Graduate Student Government Meeting Minutes (8/26/2013)

I. Executive Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Introduction of Council Members
         Mark: Introduced the Representatives and Execs via roll call.
      ii. Celebration of Mines – Friday, August 30, 5:30pm
         Mark: Discussed the upcoming Celebration of Mines event in which all clubs on campus come together. The GSG will have a booth there. There was a typo on the main outline. It should have been August, not May.
         Mark then gave an overview of what GSG does and why we would be at the Celebration of Mines.
   b. Vice President
      i. Conference on Earth & Energy Research (CEER)
         JK: Announced the dates and administrative involvement. The school is becoming involved and this will help with funding. Additionally, CEER is trying to get first year grad students involved.
   c. Academic Chair
      i. Roberts Rules of Order
         John Bristow: All major votes are done by role call and other voting issues.
         Mark: Discussed the academic workshops (grant writing specifically).
   d. Treasurer
      i. NAGPS Nationals Nov 7-10, 2013
         Mark: He mentioned that it is a nationwide organization of student governments. The Nationals will at Western Michigan University this year.
         Ben Fox: He discussed that the travel could be covered for those who are interested in going.
         Mark: He said the NAGPS is an interface with other graduate universities for Mines. He also mentioned that we won an award in 2012.
   e. Social Chair
      i. Recap on Welcome Back BBQ
         Bebe: She mentioned that the Welcome Back BBQ was a success and thanked those who participated. She mentioned that we needed more volunteers. There were approximately 461 people at the BBQ. We had sufficient food and drinks. If anyone has ideas, they should contact her.
      ii. Social co-Chair Position Available
         Bebe: She said that one person has already contacted her about the position. She also encouraged the council to talk to her if they any of them were interested.
f. **Advisor Report**
   i. Derek Morgan – Associate Dean of Students
   Derek Morgan: He discussed his role at Mines and his relationship to the GSG. He works with the undergraduates primarily. He is also the one who helps the GSG with obtaining alcohol permits and issues surrounding alcohol on campus. Additionally, he helps a great deal with event planning overall.

   ii. Tom Boyd – Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies
   Tom Boyd: He said that Mines is looking for a new dean of Graduate Studies (starting on January 1st) because he has been promoted to associate provost. The GSG execs will get to give some feedback during the interview process for the new Dean of Graduate Studies. Dr. Boyed also mentioned his roles on campus and how he works with the GSG. He is responsible for the administration and management of grant programs and travel grants. All of the paperwork goes through him. He also provides recommendations and information to the GSG exec committee. He meets with Mark once a month. Even though he is being promoted, he said that he would continue to interface with the GSG until next year.

   Dr. Boyd also mentioned that Jahi Simbai has been promoted to Assistant Graduate Dean (frontline support for the CEER Conference).

   Mark: He concluded by saying that regardless of the issue that we have, we should contact either Derek Morgan or Tom Boyd and they can direct us to the right person.

II. **Department Representative Reports**
   a. Shawn Kimmel – Graduate Experience Mentoring (GEM)
   Shawn: GEM started because Shawn wanted to be a mentor. The goal of GEM is to pair up incoming students with someone from their department or area of interest. GEM is trying to build up social activities. The program has grown quite a bit since last year. They always need more mentors. If you're interested contact Shawn.

   Shawn also mentioned that the professional development center might be a good thing for grad students.

III. **Committee Reports**
   a. Diane Witters & Mirna Mattjik – Collaborative Online Discussion on Ethics (CODE)
   Diane: She said that CODE started because students had questions or issues that they needed addressed. However, they wanted them addressed anonymously. This led to CODE which developed an anonymous method for asking ethics questions or discussing other issues so students are more likely to bring them forward. Diane also presented the council with some questions such as “How do we draw people into the site?” and “What do you want to see on the site?”

   Some council members mentioned that they could add a FAQs page or some thematic idea. Additionally, they could add a section regarding things that an international student might like to know. Diane mentioned that they have also started a poster campaign.

   The URL for CODE is ethics.mines.edu.
IV. **Old Business**

V. **New Business**
   a. Committee Assignments
      
      *Mark:* He began a discussion of what the committee assignments are for. Essentially, they are important in order to see where our money is going and what it is getting used for.

      *Shawn:* He mentioned during the committee assignments that it would be good for graduate students to remain active after graduation. The meeting was over before an in depth discussion could be had.

VI. **Announcements**

   **Next Meeting: September 9, 2013**

VII. **Committee Positions**

   • Technology Fee Committee (x2)
     - Taylor Foster
     - John Bristow
   • CSM Alumni Assn. Board of Directors (Currently Mark Taylor)
     - Mark Taylor
   • Calendar Committee
     - Joe Capriotti
   • Student Conduct Appeals Board (John Bristow + 2 more)
     - Nathan Huff
     - Taylor Foster
   • President’s Committee on Diversity (x2)
     - Amy
     - Kevin McCann
   • Parking Advisory Committee
     - Nick Van Gundy
   • Student Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) Appeals Committee (x2)
     - Ben Goertz
     - Shawn Kimmel
   • Sustainability Committee
     - Brian Zaharatos
   • Graduate Council
     - Carissa Homme
   • Research Council
     - Ben Frieman
   • Student Senate of USG
     - New Petroleum Chair (Lois Kamga-Ngameni)
   • Assistant to Social Chair
     - Mike Riederer