

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

ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA – January 29, 2014  
ATLAS 229  
5:00 PM

- I. 5:00 Welcome / Food**
- II. 5:00 Call to Order**
- III. 5:02 Approve 1/15 minutes**
  - 1. Minutes approved
- IV. 5:03 Open Forum**
  - 1. John – PSYC – thinking about reps only social night. Small atmosphere. There was money from last years budget that was already approved (so it has nothing to do with the budget we talked about last week). Scheduled event for only the UGGS reps. John will send out a survey about this to coordinate.
    - 1. Maybe just the reps that been coming to meetings. We're open to suggestions about who we're inviting and where we'll have the event
  - 2. Kate – EDUC – IT student tech strategy governance board is forming. CUSG and UGGS wanted a student voice in the governance in OIT. They are looking for students to join. Low time commitment. Get to meet with chief info officer and talk about new techs and what is/isn't working for us all now.
  - 3. Chris – CSCI – introducing Colin. He is an undergrad but is really passionate about supporting graduate students. Would like to find some ways CUSG can more formally help UGGS
    - 1. Colin – CUSG – wants to help take stances on some legislation. At CUSG they are currently dealing with house bill 1 (gov proposed budget for higher education funding. 60 mil for constructions 40 mil for scholarships and grants etc.). Next meeting he'll let us know whether CUSG approves, and will continue to keep us posted about other CUSG info
    - 2. Chris – CSCI – wants to add that if we hear things in our departments (challenges, etc.), we should bring them to this forum in the future. For example, the fee timing issue (when fees and tuition are due) is something we're dealing with now, but feel free to bring other issues forth (student safety, health, etc.)
  - 4. Joey – EBIO – we talked a bit about how much are rec center fees. Joey will post this info on facebook too, but basically you need to bring your bill to them to see how much more you have to pay for rec center access.
    - 1. Laura – PSYC – asked about partner or family rates. You just need to bring the person in with you as well during sign-up
- V. 5:15 Patti Adler discussion/update - Laura and Joey**
  - 1. Joey – EBIO – we've been in a lot of BFA meeting lately about the Patti Adler case. Basically, there was a discrimination and harassment complaint about TA requirements for her course. It turned into a big issue about tenure and academic freedom and more. We've heard questions from grad students about how this may

affect them as students and TAs. We want to update what's happening on the BFA side and answer some questions that we can

1. BFA formed 2 committees. One is very secret looking at the details of the case, and one that is more general with elected BFA officials (many types of professors and instructors). They will do a comprehensive review of ODH policies, complains.
2. We feel that we as graduate students are very involved but do not have a spot on this committee.
3. Danny – CLAS – who would we talk to about this?
  1. Joey – the chair of the BFA
  2. Danny – I think we should
4. Kate – EDUC – Clearly we are all subject to ODH. But wants to know what types of situations they are dealing with (prof – grad student, prof – TA, TA – students).
  1. Joey - it seems like everything
5. No one objected to asking for a seat on this committee. As of now Laura and Joey can sit on the committee but are dismissed when they vote
6. Will – PHYS – who would we send if so?
  1. Joey – Me or Laura because they are already attending
  2. These committees are still forming so we need to get involved now if we want to try\

**VI. 5:25 CU repository update and name ideas – Laura**

1. Laura – PSYC – any research that is associated with CU can be deposited in this repository if you have rights. It is about open access a bit, but everything in the repository will be seen on google scholar through CU
2. We need some help naming this repository, because they are interested in graduate student opinions. Feel free to email us with new ideas, but we'll probably sent out a survey to the reps soon
3. Chris – CSCI – these have bad acronyms
4. Joey – EBIO – Me and Laura like Cu scholar (reminiscent of google scholar).
5. Laura – PSYC – send us ideas and stay tuned. We need to make this more widely known, especially regarding how you can deposit without violating rights issues.
  1. Librarian. Will explain how to go about depositing work, etc.
  2. Chris – CSCI – its great to hear the librarians, but often 6 months later when we really need it its lost info. Can we put some info on the UGGS website?
    1. Joey – EBIO – yes
    2. John – PSYC – it is all on the library's website for now
  3. Joey – we're trying to get campus to endorse open access. You can still publish but you can maintain your rights so that we can post it to the repository. It becomes access to the public (so alums and other people can get this info). Many other campuses are doing this, and we've gotten support from CUSG for this. Now our major hurdle is from faculty.
  4. Laura – PSYC - We're suggesting 'green' open access, which means you don't have to pay for open access. CU automatically retains rights to papers published from its students (but you can still opt out if journals give you a hard time about it).
  5. Joey – EBIO – another concern from the faculty is about whether these policies conflict with copyright laws. Which it does not. There are a lot of

misconceptions about open access so we'll keep people posted as much as possible.

