November 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Graduate Student Association, Colorado School of Mines

I. Executive Officer Reports

a. President
b. Vice President
   i. CEER 2013 Progress Report
      1. Moving forward on keynote speakers…hoping to have this done in next week or 2 weeks.
      2. Expecting registration to open up mid-December
      3. Conference scheduled for late-February
   c. Academic Chair
      i. LyX workshop
         1. Michael not present.
         2. Presentation same as last few years, biggest issue is people want step by step on how to load document, load template, etc… too detailed for some in attendance but was good.
   d. Treasurer
      i. 2012 NAGPS National Conference
         1. Mark, Amanda, Bebe, and Nikko went to the NAGPS National Conference at Duke University Thursday through Sunday (Nov 1-4).
         2. Event is the best opportunity to continue to learn best practices from other member universities…we saw numerous interesting presentations from schools across the country specifically addressing numerous topics such as:
            a. Stipend increase optimization
            b. Encouraging entrepreneurship with campus resources
            c. Working with undergraduate GSA
         3. Additionally, we elected new boards, and voted on resolutions
         4. A new executive board was elected and Nikko stayed on as Western Regional Chair
         5. GSA won Western Regional Member of the year and additionally, beat out MIT, Duke, Cincinnati, Texas Tech for NAGPS National Member of the Year
      ii. 2013 Regional NAGPS Conference
         1. 2013 NAGPS Conference will be at UC Davis in likely early April of 2013
   e. Social Chairs
      i. Fall/Winter 2012 Social Event
         1. Amanda – Bebe not here…she was the person that wanted to plan this event. Tentative schedule is the weekend of November 26-30th for doing another Foothills Art Center night.
II. **Department Representative Reports**
   a. No Reports Submitted

III. **Committee Reports**
   a. Presentation from Parking Committee
      i. Presentation about RTD
         1. School and RTD put in for an operating grant for a bus system that operates between the school and the new light rail station. We are looking for input on the operation times for the new bus schedule. This can be voted on on the City of Golden website.
         2. Light rail station at Jeffco Courts Building. One or two buses will likely circulate a route through Golden. Call-n-Ride also going to be an option.
         3. The bus schedule can run different ways (3 ways proposed)
            a. Busses run 7 days a week, but low frequency
            b. Busses run with more at peak hours Mon-fri… and lower-frequency service on Saturday, none Sunday
            c. Higher frequency busses Mon-Fri, no operation on weekend
         4. Also considering a ‘call and ride’ type system at non-peak hours. Bus will be moving around between ‘timed checkpoints’ but the bus can deviate from the route if there are call in routes.
         5. Freshman Parking Change
            a. We want to decrease parking on campus in lieu of the light rail and improved public transportation.
               i. Option 1: No Freshman cars, but there is a waiver system for people who have jobs etc
               ii. Option 2: Limited Freshman cars with a lottery system
               iii. Option 3: Not allowing Mines Park residents to have general or commuter permits
      6. 250-300 new parking spots created this summer. Parking council trying to decrease demand and increase the total number of spots.

Old Business
a. None

IV. **New Business**
   a. None
      i. We haven’t sent out departmental GSA requirements
      ii. Concern that CEER speakers were only renewable energy topics. Concern voiced by geology, geophysics, petro engineering.

V. **Announcements**