

**UNITED GOVERNMENT OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER**

ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA – January 16th, 2013
ATLAS 229
5:00 PM

- I. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting?
 - a. VOTE-Yes
- II. Open Floor
 - a. Amelia-GEOG- alternatives to paying tuition, fees in absence when going abroad
 - b. Carly-CHEM- Enrolled in dissertation hours?
 - c. Eric-AERO: Gap between semesters for parking permits
 - d. Steven-MCEN- Student affairs met with Park Services, meeting with Christina Gonzalez, Dean of Students, next week to illustrate grad student parking options
 - e. Will-FRIT: Tuition is due before stipends are released, way to defer bill until due?
 - i. Steven-MCEN- two options available, two payment plan and if first year, you can defer till 2nd payment plan for first semester of first year, working with grad student orientation to disseminate that information
 - ii. Carly-CHEM- Administration tells students they should anticipate tuition, should be prepared with savings
 - iii. Jarad- ENGL- Fall paycheck is the most problematic
 - f. Josh-SOCY- What issues can we propose a resolution for- Colorado Asset, provide in-state tuition for undocumented youth, willing to draft the proposal if UGGS want to get behind this issue
 - g. Matt-CUSG rep/LAW- he is drafting such a proposal
- III. Grad Student Ski Day Recap- Steven Koenig-MCEN
 - a. 100 tickets at \$20, sold out, had to turn away 10-15 people. Sold 60 last year, it was on a weekend so influenced sales, next year asking for an increase in ticket amount from Eldora
 - b. Note: The weather was 6 degrees, with fresh snow
 - c. Antonio-EDUC: Issues with date that was wrong on pass, not everyone received communication
 - d. First day selling tickets, Eldora mixed up dates on tickets, UGGS sent communication to reps/social media sites
- IV. Spring 2013 Travel Grant applications- Steven Koenig-MCEN
 - a. Danny will fill in for Joey on rep meetings as liaison
 - b. Individual and Travel grants open, due Feb 9th, all online through website, if anyone asks about grants direct them to webpage to fill out application, questions- email UGGSinfo

- c. Carly- CHEM-confusion between UGGS travel grants and grad school grants, first come, first serve, however, UGGS has a deadline and reviewing process, 5pm on the 9th
- d. Q: Svilen-COMM- only for Spring/Fall but covers the summer? Yes
- e. Outreach grants, how much planning for events for award to be granted
- f. Steven-MCEN- grants are more geared to community outreach, high school
- g. Carly-CHEM- Group grants we ask for planned agenda to deal with booking rooms
- h. Danny- Travel grant can be used mid-January, money is reimbursed retroactively

V. NAGPS Legislative Action Days- Kate-NAGPS Liaison

- a. Involvement with NAGPS, one event they host biannual, Legislative Action Days- major issues affecting higher education/grad students, VISAs for International students, speak with Congressmen
- b. Action days are March 1st-March 5th, Friday fly-out with reception at 6pm, 2nd & 3rd non-profit speakers, 4th & 5th schedule appointments with senators
- c. Interested parties please email UGGS
- d. Started google doc with content
- e. Steven-MCEN- looking for 1-2 people to go, flights paid for
- f. Prioritize UGGS reps, but past reps considered with meeting attendance

VI. Discussion on campus 4/20 policies and actions – Chris Schaeffbauer-CUSG Director of Health & Safety

- a. Putting together student taskforce
- b. Political activism via marijuana smoke-out on April 20th
- c. Last year effort to close down campus to outsiders, prove they were students via BuffOne IDing
- d. Should it be ignored, is it an inconvenience, experience, etc?
- e. Will-FRIT, Not something that lends itself to academic credibility, not encouraged press coverage
- f. Jacob-ANTH, CU got a lot of bad press, on Saturday this year may not impact students getting to class
- g. Passage of Amendment 64 changes the context
- h. Kate-NAGPS- Issues with non-students getting permits to be on campus
- i. Nick-ASTR- Disruptive to students, police presence
- j. Josh-SOC, police surveillance, should support civil liberties, unnecessary to have extreme measures against it
- k. Danny- undergrad students didn't feel affected by protest
- l. Carly-CHEM- Anti-event protesting decreased participation from 10K to 300 students
- m. Meghan-RLST- felt off campus event was more convenient
- n. Laura-PSYC- work with young children, had to cancel four participant sessions because of non-student status due to attempt to prevent the event
- o. Jacob-ANTH, since pot is regulated the same way as alcohol, it is just one day, football days are a hindrance in the same fashion

- p. Chris-CUSG due to event falling on weekend is the impact the same on research?
- q. Will-PHYS- No one cares if they are students/non students, all are disruptive
- r. We are a public university, legal actions taken and students against event won with ability to shut down campus
- s. Chris-CUSG- concern about violent outbreaks
- t. Svilen- COMM- they are still people, this is a public institution
- u. Closed the discussion

VII. UGGS roundtable reception April 5th 2013-Carly-CHEM

- a. Annual event, thank you to grad student reps, 4-6pm, theme TBD, presentation from Steve and President of Grad school
- b. During Graduate Student Appreciation Week
- c. Will send out invitations

VIII. Budget Review – Danny

- a. On track with grant, TA, GPTI allocations
- b. Professional Development has surplus
- c. Attendance- \$500 department award
 - i. 21 departments have 100%
 - ii. 30 departments at least 75% attendance
- d. Students applying for travel grants receive 5pt bump out of 100 pt scale for perfect attendance

IX. TABOR resolution – Walker Williams-LAW

- a. Limits the amount of revenue a state can collect and forces a return of surplus to public who paid in to that budget
 - i. Crippling to education budget
 - ii. CU receives only 4% funding from the state, rates us last amongst comparable institutions
 - iii. Possibility of going private, forgoing all funding or trying to appeal the law for returning the funds
 - iv. Twin resolution through CUSG
 - v. Questions?
 1. Nick-ASTR, if you repeal the return of the funding does not ensure state funding will increase
 2. There is support to increase the funding, but cannot increase due to TABOR
 3. Any collaboration with other states? Reach out throughout CU system, but efforts are underway
 4. Colorado State, Northern Colorado, USMines, to organize together
 5. VOTE to discuss at next meeting- Yes

X. Adjourned! Thanks for your attendance!

Attendance:

Erik Hogan	ASEN
Jakob Sedig	ANTH
Anthony Rasca	APPM
Andrew D'ambruoso	ALC
Nick Nelson/Briana Ingermann	APS
Rachel Powers	ATLS
Logan Wright	ATOC
Tania Tauer	ChBE
Carly Robinson	CHEM
Chris Ostro/Daniel Poochigiun	CLAS
Svilen Trifonov	COMM
Halley Profita/Chris Schaeftbauer	CSCI
Joey Hubbard	EBIO
Bill Campbell/Antonio Rodriguez	EDUC
Jarad Krywicki	ENGL
William Anderson	FRIT
Amelia Schubert	GEOG
Eric Winchell	GEOS
Elizabeth Bartels	HIST
Megan Hurson	JOUR
Walker Williams/Matt Nykiel	LAW
Tara Gilboa	LING
Taylor Harnell	MBA
Steven Koenig	MCEN
Kayla Kramer / Danyelle Doshunmu	MUSM
Amanda Brockman	PHIL
William Ames	PHYS
Laura Michaelson/Angela Li	PSYC
Meghan Zibby	RLST
Josh LePree	SOCY
Alison Meagher	SLHS