Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes April 2, 2012

I. Executive Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Upcoming Lecture Series – Tuesday
   b. Vice-President
      i. 2012 Conference on Earth and Energy Research Wrap-Up
         1. Largest attendance in history
         2. Suggestions and way forward
            a. Liked the industry aspect, mutual benefits
            b. Judge knowledge base not on par with technical content
            c. Liked being able to view the scores
            d. Have judges reset password before showing up
            e. Liked online judging form
      ii. ASCSM Joint Meeting and Fee Increase Proposal
          1. Final increase is attached
          2. 30%, 47% reduction from initial asks (RC, HC)
          3. Important inclusion of paying for staff costs
          4. Still pursuing the discussion on involving students in the budget discussion and bulletin discussion
   c. Academic Chair
      i. Bylaws updates (document sent 3/16)
         1. Added elected NAGPS board member(s) as ex-officio, non-voting seat(s)
         2. Split elections: President/Treasurer in Fall, VP/Academic/Social in Spring
   d. Treasurer
      i. Budget update (CEER) at next meeting
   e. Social Chair
      i. Wonderful CEER social events/E-Days kickoff!
      ii. Upcoming Spring BBQ on Kafadar (May)
         1. Denise will not be here, Mattie will be here and is looking for help. Talk to Denise or Zach.
   f. Advisor Report

II. Department Representative Reports

III. Committee Reports
   a. Tech Fee Committee – Doug – Looking for second representative
      i. The second graduate student stepped down, looking for a rep now. The review process is just starting. Questions on proposals due on April 12th. Award meeting on April 25 at 4:30pm tech meeting to go through awarding. Ryan volunteered.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business
   a. Motion to approve bylaws
      i. How to handle this year's elections?
         1. Motion to amend the bylaws to add a suspension of the bylaws clause with 75% of voting members, regardless of quorum. Motion carries.
ii. Motion carries. 1 abstain.

b. Approval of 2 Family Assistance Grants for Spring Semester ($625)
   i. Deadline has passed, need was great, budget is still on track

c. NAGPS Graduate Leadership Summit and Board Retreat at the end of May
   i. Targeting presidents of lifetime member schools
   ii. Discussion on strategic planning
   iii. Have 10 slots for ASCSM and GSA attendance
   iv. ASCSM committed $1500, Dr. Boyd in OGS committed $1500, asking GSA for $1500
      1. Campus meeting space is free
      2. Meet and greet with legislators and Mines admin
      3. Food
      4. Housing (Dr. Boyd’s funds)

d. Nominations for Elections
   i. VP: Mark
   ii. Academic: Michael
   iii. Social Chair: Mattie, Amanda, Shawn