GSA Council Meeting October 22, 2012

**President: Cici**

**Bus Passes:**
Will be distributed Jan 7-11, 2013. USG will also volunteer their time for half the workload. Looking for council reps to donate 1-2 hours. All times currently open.

**Student Satisfaction Survey:**
Created at NAGPS-level, and has evolved into more of a state-level initiative. Addresses campus climate/environment. Please encourage grad students in your respective departments to participate. Caryn Homsher asked how the data would be used. Cici said by the survey creators, all surveys will remain anonymous; cannot be linked back to you.

**Strategic Plan:**
Departmental GSAs to elect the department representative to council. Cici has created a document detailing the organization, can e-mail her if anyone has any questions. Will revisit later in meeting.

**Website Committee:**
OGS wants to have a more informative/robust website to convey important dates and information to the graduate population. Currently a minimum time commitment role. Shawn Kimmel, Adam Richmond, and Mike Riederer would be interested in this. Cici will get this moving within the next two weeks.

**Social Events:**
Amanda (Social Chair) says something probably to come in November.

**Committee Reports**

**USG Eric:**
Light rail opening in April 2013. Will have a shuttle in Golden to various locations to and from the light rail.

**Parking Committee (Cici):**
Parking services will be giving a presentation next meeting (Nov. 5). So please be sure and work on questions you or student in your department would like to voice.

**SHBP (Evan Kias):**
Kathy and he are moving forward. Kathy will prepare a rough presentation at their next meeting. Cici says the dialogue with council will most likely be through e-mail. Kathy will not be able to speak at the Nov. 5 GSA Council meeting due to the parking committee presentation.

**Classroom Committee (Jeremy Washington):**
50 requests for equipment repairs. General purpose rooms lacking AV equipment/ smart podiums. Prioritizing other rooms that are lacking in sufficient number of chairs and more essential needs. Only a limited allocation of funds, and is helping to utilize the funds most efficiently.

**Faculty Senate (Michelle Weichman):**
Discussion on who can advise students (teaching faculty, research faculty etc.). Senate wants to extend deadlines for graduation. Can push defense dates further back and still be able to graduate in a given semester. Will definitely be addressed next year if not now. Caryn Homsher asks for more details pertaining to the discussion. Michelle said she can send the issue that was brought up to Faculty Senate.
Cici mentioned if teaching professors are advising students, they may need to restructure the qualification process for hiring faculty.

**Diversity committee (Kevin McCann):**
Speaker Melissa Emerson from CU. Explained Delta Days. Contact Kevin for more details.

**End committee reports**

**Sexual Harassment Training for all graduate students:**
Make sure to sign up for the sexual harassment training. Evan Kias asked: Do they really want us to go to sexual harassment every year? Cici: yes, because the laws change so often. Federal law mandates that all TA/RAs attend the course.

**Strategic Planning (Cici):**
Board of Trustees presentation. Distributed survey to all the department representatives. Encouraging graduate community through departmental events/socials. Survey will provide GSA and OGS with feedback on what they could do to help on the campus atmosphere. OGS would like to know how to improve as well.

**Sustainable Growth:**

1. Future council members will have a reference document in order to understand all the different grants and programs GSA offers.
2. Participation with other graduate governing bodies at the national level. Many similar problems faced between different schools. Very refreshing to see similar issues faced by multiple institutions.

Adam Richmond asks: The college restructuring. Will colleges interact independently? Cici answered: College restructuring will solidify interactions and collaborations between research programs. Questions arose about the colleges in leadership. In the next five years, the 3-college structure will be fully implemented. New colleges will not affect GSA presently. Faculty Senate is discussing how to restructure in lieu of the new college setup. Will most likely not.

**OGS:** Office of Graduate Studies  
**NAGPS:** National Assn. of Graduate and Professional Students  
**USG:** Undergraduate Student Gov’t  
**SHBP:** Student Health and Benefits Plan