduate and professional student departments on campus
- Provided funding to cover Free Legal Services and Short Term Loans for Graduate and Professional Students
- Meal Plans: Over 1,345 Meal Plan Bundles (10) -- That’s 13,450+ *discounted* meals sold to Graduate & Professional Students through April 10, 2018, saving students over \$26,000!
- Wharton Center: COGS has sold 189 tickets to six Wharton Center shows this season. COGS discounts the student rate, saving students \$5 per ticket as well as additional ticket fees.
- COGS hosted a highly successful 10th Annual GAC (Graduate Academic Conference) on February 17, 2018. For the first time ever, the MSU Alumni Association was involved, providing judges and moderators. Over 100 students attended, including 80 oral & poster presenters. This year’s GAC hosted its first ever Three-Minute Thesis competition, where students were given three minutes to summarize their research for their peers and a panel of judges. Additionally, COGS voted to reimburse the 3MT winner’s travel expenses (\$200) to compete in the Midwestern regional 3MT competition. In addition to student presentation, participants engaged in workshops, keynote address, and final awards ceremony. COGS award a total of \$1,800.00 in prize money to the winners.
- COGS engaged the graduate student body in fun and rewarding activities during our April Grad. & Professional Student Appreciation Week (GPSAW). 96 students attended our annual Detroit Tigers opening weekend trip. Many took advantage of discounted Sparty’s coffee/soda coupons, Eat at State Food truck combo, Free Dairy Store scoop coupons, Movie Night, Wings Wed. at Harrison Roadhouse, Free Skate at Munn Ice Arena, and free Chair Massages.

Community Work and Advocacy

- As part of the Mental Health Committee, a COGS member was instrumental in winning RHA's Cash for Change initiative, securing \$25,000 to help improve mental health services on campus! Additionally, Grad student leadership is helping to provide a voice in the selection of a new CAPS director.
- COGS reps on the Graduate Welfare Committee have volunteered with the "Many Hands" initiative to provide emergency weekend meals to area grade school students in need.
- Provided funding support to Campus initiatives such as "It's on Us" campaign and the MSU Student Food Bank.
- Approved funding support for the 2018 MSU Latinx Film Festival and the 2018 GSLW Leadership Institute
- COGS and the GEU collaborated to hold a rally at The Rock on Nov. 29th as part of a Nationwide effort to oppose the grad tax that was part of the pending tax reform bill in Congress.
- COGS, with the leadership of members of UCSA, has provided feedback on changes to the SRR and UHR and passed legislation in support of the new policies.
- COGS leadership helped to raise the grad student concerns to the East Lansing City Council regarding the ballot measure to raise the city income tax, which would negatively affect our constituents. Grad students were urged to get out and vote. The measure was ultimately defeated.
- COGS worked with East Lansing community members as well as MSU student groups including Black Student Alliance, Associated Students of MSU, Residence Halls Association, International Students Association, Alliance of Queer and Ally Students, Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, College Democrats, College Republicans, to concept and coordinate Spartan Love & Solidarity Day on March 5th. This was in response to Richard Spencer's scheduled presence on campus that day and offered an alternative to the divisiveness surrounding Spencer's event. Free events included gathering at E.L. Meals on Wheels for community service from 12-2; Diversifest at All Saints Episcopal Church for food, entertainment, arts & crafts, cultural activities and random acts of kindness from 4-7; and in the evening, 100+ students and community members met at NCG Cinema for a free screening of the Black Panther movie.

Collaborative Efforts

- COGS held a successful Fall Welcome Cookout following the Graduate Resource Fair at Benefactors Plaza on August 26th. Face painting, caricature artists, inflatable amusements, chair massages, music & dancing, Zumba demonstrations, and even a visit from Sparty entertained nearly 1,000 graduate students and their families. Participants enjoyed fresh grilled food from Spartan Hall of Fame Cafe. Insomnia Cookies donated 1,000 cookies, and the Dairy Store and RHS each donated treats. We gave away over 60 prizes donated from 22 vendors on and off campus. Follow-up survey showed a positive response to this annual event.
- COGS hosted 3 tailgates (with help from the BGSA) with high attendance (250+) and provided

a great forum for grad students to mingle, enjoy free food and have fun.

- COGS hosted 3 Trivia nights at Harrison Roadhouse Pub, which were filled to capacity and then some!
- COGS and Co-Sponsor PhD Career Services brought Jorge Cham, creator of PhD Comics, to campus on Nov 15th. Jorge held a lunch for Engineering students, a leadership coffee hour, and a special lecture for graduate and professional students. Over 200 students attended this great event, which was also made possible by other sponsors: the Graduate School, CAPS, Grad Student Life & Wellness. Jorge was so inspired by the conversations he had with our graduate students about the grad tax that he wrote a comic about it!
- GWC and COGS Representatives worked together to package & distribute over 7,000 end-of-semester “Rest and De-stress” kits to graduate students on campus. Kits included small snacks and stress relief items such as stress ball and adult coloring book.
- COGS Co-Sponsored with Grad Student Life & Wellness very popular event this Spring: Personal Finance for PhDs Seminar with Dr. Emily Roberts.
- Other COGS collaborations & sponsorships included: LatinX Film Festival, It’s On Us, MLK Day resource fair, GSLW Leadership Institute, Imposter Syndrome presentation, and MSU Safe Place: Race for the Place 5K

