

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

ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA – February 26, 2014
ATLAS 229
5:00 PM

- I. 5:00 Welcome / Food**
- II. 5:00 Call to Order**
- III. 5:01 Approve 2/12 minutes**
 - 1. Minutes approved
- IV. 5:02 Open Forum**
 - 1. Chris – CUSG - Idea from CUSG we want your thoughts on about safety of our students. Interested in some sort of safety training as a requirement for incoming TA/RAs that would give grad students the skill to recognize problems in their dept and to funnel them to appropriate places. How do you feel about this idea?
 - 1. Joey – EBIO – how would you plan on implementing it?
 - 1. Part of orientation. Similar to how discrimination and harassment training is done. Focused on skills, not just information.
 - 2. Angela – PSYC – is this regarding the philosophy department? Is this training TAs to step into classroom situations?
 - 1. Chris - Bystander training is just about recognizing and acting to injustice no matter how it is brought up and reporting it
 - 3. Alan – CHBE– how much would it cost and who would fund it?
 - 1. Chris - We have a couple departments in mind that could and would do this with their existing resources
 - 4. Kate – EDUC – I did sexual harassment training before it went online. I thought it was helpful and interesting mostly because of who did it. I want to make sure we adhere to the idea of keeping it skills-based, we explain what grads will get out of it, and have good leaders
 - 1. Community health does this for undergrads. They are really good at it and I think they will be able to do this for grads as well
 - 2. Kate – is this part of the violence against women training that needs to take effect too?
 - 1. I haven't heard of that
 - 2. Kate – there is also an issue about combining trainings vs. making us take a lot of different training courses
 - 5. Xi – ENVS – I think this is a good idea for social injustice issues perspective, but I am concerned that if this is about the philosophy department a lot of the problem was because of the environment that was already established. People will still be cautious to report issues even if they are trained if the environment is bad
 - 1. Alice – ASEN/committee for women – we're looking at the title 9 and these issues are on the agenda

2. Michael – LING –It seems students don't understand their rights more so than not knowing what to do. How are we going to make sure they are informed?
3. Chris – CUSG - it sounds like people on average think this is a good idea. This body should think of the things we want to come out of a resolution that would empower us as grad students to deal with these situations
 1. Is this one per semester or one per employment?
 1. Chris - Sounds like a one time thing for incoming students and be optional for existing students

V. 5:18 Nominations/Election for CUSG

1. Michael Gillis
2. Any other nominations?
 1. No. Nominations closed
3. Michael – LING - I have previous experience doing some of this. Here I was surprised we don't have to go through training for our clubs. This should change. We have problems with important iaauwa like housing and transit, which need major changes, and I hope that I can make changes and/or move forward on some of these important issues.
 1. Chris – I like how you are ambitious about getting things going soon
 1. Michael – I think we all understand that we have experience but understand there's only so much we can do
 2. Danny – I agree. What program are you in and how far in?
 1. Michael – I'm in my first semester and should be here for 1.5 more years
4. Election:
5. Motion to vote
 1. Vote approved - Michael is our official co-senator

VI. 5:20 Graduate and Family Housing community development ideas: Alfred Flores and Mitra Van Vuren

1. 3 things. Grad family housing, program efforts to improve grad family housing and council
2. The name is family housing but we'll probably change this to 'graduate family housing' because they are primarily graduate students (~1000 grad students plus some faculty, staff, and about 150 undergrads). We give priority to family and want to preserve this orientation on family. More than 75% of our residents come from over 80 different countries
 1. We want to step up how we contribute to grad students in the university. We want to redevelop this old system. We have great maintenance staff but we do need to modernize it and increase program/community facilities
 2. When I got here we were potentially being moved and were able to preserve our location.
 3. I want to give you an idea of the issues we are dealing with for the site development plan. We have an open forum meeting w/ 100 residents. Are there any questions about redevelopment or the children's center?
 4. We are probably relocating the children's center to east campus because it is in the flood plain.

