1. Discussion on Recreation Center Fee and Health Services Fee increase

(a) Council representatives should attend (or send a proxy) to the ASCSM meeting on March 22nd to facilitate a joint meeting for the purpose of considering a fee increase.

(b) It appears that the initial estimates on how much it would cost to operate the facility made certain assumptions about how much of the auxiliary funds would be available to supplement the cost of the building.

(c) Last year the fee only covered 83% of the bond and no operational expenses.

(d) Health center costs ended up being twice as much as the architect predicted.

(e) What are the consequences of not approving the increase?

   i. Since revenue is coming from other sources it may not be apparent, but it is likely that rec center services will be cut or reduced.

(f) What does the athletics department contribute?

   i. The amount that is contributed depends on what funds are available and are transferred through the auxiliary funds.

(g) Requested the original proposal so that we can look it over. We were informed that as soon as it is available then we will receive a copy.

2. President

(a) Update on 2012 CEER: Going really well, about 175 presenters are registered.

(b) Discussion on changes to ASCSM position, one position will attend both faculty senate and GSA.

(c) Proposed changes to ASCSM-GSA Joint Operating Agreement.

(d) “Lunch and Learn” with Alphagraphics about advanced design techniques (3/9 at 12 PM, Metals Hall).

(e) Feedback on Lecture Series Grant: Ronin Institute. About 45 attendees.

3. Vice President is unavailable

4. No updates from Academic Chair (Bylaws Changes deferred): Will send out digital copy (forgot, sorry!).

5. Treasurer

(a) Updates on cash reserve (we should have some more money than we thought, but we want to make sure before reallocating it).

6. Social Chair(s)

(a) Planning two social events for CEER: having the PhD Comics movie on Wednesday and a combined CEER/E-Days event on Thursday at the Mountaineering Center off-campus.

7. No advisor report

8. No Department Representative Reports

9. Committee Reports

(a) Parking Advisory budget information received, this year their expenses are $535k.

(b) Attempting to get a detailed budget from the comptroller.
(c) Revenue is currently 80% from permits, 5% fines, 15% from meters.
(d) Increasing projected expenses next year.

10. New Business

(a) Discussion/Vote on Student Life Proposal (at the beginning).
(b) New Lecture Series Grant application will go out digitally (forgot to bring). Lecture would be about about nitrogen metabolism, asking for about $700. Council gave a soft approval of the proposal.

11. Announcements

(a) Proposed new graduate student mentoring program to be piloted next fall. Want to know when we would have liked to have had a mentor (well in advance!). Suggested that mentors should be department specific. Some departments already have mandatory mentoring, suggested that the program should tie in with existing programs. Current vision is to have it be a volunteer program. Suggested that GSA should be involved in socials for the program so that students meet people outside of their departments. Alumni mentoring program appears to not mesh well with the proposed plan due to it relying on alumni and being targeted for professional development. Suggested name of “peer advisor program” instead of mentoring program. Potentially have some link-in with the barbecue.
(b) Guidelines for CEER presenters will be sent out tomorrow!