Feb 4, 2013 GSA Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting begins at 5:03 PM

Board of Trustees Update: Stephanie Bonucci

Stephanie Bonucci is the Student Board of Trustee (BoT) representative for the entire student body. The BoT are currently discussing:

1. Capital construction plan (5-10 years vision), including clear creek sports complex
2. Issues with the incoming freshman class size. May have to halt accepting applications.
3. Research highlights: Mines got an award this month from the DoE, the Critical Materials Award that went to the Kroll Institute for Extractive Metallurgy (MME)
4. New super computer in Boulder, will be in place this semester.

Joint Operating Agreement: Cici

Cici explains the document, and mentions a few editorials.
Cici calls for a motion to open for discussion.
Nathan Greeney motions for discussion,
Daniel Haughey seconds.

Changes:
1. Sec 5d. should be changed to Sec. 6 or 7.
2. Sec 7a, institutional policies…should be updated to reflect these name changes.
3. Sec 7b. 7.a.i should be 7.b.i

Now Cici moves to vote on the entire document. Passes unanimously.
Will now send back to the undergrads and get approval

Joint Meeting: Cici

March 7, 2013 (first Thursday in March), will most likely be at 5pm in the Student Ctr Ballrooms.
Point of Discussion: Capital planning with Chris Cocallas pertaining to campus infrastructure.
Cici opens for suggestions of topics of discussion during the Joing Meeting.

Michele Weichman: If mining moves to Berthoud, what happens to geology?
Adam Richmond: Tennis courts. Contractors deemed courts unsafe to play on during an estimate. Possibly starting this semester they will be chained up and will not allow play on them. Issue has been brought up to John Howard, Derek Morgan etc. They asked to get new estimates on them. Wants to know whether the tennis courts are a part of the clear creek athletic complex.

New Issue: Parking (Cici)

Cici met with Matt McNew about the issue. The advisory board, in the past, has been more or less set aside. They put out recommendations, and parking ignored them. From student perspective, many students have been vexed by the parking situation on campus. GSA requested the parking budget, but never received. GSA/UGS are putting together a joint resolution (currently student voice is ignored). Parking has close to a million dollar budget, and we’re wandering where the money is going. GSA/UGS wants parking advisory board to become a **parking approval board**.
Nick VanGundy: Parking committee does not even control prices. Does not think this will happen.
Cici: We know it most likely will not be implemented, but we want to have open access of information. We want to show a history of the student voice being ignored. Asked Derek Morgan and Dan Fox to look into Parking at last year’s Joint Meeting discussing the Student Fee increase for the Recreation Center.
Want more clarity and better communication.
Nick VanGundy: Parking tickets get them an additional ~$30K a year.
Cici asks what the general feeling of the council is.
Nathan Greeney: thinks it needs to be done.
Cici: Will draft a resolution acceptable to both USG and GSA
No other comments and concerns.

2013 Conference on Earth & Energy Research: Mark Taylor

Discussed upcoming events, and answered some questions pertaining to the conference.
Evan Kias: The free poster printing is a motivator for students in his department to participate
Abstract submission deadline is Feb 9, 2013.

Academic Workshops: Michael Young

Will hold another LyX workshop in the Spring 2013 semester.
Michele Weichman: would like it to be held fairly soon.
Michael: Session will deal mostly with bibliography. Tentatively scheduled for the lunch hour, next Tuesday (Feb 12, 2013).

Next scheduled meeting is on President’s day (Feb 18, 2013). Cici will look into whether we can have an official meeting on Monday or not.

Adjourned at 5:41 PM