6. CU Scholarship Portan (CUSP)
7. CU Research
8. CU Scholar
9. CU Scholarship
10. CU eScholarship (CUES)

**VII. 5:35 Fe Timing Survey Results – Walker**

1. Kate – EDUC – Basically, our fees are due before we get paid and this becomes an issue especially in the fall. We needed data to inform this conversation and help clarify how much of a problem this is when we present it
  1. 48% of grad students reported an inability to pay fees at least one semester while they were here
  2. A common concern was they were being charged before doing any work
  3. Of all responding students, 64% reported that paying fees contributed to hardships in other areas of their lives
  4. Many students reported negative impacts on their personal lives, academic performance, and professional work
  5. Danny – CLAS – this info is on the UGGS facebook page if people are curious
2. Emily – GERM – is there any evidence from other universities that could help support this?
  1. Kate – EDUC – found out the students at Berkley did try to get this through and ended up giving up. Many might not have accomplished this but we should still try
  2. Chris – CSCI – we wanted data first before we met with many people. They are meeting with someone from the business office on Monday.
3. Kate – EDUC – You can defer your first fees on your first year here if they are on appointment, but found out that 75% of people didn't know about this. We need to at least get this information out there more.
4. Joselyn – FREN – Can we at least get a warning (to prospective grad students) that we'll have to pay these fees right away? It will help students prepare and not be shocked
5. Will – PSYC – some students in physics are offered a \$3000 signing bonus. But even then they take this money back right away for these initial payments
6. Joey – EBIO – a lot of other universities don't have as many fees and include this in part of tuition. Again, Chris and Joey are meeting with Steve McNally to talk about this on Monday.

**VIII. 5:45 Announcements**

1. CUSG Co-Senator position
  1. Tara has to step down from the CUSG cosenator meeting due to a conflict.
  2. Tara – I've enjoyed the position very much and would help as much as possible to help transfer positions. Its very important we are represented at Council of College and Schools – they ask for money for speakers, graduate student groups (and more).
    1. CUSG is working on a bill about CU student fees. Would like to keep that up
    2. Meetings are at 6 on Thursdays, plus these UGGS assembly meetings and officer meetings. Hold office hours once a week.

3. Joey – I have the power to appoint someone immediately so if someone is interested speak up. Nominations are next week, but email Joey.
4. We need to appoint someone immediately
5. Also note that it is a *co-senator* position so you alternate each other week.
3. Joey – next week we'll do nominations, the following week we'll appoint someone. But this position is also ending at the end of spring so we'll have to vote again soon too
2. Travel Grants
  1. We need to coordinate grading all of the essays (3 people read and grade each proposal). We are going to do this at Half-fast on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Probably 1 PM. It'll take a few hours but come even if you can only stay for a little while. We will buy sandwiches.
    1. You can do it at home through google docs too.
  2. The following week, Danny will present the group grants and we will vote on them in the assembly

**IX. 5:56 Meeting Adjourn**

Meeting Attendance

<b>UGGS REP</b>	<b>DEPT</b>
Alan Izar	CHBE
Allison Vitkus	MUSM
Brandon Archuleta	LAW
Chaz Vollmer	PHIL
Chelsea Daggett	JMC
Chris Schaetbauer	CSCI
Cristen Dalessandro	SOCY
Dan Gustavson	PSYC
Daniel Poochigian	CLAS
Emily Rath	GRMN/GSLL
Halley Profida	CSCI
Joel Correia	GEOG
Joey Hubbard	EBIO
John Lurquin	PSYC
Justin Whiteley	MCEN
Kate Allison	EDUC
Laura Michaelson	PSYC
Lauren McManus	ASEN
Patricia Helfenbein	HIST/ALAC
Richard Bateman	ATOC
Sarah Alcorn	LING
Tara Gilboa	SPAN
Walker Williams	CUSG/LAW
Will Ames	PHYS
Nicole Ridgwell	MUSM

Michael Turner	EDUC
Meghann McGuire	COMM
Abby Kuranz	ENVS
Jocelyn Franklin	FRIT
Allina Robertson	SLHS
Drake Ranquist	APS
Carlos Vera	MCDB