New Initiatives

- International Grad & Professional Student Coffee Hours - This is intended to provide an informal, conversational outlet for international (and all) grad & professional students to gather and discuss issues that affect them. We’ve tailored each month’s session to address comments, concerns, and desires expressed in the previous meetings. In November, COGS partnered with the Writing Center to hold a workshop to help students write/hone their personal statements for job and school applications. Our final coffee hour will be held on April 26th.
- Graduate Dialogue Series - With the guidance and support of Donna Kaplowitz and Paulette Granberry Russell, COGS has collaborated with such student organizations as MICCA, BGSA, GEU, and others to create a three-event series which will facilitate conversations designed to create awareness, build inclusivity, and increase our capacity to communicate across communities of cultural and social difference. Successful events included: Open Space Dialogue on Feb. 10th; DIS Presents: A Forum for Scholars’ Voices on March 24th, and the final event scheduled for April 12th at Brody Dining Hall – Dialogue Over Dinner.

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2018-19!

Council of Graduate Students
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2017 through June 2018

	<u>Jul '17 - Jun 18</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
Prior Year Surplus	0.00	68,049.54
4-2000 · Investment Income	5,217.02	5,000.00
4-2100 · Student Fees	264,627.63	250,000.00
4-2300 · Conference Grant Income	10,000.00	10,000.00
4-2500 · GAC Income	0.00	0.00
4-2800 · Social Events Income	0.00	0.00
4-2810 · Meal Plans	-2,294.00	
Total Income	<u>277,550.65</u>	<u>333,049.54</u>
Gross Profit	277,550.65	333,049.54
Expense		
PD AWARD	0.00	
6-1000 · Meeting Expense		
6-1200 · Full Council Meetings	9,229.39	8,000.00
6-1300 · E-Board Meetings	734.72	1,000.00
6-1400 · Staff Meetings	313.88	500.00
Total 6-1000 · Meeting Expense	<u>10,277.99</u>	<u>9,500.00</u>
6-2000 · Services Expense		
6-2100 · Legal Services	49,740.85	59,402.96
6-2200 · Event Funding Request	20,037.36	30,000.00
6-2300 · Conference Grant Fund	18,892.20	50,000.00
6-2800 · Social Events	39,679.26	45,000.00
6-2810 · Collaboration	8,012.70	20,000.00
6-2820 · Professional Development	75.00	1,500.00
6-2830 · Advertising - Social Events	366.70	500.00
Total 6-2000 · Services Expense	<u>136,804.07</u>	<u>206,402.96</u>
6-2440 · COGS Merchandise	9,709.94	10,000.00
6-2600 · Special Projects		
6-2620 · Dreamers Grant	0.00	2,500.00
6-2630 · Community Relation Coalition	0.00	500.00
6-2600 · Special Projects - Other	17,673.18	17,724.58
Total 6-2600 · Special Projects	<u>17,673.18</u>	<u>20,724.58</u>
6-3000 · Programs		
6-3110 · GSO Support Funding	300.00	1,500.00
6-3200 · COGS EBoard Retreat	2,329.41	1,200.00
6-3500 · EBoard Parking Reimbursement		
6-3505 · Eboard Parking Passes	2,330.00	4,272.00
6-3500 · EBoard Parking Reimbursement - Other	20.00	300.00
Total 6-3500 · EBoard Parking Reimbursement	<u>2,350.00</u>	<u>4,572.00</u>
6-3520 · Committee Service Parking	0.00	500.00
6-3700 · MSU Student FoodBank	5,000.00	5,000.00
6-3990 · Appreciation Gifts	1,317.73	1,500.00
Total 6-3000 · Programs	<u>11,297.14</u>	<u>14,272.00</u>
6-4000 · Copy Expense		

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6-4300 · Copier Maintenance	1,493.36	1,700.00
Total 6-4000 · Copy Expense	1,493.36	1,700.00
6-5000 · Payroll		
6-5100 · COGS Business Manager Salary	65,127.52	43,000.00
6-5200 · Student Payroll	20,425.84	21,000.00
Total 6-5000 · Payroll	85,553.36	64,000.00
6-6000 · Office Expense		
6-6100 · Telephone	730.12	800.00
6-6200 · Postage	49.72	50.00
6-6300 · Office Supplies	1,657.69	2,000.00
6-6800 · Account Fees	1,774.41	2,000.00
6-6900 · Technology/Maintenance	1,274.92	1,500.00
Total 6-6000 · Office Expense	5,486.86	6,350.00
6-6700 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	100.00
Total Expense	278,295.90	333,049.54
Net Income	-745.25	0.00