

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

ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA – March 12, 2014
ATLAS 229
5:00 PM

- I. 5:00 Welcome / Food**
- II. 5:00 Call to Order**
- III. 5:01 Approve 2/26 minutes**
 - 1. Add Lauren McManus to the 2/26 minutes
 - 2. Motion Passed
 - 3. Amended Minutes Approved
- IV. 5:02 Open Forum**
 - 1. John – PSYC – have you heard anything about or feel like the rec center is not as accommodating for women? I've heard this a bit but wanted to bring it up to the forum
 - 2. Jocelyn – FRIT – they used to have a weight room for women only in the women's locker room. That was good and would be appreciated again
 - 1. Apparently it is not allowed as part of Title 9
 - 3. John – anything other than privacy?
 - 4. Xi – ENVS – I do use that weight room and found I was the only women in there. There is a help desk with spotters/tours etc. But I noticed all people at the desk were male. It is an intimidating culture. It might be nice to have a women's intro to the weight room for undergrads/grads.
 - 5. Michael – LING – is there separate weight areas or are they separate?
 - 1. John – there is a big one and a smaller one
 - 2. Michael – is there a way to keep this area separate and a bit more private?
 - 1. John/Laura – PSYC – yea it is sort of like that, but it can't be gender specific and there isn't as much stuff in there
 - 3. Megan – ATLAS – I notice more women use the smaller room. I think there should be training but haven't felt that much intimidation myself
 - 4. Walker – CUSG – since there is a legal issue about making separate space, can we do employee training / advertising on walls etc.
 - 5. Raphael – SOCY – My issue is that it seems smaller and more crowded than it was before. It would be easier if there were more room. Its just difficult that
 - 1. Laura – PSYC – they did say they are reorganizing the main weight room over spring break to ease congestion
 - 6. Lauren – ASEN – they do have help at the climbing wall that is really helpful and they could expand this to other section of the rec center too
 - 7. Will – CHEM – are there other specific issues or is this just about comfort?
 - 1. Laura – PSYC – my issue is lack of specific equipment rather than gender discrimination.
- V. 5:13 Eldora Ski Day - John Lurquin**
 - A. March 30, 2014
 - B. \$43 tickets (includes food voucher)

1. John – PSYC – since the first trip was so popular we are planning one other one. Just because we're a group we can do the group rate.
2. They will provide us with an email link so it will be easier this time. We will send this out when we get it

VI. 5:16 Round Table Reception

. Thursday, April 10th, 4-6 pm

A. UMC tbd

B. All departmental representatives invited - please RSVP

C. TA/GPTI award nominees/nominators

1. Make sure the faculty in your department are aware of this award.

D. Attendees include Campus administrators and CUSG representative (tri-execs)

E. Joey – EBIO – we talked about this last week too but I want to go over it again. Just a reminder it is really about acknowledging the reps. We agreed to do this during grad student appreciation week in the UMC, but it is completely booked that week.

F. Our options are Tues 1st, Thurs 3rd, Fri 4th Thursday April 24th

1. John – PSYC – I vote for the last week (april 24th) it will help with planning

2. Walker – CUSG - I agree

3. Will – PHYS - I can do all of these, but when are exams?

1. May 2nd, so the Thurs before the last day of class.

4. Danny – CLAS - I also agree and think taking a few hours off from studying will be easy for most people

G. Joey – It sounds like we will move forward with the 24th. It's the gallery room. We'll send out an email.

H. Joey – We also give out 2 TA awards at this event. Nominations are from a professor they have worked with (why have they demonstrated exemplary teaching and unique merit). We want to make sure everyone knows about this and passes it along to people. You can encourage people to solicit a nomination. Its only a 2 page letter. We will also send out an email to department chairs.

1. In the past we've only invited the winners, but we would like to invite the nominees

1. Kate – EDUC – will they know ahead of time that they don't win?

1. Yes

2. Will – PHYS – how many people will come?

1. In the past we have 5-7 nominees

3. Just try to help pass the message along if you haven't already

1. Walker – CUSG – I want to make sure we also acknowledge the nominees in the award speech too

1. Joey – EBIO – sure we will

I. Joey – Next, we'd like some input on discussion topics that we can bring up for the event.

1. Laura – PSYC – last year we asked about what we would do about increase in UGGS fees

2. Chris – CSCI – Kelly Fox was interested in how the university could do a better job getting graduate students to come to CU.

