

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

ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA – October 9th, 2013
ATLAS 229
5:00 PM

- I. Meeting begins 5:04
 - a. Approve minutes
 - i. Minutes approved
- II. Open Forum
- III. Courtney-EBIO- Had first official safety meeting, includes mental health, want to open up committee to grad students, send an email to departments for recruitment
 - a. Joey-EBIO- Brought this issue up with John Stevenson, Kate brought it up with Cristina Gonzalez in student affairs, we will send an email out
- IV. Eldora Legislation- Kelsey Cody- ENV5
 - a. Worked on authoring the legislation with undergrad who sits on the Legislation council, potential to work with undergrad who has connections via former owner of Eldora
 - b. Sect 1&2- we view their policy as discriminatory
 - i. Section 2- UGGS invites Eldora into a dialogue with CUSG, Student Veteran Association (possible petition), student organizations
 - ii. Looking for a change in policy
 - c. Sect 3- Suggestions on policy changes
 - d. Kathryn-GEOG- Department concerns about the new policy, discriminatory not just toward graduate students but veterans and non-traditional students
 - e. John-PSYC- Is the word discriminatory/discrimination used in the letter?
 - i. The implication was there
 - f. Will-CHEM- Are we a small population who buys the passes?
 - i. Laura-PSYC- Over half of the student passes were over 26+
 - g. Ben-PSCI- Veil is owned a majority of shareholders are the children of vets, they contribute to many causes. Perhaps we just have a petition rather than accusing them of discrimination to urge them to reconsider. There have been no vets spoken with who want to picket, but would rather sign a petition
 - h. Akshay-ITP- Can we use UGGS to send out a survey and send that info along to Eldora indicating the interest in the students who are affected
 - i. Laura-PSYC- Veil and Eldora are still separate entities, the EPIC pass is a one-time terminal agreement
 - i. Comments on the Camera article are scathing, accusing students of being privileged and it's a luxury, not a right

- ii. Cause is not being taken very seriously by the general public via these comments
 - j. Will-CHEM- If fraud is the issue, we can show transcripts to curb this problem
 - k. Kathryn-GEOG- The letter points to these options, that there is a benefit to having a student pass, the surveys seem like better tools
 - l. Ben-PSCI- It is rather easy to fake a transcript, perhaps a way to offer a certification that the transcript is real to reduce fraud
 - i. Transcripts may lead to interpretative difficulties, i.e.- dissertation credits
 - m. Kelsey-ENVS- There are partnerships with Eldora and the UMC, potentially make them aware that the space available to them in the UMC could be eliminated
 - n. Motion to endorse the letter
 - i. One objection
 - o. Vote by show of hands
 - i. 17 in favor
 - ii. 2 opposed
 - iii. 11 abstaining
 - 1. Motion passes- UGGS will endorse the letter
 - p. Motion to approve the legislation
 - i. Objection
 - 1. Discussion- Ben-PSCI- I think we need a plan before we ask them to engage in a dialogue
 - a. Evan-LING- in the letter they offer for the student to login to student account to show transcripts
 - b. Kelsey-ENVS- I agree we should have something specific, if the school considers you full time if you are degree seeking were two conditions we are considering
 - c. Alan-EBIO- Usually a letter from the department that specifies if you are student, an RA/TA works for the government
 - ii. Vote by show of hands
 - 1. 17 in favor
 - 2. 5 opposed
 - 3. 7 abstaining
 - a. Motion carries- pass resolution as it stands
 - iii. Laura-PSYC- We should have a follow up with more specifics
- V. Student Fees- Walker Williams-LAW, Chris S.- CSCI
- a. Chris-CSCI- Two goals- Inform about where fees are going as well as what services are available
 - i. 14 different cost centers, programs or building that CUSG controls/governs those entities
 - ii. Rec center- one of the cost centers that the student fee for grad students vary over time

