Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes October 3, 2011

I. Library Update
   a. Prospector Catalog: Available materials in the Colorado and Wyoming
   b. Interlibrary Loan: link on webpage under services
   c. Study Rooms for graduate students
      i. On the main website; can reserve for up to 4 hours
   d. Reference Services
      i. ILL, study rooms, etc.
      ii. Staffed reference desk 8-5, M-F
         1. Can call during that time, or leave a message
         2. Or you can Email libref@mines.edu
   iii. EndNote Web
      1. Library has a subscription through Web of Science
      2. Program that allows you to import citations and notes that is held on
         the cloud so you can log in from anywhere
         a. Format bibliographies, plug in for Word
      3. Wed. November 9th: A brown bag session at noon in Boettcher room
         that will talk about EndNote Web
      4. Limit of 10000 citations and probably the number of folders

II. Executive Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Please send a proxy to meetings if you cannot make it
      ii. Who has not heard from their committee?
         1. Parking, Sustainability
   iii. Roles and Responsibilities of committees
      1. Faculty Senate committees want input on the Student Perspective
      2. On university committees such as Parking, you have a full committee
         seat, so use it and give your input
      3. Senate Committees: Research Council, Graduate Council, Faculty
         Senate, UG Affairs, Grad Affairs
   iv. Family Grants
      1. Only received 6 applications so far; the deadline has been extended
      2. Accessible online at gsa.mines.edu
      3. $1250 per year
   v. Discussion with Dr. Poate: Wants to give grads a great atmosphere, what
      would you suggest to improve the graduate experience on campus?
      1. Graduate House? Something like Coolbaugh House?
      2. I-Club?
      3. ME people would not use it. They would prefer to go home rather than
         to that space.
      4. Create programming that would attract people to that space
      5. A computer and printer in the house
      6. A place to hold conferences other than the Green Center
         a. Welcome Center was to have a space like this, so it may be good
            to bring this back up
      7. Cozy furniture and satellite tv; Sporting events
8. Reserve/Reclaim some of Mines Park for new graduate students because it is a pain moving here and finding somewhere to live
   a. Also a new place where they have a communal area
   b. Especially for foreign students
9. Parking: priority given to grad students maybe to register for a general parking or a graduate parking only lot; reserved parking spots at key places on campus
10. Undergrads from Mines could not apply for Housing, register for classes, etc. until after they graduate with Bachelor’s degree
11. Temporary furnished housing
12. Bump up minimum graduate stipend
   vi. Lecture Series Grant
       1. No changes or suggestions
       2. Will be posted this week
       3. Please meet with your department head and introduce this grant to them
       4. Ex: Speaker on the policy of nuclear engineering; department head and GSA Rep would author the application together
       5. Would not be a part of the departmental lecture series; department responsible for speaker; GSA responsible for logistics
   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. Workshop: Career Nuts and Bolts – Finding Your First Job
         1. Monday at noon in Petroleum Hall
         2. Be sure to RSVP if you want food!
         3. We will look into recording or having notes from the talk
   d. Treasurer
      i. Budget is reconciled
   e. Social Chairs
      i. No report
   f. Advisor Report
      i. No report
III. Department Representative Reports
   a. Geology having issues with CCIT
      i. Grad students are loosing their projects and having to start over
IV. Committee Reports
   a. Rights and Responsibilities:
      i. Graduate Council will be asked to endorse the document
ii. Please take this to your department to show them the actual document and prevent the spreading of incorrect information
iii. Explain ‘corrections’ that have been made to it
iv. They believe graduate students should not be referred to as junior colleagues
v. Send questions to Zach or Amy, or refer people to Zach or Amy

V. Old Business
VI. New Business
   a. Motion to approve meeting minutes from 9/19, motion carries
   b. Motion to reschedule 10/17 meeting to 10/24, motion carries

VII. Announcements