1. Will – PHYS – this sounds like a bit more intense than the easy social discussion that we'd like – possibly for this meeting rather than a social event

2. Laura – PSYC – you don't have to talk about these discussion topics if you don't want to

3. John – PSYC – I agree it should not be too heavy of a topic.

4. Joey – EBIO – I like Chris' idea because we do have a good idea about this and it would be good to bring these things to the faculty
5. Chris – CSCI - I would like to talk about this at the assembly meeting next week though

VII. 5:29 Grad Student Appreciation Week – April 7th – 11th

Monday or Tuesday - Coffee hour at Pekoe

- A. Thursday - Round Table Reception
- B. Friday - Graduate Student VIP night

1. In the past we've done it at Absenthe House on Pearl, sometimes they give us free champagne too and the VIP room.
2. Does anyone remember if your departments do anything for you for appreciation week? We would like to see more departments involved.
 1. One department mentioned that they have gotten free lunch for at least 3-4 years
3. Walker – CUSG – I am writing an article to put in the Colorado Daily (maybe camera). If anyone would like to contribute definitely let me know. They will publish it the week before Grad Student Appreciation week.

- C. Encouraging departments to recognize their graduate students

VIII. 5:55 Announcements:

Next meeting (April 2nd) will be in Ramaley N240

1. It's the room on the bridge you walk under right before the rec center entrance
2. Our last few meetings our pretty busy. We need to propose and approve the budget, propose and elect representatives. We will bring up the budget discussion from a few meetings ago. We will also be talking about grad student recruitment.

- A. Officer elections are coming up - if you're interested in getting more involved, please let us know and we can provide you with more information about each position.

1. The president, all 3 VP positions, communications, and one of the CUSG senator positions. Some of us are leaving so we will definitely need some new officers.
2. Xi – ENVS - Is the constitutions of the bylaws somewhere we can read them?
 1. It is on the website in the documents area.

- B. [COPFFN](#) - Collaborative Preparing Future Faculty Network March 15th, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. Must RSVP if you would like breakfast/lunch. Several workshops (that you can get GTP credits for) etc

1. Ben – Polit Sci – I thought it was helpful and useful in terms of whats going on in different fields.

- C. Walker – if you are a coder and are interested there is an event in Durango called Go Code Colorado. It is built around the government having a lot of data that they aren't using a lot for. There are funding prizes with the possibility of up to 250k in grants and other smaller grant prizes. They are still looking for people to enter and may have some walk-ups.

1. Joey – EBIO – we can post this in the facebook page

- D. Elena – ENGL – we are hosing an event (Coleson Whitehead is speaking) and are starting our big advertising push. We can sent you email/fliers so let me know or stop by the English department. It is April 10th in the library

- E. Colin – CUSG – If you have any concerns you want brought up to legislative council I would be happy to bring it up to them and work with them. Let me know.

- F. Will – CHEM – CU Advocacy day is Monday at the state capitol. Breakfast and listening to representatives talk

1. We can post this on Facebook too.

G. Angela – PSYC – The clinic I work in is very open and it is cheap. You do get free ones from Wardenburg but this the same cost as Wardenburg if you don't have the health insurance plan. It is called the Raimy Clinic and we are having trouble getting clients for our grad students. You have to be a grad/undergrad for \$15

IX. 6:00 Meeting Adjourn

UGGS REP	DEPT
Sara Cullen	ANTH
Joshua Moloney	APS
Lauren McManus	ASEN
Megan Kinney	ATLAS
Richard Bateman	ATOC
Alan Izar	CHBE
Will Hartwig	CHEM
Daniel Poochigian	CLAS
Chris Schaeftbauer	CSCI
Walker Williams	CUSG/LAW
Joey Hubbard	EBIO
Kate Allison	EDUC
Michael Turner	EDUC
Alaina Bupp	ENGL
Abby Kurauz	ENVS
Xi Wang	ENVS
Jocelyn Franklin	FRIT
Joel Correia	GEOG
Emily Rath	GRMN/GSLL
Patricia Helfenbein	HIST/ALAC
Akshay Dhawale	ITP
Chelsea Daggett	JMC
Sarah Alcorn	LING
Michael Gillis	LING
Allison Vitkus	MUSM
Will Ames	PHYS
Angela Li	PSYC
Dan Gustavson	PSYC
John Lurquin	PSYC
Laura Michealson	PSYC
Allina Robertson	SLHS
Raphael Nawrotzki	SOCY
Ben Purser	PSCI
Dmitry Duplyakin	CSCI
AJ Johnson	PHYS