3. Mitra - How many people live in grad family housing (1)? We have a diverse community, but how do we integrate them into the university? And how do we introduce our US nationals to this diverse community. There is a lot of clustering where people from the same nations group together or sit together (at C4C, etc.). We have been doing cultural coffee hour nights (tues in bear creek/wed in family housing) and focus on a specific community each meeting (for example this week is Bulgaria). We are also doing Yoga with childcare to help get parents and children together. Also, we have grad family council and have been encouraging residents to put on activities themselves. There has been a lot of progress already. Thurs nights we are doing salsa dancing as well. At each event we are having growing groups of different communities but want some new ideas about how to keep these things going and create new events. Any questions?

1. Chris – CUSG – I think there is an opportunity both for us to come to these meetings and getting these families involved in events on main campus. Do you think they will want to do so?
 1. Yes, especially if it is relatively close to the apartments or if we can alternate main campus and in family housing. We want to encourage others from the same departments. One issue that will come up in the development meetings is whether we need community centers and we want to show that yes these are important. We also want to facilitate cross-disciplinary discussions in some of these social meetings and to examine cultural differences in more complex ways.
 2. We also have done some work with an Albright group, including a lecture series to help get people involved. It would be great to help get speakers etc.
 3. Alan – CHBE – I am from Mexico and stayed in family housing in 3 different circumstances. I would like to comment on the Buff bus and how difficult it was to improve that service. Bear creek was really good at bringing students together over the summer (2010 especially). There were a lot of great activities such as weekly movie night and trip to Denver national museum. In the year thanksgiving dinner was a great activity. I think study nights also help give good incentives as well.
 1. Mitra - Summer programming is a lot easier because the weather is so nice, but one main challenge with Bear Creek I that the lounges are small and there is no space for big gathering. I think consistency is also key (e.g., every Tuesday at 8 helped keep people coming especially after a little while). Maybe we can use coffee hours you and your departments into family housing. Research does show that international students don't have a lot of friends from the US and we are hoping to stop this. Please email us if you are interested and have any ideas about these issues! (mitra.vanvuren@colorado.edu)

VII. 5:30 Discussion on annual Round Table reception

1. Date/Location (GSAW 4/7 - 4/11)
2. Joey – EBIO - This is an event that has been going on for a long time and has been very formal but have thought about making it a little more like a appetizer hour. It is put on specifically for the representatives and a lot of important administrators from the university come to meet and say thanks. It has not been well attended in the past so we are trying to step it up this week. It is usually thrown during grad student

- appreciation week (4/7-4/11). Do appetizers sound good? What would make you show up? Last year there were some potential conflicts so we want to make sure we pick a good day/time. Would Thursday be a good day? (a few yesses)
1. Kate – EDUC - This is actually a fun event. It is great to meet the deans and administrators in a social situation. Food is great. They are interested in meeting us.
 2. Is this targeted for just us?
 1. Yes just grad student representatives and some CUSG students
 3. What was the attendance last year?
 1. 10-12. In some ways it is nice that it is small because you get to talk to these people and they will remember you, but we don't want it to be that small. We also present TA awards at this event too (\$250 plus a certificate)
 3. In the past we've done paper invitations vs. email invitations. Does anyone care either way?
 1. Most people seem to want email
 4. The main question is what would get you all to do? Other than free food, but we will take requests for more food.
 1. Abby – ENVS - I don't remember getting an email last year
 5. We are going to ask you to RSVP because we have over-ordered food before. It sounds like we will do this on Thursday April 10th (during grad student appreciation week – which we will talk to you about at the next meeting)

