

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

ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA – March 13th, 2013
ATLAS 229
5:00 PM

I. Call to order 5:06

II. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

- a. VOTE-Yes

III. Open Floor

- a. Angela-PSYC- Speed dating night for grad students sponsored by UGGS?
- b. Jon-PSYC- Great idea, we'll try to organize it
- c. Kate-EDUC- More general, like speed friending, more network oriented
- d. David-CHEM- University in trouble for animal practices research, have to make facility changes, can UGGS defray any of these costs?
 - i. Carly-CHEM- Any facility changes comes from a general fund which is tuition dollars, we cannot use for construction, equipment, or maintenance; maybe bring it up with the Dean's Cabinet
 - ii. Laura-PSYC- UGGS money has to benefit all graduate students
- e. Kate-EDUC- Travel grants can be used to fund research that is not necessarily conference related, i.e. field research
- f. Courtney-EBIO- James Balog will be on Campus April 1st, open to the public, hoping to drum up some support- he directed Breaking Ice, talk about his experiences, footage, photographs
- g. Jacob-ANTH- How is the google transition going?
 - i. Kate-EDUC- Ready to go, working on transitioning over Spring Break, need Student Government Identikey info
 - ii. David-CHEM- removing CU servers to gmail? The .edu address will remain
- h. Laura-PSYC- Re: 4/20 Campus closure: Meeting with someone from Vice Chancellors office on Friday for non-visitors as many people conduct research with non-students; for visitor passes fill out a form by April 14th, concerns?
 - i. Where did the email come from?
 - 1. Separate email called 4/20 processes

IV. MOOC Programs Resolution – Walker Williams

- a. Presents resolution have been working on with Kate, Re: CU has begun offering free online classes
- b. CU rushed this process, no policies developed on outcomes, resources, evaluation
- c. Resolution offers assistance of CUSG, how transitions, if credit is offered, whether there are recommendations
 - i. Can you take one of these courses at CU and get credit?
 - 1. No, not yet

- d. Additional support in course buyouts and TA assistance, more positions available for TAs
- e. Not to be looked at as the end of physical course systems, but as a way to expand education to many people in an efficient manner
- f. Goal is to get the University to come up with a clear policy, and would come up with a plan to address multitude of concerns- form a task force
 - i. Carly-CHEM- the University does has a task force working on it
- g. We just want clear communication from the University
- h. Nick-ASTR- No real infrastructure for individual groups looking to create these online courses, would like an aggregate or best practices to ties all these people together
- i. If the students aren't paying for COURSERA, is it ad funded?
- j. Walker-LAW- Defined as a social entrepreneurship, started with \$22million in funding
- k. Kate-EDUC- Long term plan to monetize, but not right now
- l. Walker-LAW- Want the University to address these concerns
- m. Ben-PHIL- What media will the resolution be distributed to?
 - i. CUSG/UGGS- Denver post, Colorado Daily, we fully support the public knowing that we exist and that we are doing things
- n. Move to approve resolutions
 - i. Second
 - ii. Call to question
 - iii. Acclimation
 - 1. Approved

V. Graduate Student Appreciation Week April 1st – 5th

- a. Everyone should have received invitation
- b. Carly-CHEM- Nothing formally planned for the dinner yet
- c. Starts 4pm, April 5th, 4:30 presentation from Dean of Grad school, Steven, announce top TA/GPTI awards
 - i. If you want to be nominated get your professor to nominate you
 - ii. Please RSVP to uggsinfo
 - iii. Inviting grad student government and administrators
- d. Other events: Coffee hour, chair massage setup, do you want these events in the same locale/same day
 - i. How long are the events- coffee hour is 2 hours
 - ii. Many departments moved to East Campus, they are all grad students but we don't get any events out there
 - iii. Jennifer-HIST- Suggest handing out 15 min tickets
- e. VIP night at Absinthe house that night starting at 9
 - i. Kate-EDUC- Grad student drink this year?
 - ii. Rachel-ATLAS- when would this be?
 - 1. Wednesday for both events
 - 2. Jennifer-HIST- Is there an UGGS meeting on the 3rd?

VI. Graduate Student Survey Results – Kate Allison

- a. Developed survey with researcher at the Colorado School of Mines, what would be applicable across most institutions, also involved CSU where we ran the survey
 - i. Over 1,046 students at CU took the survey
 - ii. Under a 1/3 in grad school for less than a year
 - iii. Majority over 1/2 were PhD students
- b. 52 Items, 10 major questions to go over
 - i. Stipend funding accurately described, majority
 - ii. Career choice-not everyone wants to be a professor, academia first, industry/private sector followed
 - iii. 70% of respondents had taught a course
 - 1. 11% had no opportunity to teach
 - iv. Access to training to find/apply for grants- more than half had training
 - v. Active grad student community- over 70% agree
 - vi. Safety on campus-more than half feel safe
 - vii. Feel a respected member of institution- more than 80% agreed
 - viii. Comfortable place for underrepresented minorities- everyone had a different idea of what a minority, i.e.- in physics women could be considered a minority
 - ix. Faculty encourages student development, cares about you as an individual- 80% agree on both issues, 17% disagree

VII. Announcements, Questions, Concerns

- a. Carly-CHEM- Open access resolution went to full faculty assembly- unanimously approved, they are adopting our policy
 - i. Interest from CUSG to draft a more strongly worded policy
 - ii. Want people to publish open access, can't mandate but strongly encourage
 - 1. Always will be an opt out
- b. Walker-LAW- Kelsey and I are working on that resolution together

VIII. Meeting Adjourned- 6:00

Attendance:

Andrew D'ambruoso	ALC
Jakob Sedig	ANTH
Anthony Rasca	APPM
Nick Nelson	APS
Briana Ingermann	APS
Erik Hogan	ASEN
Rachel Powers	ATLS
Logan Wright	ATOC
Tania Tauer	CHBE
Carly Robinson	CHEM
David Smith	CHEM
Daniel Poochigian	CLAS
Svilen Trifonov	COMM
Amruth Rajiv	CSCI
Chris Schaeftbauer	CSCI
Courtney Naff	EBIO
Austin Smith	ECON
Bill Campbell	EDUC
Kate Allison	EDUC
Christopher Haynes	ENGL
William Anderson	FRIT
Amelia Schubert	GEOG
Elizabeth Bartels	HIST

Megan Hurson	JOUR
Matt Nykiel	LAW
Misam Ali	LAW
Walker Williams	LAW
Taylor Harrell	MBA
Danyelle Dosunmu	MUSM
Ben Rohrs	PHIL
Angela Li	PSYC
John Lurquin	PSYC
Laura Michaelson	PSYC
Meghan Zibby	RLST
Alison Meagher	SLHS
Josh LePree	SOCY

