

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

ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA – February 27th, 2013
ATLAS 229
5:00 PM

I. Welcome / Food

II. Call To Order: 5:04

III. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting: Approved by acclamation

IV. Open Floor

- a. Steven-MCEN: Regents approved doctoral program in ethnic studies and MA program in material science
- b. Will-FRIT: Any way for post-comp grad students to gain access to rec center without paying?
 - i. Steven-MCEN: You can still use it, you pay less fees but still pay class fees, opt in/out
- c. Lauren-PSYC: Issue with laptops maintenance/acquisition, suggesting employee laptop loan program be extended to grad students, especially TA students as an employee
 - i. Walker-LAW: Previously were able to rent through Law School, no longer
 - ii. Jarod-ENGL: You can get free software from departments, are some loaners in English dept
 - iii. Steven-MCEN: Meeting with John Stevenson next week, will bring it up
- d. Courtney-EBIO: Issue with late night parking for grad students and weekend parking with paying for meters
 - i. Steven-MCEN: There are lots available for free parking, We are meeting with transportation services next week to discuss options and to give/get feedback
- e. Chris-CSCI: Emphasize TA/GPTI positions for stressing why we need laptops
- f. Kelsey-ENVS: Environmental studies: Funding for GPTI is not high, if perhaps UGGS is willing to put in some money, they might match those funds to help fund computers

V. CU Skills – Daniel Higgs

- a. CuSkills.com website as a searchable database to find people on campus who have certain skillsets, categories of available equipment for renting, Groups organizing skills

VI. Group and Outreach Grant Winners – Danny Poochigian

- a. Funded all group grants, document on website that outlines a timeline of the group events

- b. Should we send event emails to reps to send to departments
 - i. Will-FRIT: Perhaps bundle them with the bi-weekly email to cut down on excess of emails
- c. Travel grant form will be available online to view necessary documents year round
- d. Advanced Placement Tutoring and Science Field Day are funded

VII. Budget request – Steven Koenig

a. NAGPS western regional travel

- i. Danny-CLAS: \$3,485.28 spent thus far, budgeted for \$5,000 year over year; this does not include travel/hotel fees and want to increase the budget
 - 1. Send up to four people, estimated at \$1,500, to be safe are asking for a \$2,000 increase
 - 2. Would we be dipping into the account savings (\$68,000) to fund this
- ii. Kate-EDUC: Overview of NAGPS: UGGS gives presentations, offers advice to other students looking to start their own student governments

b. Sponsorship of International Student Coffee Hour UMC, Friday March 8th

- i. This happens every Friday from 4-5pm
- ii. Traditionally UGGS has co-hosted one event, fund either coffee or pastry
- iii. Talk with International students about UGGS and our ability to help
 - 1. Asking for \$300, estimated \$245

c. Kate-EDUC: Motion to bundle

- i. Approved bundle
- ii. Motion to vote
 - 1. Vote: Approved

VIII. Motion asking university to clarify CU student related policies on their recently-launched MOOCs – Walker Williams

- a. MOOC is a massive open online course, new educational model
 - i. Operated by top 25 universities, offered to students in the world for free
 - ii. CU created four MOOC courses offering, Physics, Engineering, Graphic Novels, Power Electronics
 - iii. Lack of advertising these courses to CU students, whether they will offer credit for these courses for a small fee
 - 1. Bring down tuition costs, increase access to university

- iv. Plan to draft a resolution and take a position for a call for action to publicize and encourage them to take the position to offer these courses on a credit basis
- b. Kate-EDUC: Great opportunity for currently enrolled students
- c. How many that offer this are state versus private schools? Is there a concern for this bringing down CUs reputation?
 - i. MOOC push started at Harvard, professors at CU are proponents of MOOCs and teach these courses outside the CU system. The reputation in IT/Entrepreneurs is very high
 - ii. As a public institution we should work to increase more access
- d. Svilen-COMM :Who will determine who is completing the course if it is credit-based?
 - i. You are accountable for taking quizzes and getting grades on these courses, structured similar to online courses but for free
- e. Amelia-GEOG: For big courses the grading process is not automated, consider this if there is labor power needed to grade credit based program
- f. Kate: EDUC- This is just to get clarification of how the courses can be accessed by CU students, advocating for clarification
- g. Logan-ATOC: Everything was done through D2L, quizzes scored were given to students, no need for TAs as D2L does automatic grading
- h. Chris-CSCI: Someone was grading my assignments, this might open up more spaces for TA positions, better for the long term to teach students outside the CU system
- i. Next assembly meeting there will be a resolution draft
- j. David-CHEM: Can we get credit from other institutions offering MOOC courses?
- k. Walker-LAW: We are asking the University to lay out a detailed path
 - i. Most MOOC courses offer a certificate at the end

IX. Announcements

- a. Kate-EDUC: Two weeks from now we will discuss last years survey that was also done at CSU, now have a complete set of data, walking through highlights of the study
 - i. If you have any questions you'd like to be addressed
 - ii. Walker-LAW: TABOR passed at CUSG, after three hours of debate, renamed: Repeal Tabor for the purposes of higher education funding

X. Meeting Adjourned: 5:49

Attendance:

Andrew D'ambruoso	ALC
Anthony Rasca	APPM
Daan Stevenson	ASEN
Rachel Powers	ATLS
Logan Wright	ATOC
Mathias Young	CHBE
Carly Robinson	CHEM
Daniel Higgs	CHEM
David Smith	CHEM
Daniel Poochigian	CLAS
Svilen Trifonov	COMM
Chris Schaeftbauer	CSCI
Courtney Naff	EBIO
Nathan Adkins	ECON
Austin Smith	ECON
Antonio Rodriguez	EDUC
Kate Allison	EDUC
Jarad Krywicki	ENGL
Kelsey Cody	ENVS
William Anderson	FRIT
Amelia Schubert	GEOG
Jennifer Allison	HIST
Megan Hurson	JOUR
Walker Williams	LAW
Kym Levesque	MBA
Justin Whiteley	MCEN
Steven Koenig	MCEN
Ben Rohrs	PHIL
Angela Li	PSYC
John Lurquin	PSYC
Laura Michaelson	PSYC
Meghan Zibby	RLST
Rachel Hawkins	SLHS
Raphael Nawrotzki	SOCY