VIII. 5:45 Open Access update

1. Campus OA policies need to come from faculty, we need your help to encourage faculty in your departments to get informed/support OA
2. Open forums for faculty – first week of April. So they can ask questions, clarify misconceptions (etc.). An open access policy needs to come from the faculty so we need to get them on board. The BFA (governing body from faculty) are mostly on board but want the faculty to express any concerns and objections first.
3. We will post an Informational website soon. Your job is to talk to the faculty and tell them about this information. We want to get as much feedback (especially positive) as we can. The faculty support is really the last step to this process
 1. John – PSYC - Are there still BFA members that are confused about open access?
 1. Yes there is one in particular but many are open
 2. Richard – ATOC – is there any sense of what the faculty already think?
 1. No this is what we are doing to try to get at this. The BFA is set on open forums, but we will also send out informational emails and create a website with information. There seems to be general support for the BFA but we need to see how the rest of the faculty feels. The Library already has this policy but we are trying to get this to be a campus-wide policy
 3. Xi – ENVS - is there a resolution that needs to be passed?
 1. Yes, we are trying to get them to draft one (they have one that is generally in support but doesn't do much) that is campus-wide
 4. We have suggested and offered a more formal way of doing this (questionnaire etc.) but this is what the BFA wanted. If you have stories that help prove that open access policies have helped you please pass these along and suggest they go to the forum

IX. 5:53 CU Chancellors Committee for Women - response to title IX investigation: Lauren McManus

1. We just want to bring up the title 9 discussions. Basically, the university was under investigation to look at how we deal with sexual violence. They reviewer's report has been released with the University's steps to deal with these issues, but it didn't seem enough. We are putting together a list of ideas to better address the issues brought up by the report (and other issues maybe not mentioned in the report). Are there any particular action items that we can suggest to the chancellors office? Or any particular concerns?
 1. Will – PSYC – I know the physics department has an informal group about women in Physics and think these groups exist within other related departments.
 1. Most departments with small female members do have these small groups but it is hard to get in touch with them as they are often very informal. Please let us know if you can get us in touch with these groups (email uggsinfo@gmail.com and we can help!).
 2. There are spaces available for these groups but there are also policy issues - our committee is focused on there
 1. John – PSYC – what were the specific title 9 issues?
 1. The report is long and we can't get into all of it now. Mainly, there is no cohesive group to deal with sexual misconduct specifically though there are some. There is an imbalance in resources to deal with these issues and more of an organization/awareness on campus (most students don't know how to go about making a report at all). We also want to make sure our new policies are enforced and this was also not mentioned much in the University's statement

X. 5:59 Announcements:

1. **Second Eldora ski day:** not subsidized, but we want to organize another one because people had fun
 1. Option 1: \$43 gets lift ticket and food voucher
 2. Option 2: \$53 gets lift ticket and private bbq for our event
 3. Normally tickets are \$79. They can buy these tickets online and we only need 20 people to do this.
 4. Most people think group BBQ
2. **UGGS office space:** If you'd like to use the UGGS office for work, let us know. There are times when the office is unused, so it is a quiet, private place to get some work done
3. **Meeting schedule after spring break:**
 1. April 2nd: in RAMELEY N240
 1. Revisit budget cut
 2. Revisit fee change proposal
 2. April 16th: ATLAS 229
 1. Nominations for: President, Executive VP, VP of Student Affairs, VP of Finance, Communications Chair, one CUSG co-senator
 2. Budget review
 3. April 30th: ATLAS 229

1. Elections for above positions
2. Budget approval

XI. 6:02 Meeting Adjourn

UGGS REP	DEPT
Sara Cullen	ANTH
Drake Ranquist	APS
Lauren McManus	ASEN
Richard Bateman	ATOC
Alan Izar	CHBE
Daniel Poochigian	CLAS
Chris Schaeftbauer	CSCI
Joey Hubbard	EBIO
Courtney Naff	EBIO
Kate Allison	EDUC
Michael Turner	EDUC
Abby Kurauz	ENVS
Xi Wang	ENVS
Eric Nesse	FRIT
Akshay Dhawale	ITP
Chelsea Daggett	JMC
Sarah Alcorn	LING
Evan Coles-Harris	LING
Michael Gillis	LING
Justin Whiteley	MCEN
Allison Vitkus	MUSM
Chaz Vollmer	PHIL
Will Ames	PHYS
Angela Li	PSYC
Dan Gustavson	PSYC
John Lurquin	PSYC
Laura Michealson	PSYC
Brianna Chai	SLHS
Cristen Dalessandro	SOCY