Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes September 5, 2011

I. REMERSEC Proposal: Maureen Durkin
   a. NSF Requires them to put together a program targeting post docs
   b. Lecture topics had broader appeal, potentially for graduate students
   c. Would like to partner with GSA for the second year of the program
   d. 1st year consisted of 3 of 4 planned lectures held
   e. Shooting for 4 lectures this year
   f. Proposal to GSA to co-sponsor: marketing, financial assistance (food), and suggest optimal time for maximum attendance
   g. Looking for a time in the next two weeks
      i. Not a single person in charge so takes 4 to 6 weeks to organize an event
      ii. Looking at early October for the first one
   h. REMERSEC: goal is diversity in STEM fields

II. Executive Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Introductions of Executive Committee and Council Representatives
      ii. New website: gsa.mines.edu
      iii. Continuance Fellowship
         1. Targets late term students on a TA/RA who loses funding (6 months away from graduation)
         2. Provides a part time living and tuition stipend
         3. Alumni association has committed maximum of $25K to the program
            a. To be piloted for 1 year
            b. Then will discuss the possibility of long term partnership
         4. Meeting with Scoggins this week to discuss this
         5. Will send out final draft by the next meeting
   iv. GSA Lecture Series
      1. Provide financial assistance to bring in a guest lecturer
      2. Lecture required to be in the evening
      3. Maximum of $7K per lecture
      4. Meant for Departments/Programs that want to bring a speaker of general interest to the entire campus
   v. Funding Request
      1. Required to be brought to Council by the department representative
      2. Dept. Rep needs to vet the validity of the request
      3. Notice must be given to the Exec Committee at least two weeks prior to the request being presented to Council
   vi. Golden Mayoral Candidates
      1. Dialogue in November
      2. Disconnect between university and Golden
      3. Opportunity to rebuild relationship with the city on behalf of the students
      4. Lunch and learn event on campus?
      5. Partner with ASCSM
      6. Why does this benefit graduate students?
a. Fosters a relationship with golden where topics of interest to both parties can be discussed

7. Feedback:
   a. Town meetings already occur that students can go to (especially where parking was considered)
      i. This was through the administration, this event would be on behalf of the students and has nothing to do with parking
   b. What are issues between Mines & Golden that a relationship would benefit?
      i. Traffic control signs, pedestrian bridges, zoning issues with closing the streets, parking (in historic neighborhood), and many Mines students are citizens of Golden so our vote counts
   c. Very few people showed up to the political event hosted by GSA last year. How many people would actually attend? How do we get them there?
      i. Lecture style this time?
      ii. Cheaper food
      iii. Not on a Friday, possible on a Monday
   d. $250 to $300 funding
   e. Parking and traffic maybe not the best topics for this particular event. This is more to forge a relationship with Golden than to bring forward complaints
   f. 10 minute for each representative to give their spill on getting elected
   g. Get community to view us as respectful people, not to voice our complaints to them or them to us

b. VP of Communications
   i. Mines Earth & Energy Conference (formerly Research Fair)
      1. Invite graduate students from other Colorado universities to present
      2. Invite scientists from the energy corridor affiliates (NREL, NIST, NOAA, etc.)
      3. Potentially do a two day conference to accommodate more presenters and oral presentations
      4. Schedule the Wednesday and Thursday before E-Days
      5. Incorporate guest speakers that will align with topical sessions that presentations will be grouped under
   c. Academic Chair
      i. Collaborate with REMERSEC on initiative presented at the start of meeting
      ii. 1st workshop will be at the beginning of October on LyXs
         1. Unofficial thesis template in latex that works with LyXs
         2. Good turnout last year, will present that again this year
      iii. Ideas for other workshops?
         1. Latex tutorial?
            a. LyX’s is easier than latex; it’s like Word
b. Can do a latex workshop for those interested that would need to be longer in order to cover the same content as the LyX’s workshop
2. Friday at lunchtime is not the best, Thursday is better.
3. Grant seeking 101 workshop
   a. Speaker with a DOE and NSF focus
   b. Specifically for PhD students
iv. Mike Greco, Physics
   1. University of Chicago has a pub; difficulty finding a place to hang out around campus outside of the department; would it be possible to reopen the I-club as a pub?; possibly name it a “Lounge”; academic services currently in I-Club?
d. Treasurer
   i. Graduate diplomas are pure silver, admin typically covers cost but are now asking GSA to bear the extra cost usually around 22K.
      1. GSA has protected silver diplomas
         a. Votes for the past three years of graduate population result in keeping silver diplomas
         b. This is why graduation fees are high.
         c. Is it possible to incorporate fee into the tenure of the student’s tuition? Still talking about this. It will not be as a student fee.
      2. GSA funded the 22K retroactively for last year’s diplomas
      3. This years diplomas should be purchased by now, so there should not be an extra cost involved
   ii. 2011 budget should be updated and is on the website.
e. Social Chairs
   i. Successful BBQ
   ii. Instead of doing sporting events for maximum of 50 students, do larger event with all grad students
   iii. Next event near Thanksgiving; turkey bowling, giveaways
   iv. PhD Comics Movie
      1. Showing hopefully before October 27th
      2. 1st showing costs $800, 2nd is $200
f. Advisor Report
   i. No report
III. Department Representative Reports
   a. If you have a report on an event going on in your department, etc. email it to Zach a week prior to the meeting in order to get on the Agenda
   b. Responsibilities of representatives is in the bylaws, please read
IV. Committee Reports
   a. Committee Assignments
      i. Tech Fee Committee (2): Doug Hakkarinen, Joe Robertson
      ii. Alumni Association (1): Cericia Martinez
      iii. Calendar Committee: (1) Nathan Greeney
      iv. Undergraduate Student Affairs (1): Lindsay Bearup
      v. Faculty Senate (1): Zach Aman
      vi. Pres. Committee on Diversity (2): Noé Cuevas and Ishan Rao
vii. Parking Advisory (1): Michele Wiechman
viii. Student Health Appeals (2) *Immediately:* Mike Morse and RP Oates
ix. Sustainability (1): Ross Wyeno
x. Graduate Council (1) (NV): Amy Richards
xi. Research Council (1) (NV): Evan Kiss (proxy Arthur)
xii. ASCSM (1) (NV): Ian Wright

b. Email will be sent with committee assignments

V. Old Business

VI. New Business
a. Support for REMERSEC/Durkin proposal
   i. Since no one is particularly opposed, Eric Hoover will work with them on GSA involvement
b. Resolution 2011.7: Resolution of Support for Colorado School of Mines Graduate Student Academic Rights and Responsibilities
   i. Last chance to give input before finalizing
   ii. Motion to approve, seconded, no discussion, carries unanimously

c. Resolution 2011.8: Funding for CSM Interlibrary Loan Program
   i. Usage dropped last year due to change in library network
   ii. Two options: Fund again up to $2250 (so give roughly $1400), increase an individuals threshold to $100 OR fund up to $750 and keep bar where it is
   iii. Motion to approve, Seconded,
      1. Discussion: Balance of unused funds remains in that account for future years
      2. Unanimously approved

VII. Announcements
a. 9/19 Guest Speaker: CSM Alumni Association
b. 10/3 Guest Speaker: Library Representative