Graduate Student Government, Colorado School of Mines

Nov 4, 2013 Meeting Agenda

I. Executive Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. CSM Strategic Plan – Have not heard back from Administration
         They presented the information at the Board of Trustees meeting. It was well received overall
      ii. Revised Family Assistance Grant Application now online
         Everything is updated (all of the grants are updated). Institutionalize the grant and make it easier for future councils.
      iii. Family Assistance Grant Fall 2013: 9 applicants, awarded
         Everyone received the reward that applied for it, but some had stipulations.
         Motion to vote, second received
         12 Yays 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions
      iv. Library Resource – Graduate Study Rooms Available
         Create a link on the GSG resource page. We want people to know that it exists. Another resource provided by the library.
      v. RTD Update
         Spoke with Derek Morgan about the RTD passes. No immediate action is needed, but we can open discussion if needed. We welcome feedback.
         Ben Freiman – Could we explore a year round pass?
         Mark – we could. Some students may not want to pay the fee. Data is currently being gathered to help us make the decision.
         Ben Goertz – what is covered by the pass?
         Mark – Everything but skyline
         Bryan – Could we look into allowing students to purchase gym memberships during the summer?
   b. Vice President
      i. Thesis Format Employee: Initiate Jan 2014. Thank you Taylor Foster 😊
   c. Academic Chair
      i. Grant/Proposal Writing Workshop Nov. 12, (Co-Sponsorship with REMRSEC)
         Spread the word. We want to make these workshops a worthwhile time.
      ii. LinkedIn/AlphaGraphics Workshop: Week of Nov. 11 – 15
         We’re still pinning down the logistics of this. (likely on Thursday)
      iii. Meeting with Dr. Roel Schneider: Potential Workshop circa CEER
         Presentation skills workshop. Possibly having another lyx workshop in spring.
   d. Treasurer
   e. Social Chair
      i. Social Event in late-Nov
         Barrels and bottles looks like they will host us.
      ii. Cinnamon Roll Day still planned for Dead Day(Fri, Dec. 6, 2013)
Café 13 is where we’ll have the cinnamon roll day.

f. Advisor Report
   i. Meeting with OGS Candidate, Kim Williams on Nov. 5 at 10:00 AM 2nd floor Guggenheim
      Mark – encourage you to go to meet the candidate as she could be our new contact
      Amy – how many candidates are there?
      Mark – two and Kim Williams is the last one.
   ii. Graduation Deadlines are FIRM!
      Mark – becoming more stringent on their graduation deadlines. There are ways to make it more efficient, but that is something to address at a later date. They are getting firmer with the deadline.

II. Department Representative Reports

III. Committee Reports
   a. SHIP Dental: Shawn Kimmel and Ben Goertz
      We got a new insurance plan. Dental will not be covered when they convert to the insurance policy. Our current dental options are great and very affordable. Do you think it is a valuable thing from your departments?
      Carissa – Yes
      Ben Goertz – Currently, the dental is being funded through external money. After this year, the money will be depleted and the dental clinic will have to either be funded through a student fee or they will have to charge full price like any other dentist. They will be staying but they may not be working best for the students.
      International students heavily utilize the dental office because they are affordable.
      Mike – how was the dental plan funded in the past?
      Mark – it was funded through the current student health insurance plans
      Ben Goertz – This is not set in stone, but we want the students to be aware of the changes that will be taking place
      Mark – There is no inflow of money coming into dental anymore and we don’t know what will happen.

IV. Old Business
   a. Student Health: Trouble Seeking Mental Help
      Mark – The wording may turn students off. If you have any ideas, email Shawn with them.
      Kevin – Do they talk about it at the welcome back bbq?
      Mark – That’s a good idea. We could look into that.

V. New Business
   a. Action Item: Dept. Rep e-mail to Students
      Mark – One email semester summary per semester sent out from reps to the departments. This is to make students aware of things such as the graduation deadlines
   b. Talk about new initiatives and get feedback from students through department reps
      Carissa – will this be a formulated email or should the reps outline it?
      Mark – it will be a general email, but it should be personalized.

VI. Announcements
   a. Cooking Classes: Tentative Offering of Nov 16, and Nov 23
MAC used to offer these, but they stopped. So the GSG will be looking into taking this over.

b. Coffee or Popcorn?
   Does anyone here not drink coffee? Does anyone here not eat popcorn?

**Next Meeting: November 18, 2013 at 5:00 PM, Hill Hall 300**