1. Post comps are not required to pay the student fee, prior to that it is mandatory; must opt in if you want to continue using the rec center
2. Be-Fit pass- unlimited classes with associated costs
3. Swimming, Rugby, Lacrosse- Club Sports
4. Renovation ending in March 2014
5. Alan-EBIO- Bear creek is also included?
 - a. Yes
6. Student fee will go up in Spring
- iii. UMC is the second largest cost center
 1. Student center, houses student groups, dining service
 2. Originally established as a center memorializing students who have served in the armed forces
 3. Panda Express and Cold Stone opening soon
 4. Events planning/catering housed here, using space on campus is scheduled in the UMC
 5. Connection- Bowling alley, full Hotel liquor license
 6. Student enrollment office, program council
 7. CU Night Ride funded through UMC through student government
- iv. Off-Campus Housing
 1. Located in the UMC 313, help students find housing off-campus
 - a. Ralphie's List- updated list of off campus housing
 2. Free legal services to review leases for free, advice for landlord/tenant conflicts
 3. Cultural Board
 - a. Bring world class speakers to address issues such as diversity and cultural relevant concerns
 - b. Kelsey-ENVS- Not enough grad students who form student groups- you get money to do things that you enjoy, funding opportunities for events
- v. GLBTQ Center- N450 of C4C
 1. Educating the student body about gender sensitivity
 2. Provides scholarships/.internships for those doing advocacy in these areas
 3. Potential mentorship program for grad to undergrad mentoring
- vi. Student Group Funding Board
 1. Student groups can receive up to 20K a year, for events, travel, and operations (website, printing services, banners, tents for events, oxygen kits, insurance, small rounds of payroll and food for events)
 2. Starting in late Fall/Spring- Affiliated independent groups can apply for funding
- vii. Women's Health Center

1. BC, Family planning, free pregnancy tests, events that address gender issues, health and wellness
- viii. Cultural Volunteerism-UMC 358
 1. Encourages student to do service-oriented breaks rather than traditional 'spring break at the beach' trips
 2. Give A Days- a few hours scheduled days to help in the community
- ix. Student Legal Services-UMC 311
 1. \$25 consultation fee includes a one hour follow up
 2. A fee incurred after comps
- x. Courtney-EBIO- Had concern with a stalker and legal services offered to run the court case for free
- xi. You do have to set up an appointment
- b. Student Outreach and Retention Center for Equity- focus on underrepresented students, and retaining them
- c. A few small costs centers as well
- d. Environmental Center- Works on sustainable practices on campus including lab waste reduction, water bottle filling stations, zero waste at football games
 - i. Run the recycling center across campus- over \$1MM annual funding
- e. Many of these centers have boards where grad students are encouraged to sit upon for student input
- f. Student Health Board, Student Group Funding Board, Finance Board, Environmental Center Board
- g. Ben-PSCI- Running a student group, can't spend money on food or alcohol- why?
 - i. Alcohol for the UGGS event was donated, food you can get a small portion, working on reform to enhance food and payroll- for many student groups that is how you recruit people to the meeting
- h. Ben-PSCI-Travel is a bit restrictive limiting the number of students who can travel on the groups costs
- i. Alaina-ENGL- English Language Student Council, it was not made clear to our group that 5% of our budget was for food, but there are other places where you can obtain money for food for events
- j. Ben-PSCI- It is not just recruiting, we want to have traditional cakes for events, or food for balls that are culturally relevant to the Veterans group- the restrictions on the budget undermine these events
- k. Ben-PHIL- Several people are frustrated by the amount of money spent in student fees. What % of our student fees go to these entities
 1. We can send a link along with the powerpoint
 2. Rec center and UMC- 25% of fees
- l. Walker-LAW-Our fees are higher because many of those services are wrapped into tuition at other comparable universities- I can offer to walk students through the fee breakdown, contact for more information

- m. Ben-PHIL- The importance for rolling the fees into tuition since many RA/TA students have this paid for
 - n. Walker-LAW- We have over 400 responses on the student fee survey and are pushing for a higher turnout, please pass along
 - o. Chris-CSCI- Looking for suggestions on how to enhance these cost centers, what students find are more important
 - p. Evan-LING- Students express concern about the rec center costs when they do not use it
 - q. Will-CHEM- Why are they upset?
 - i. Evan-LING- Particularly the Buffalo Shaped Pool
 - r. Ben-PSCI- A student who is handicapped was more interested in using his fees toward making campus more accessible than toward centers that he is unable to use
 - s. Danny-CLAS- Is the capital fee a permanent fixtures?
 - i. For the rec center no, there will always be building construction, but this particular one is wrapped up in student fees as they needed this to build them. As a state institute, they typically fund all the other construction
 - ii. CUSG- Community Safety Board meeting October
 - 1. Humanities 125
- VI. Open Access week, week of Oct 21st, coffee hour on Monday, Screening in Lounge of Open Access on a national level. Tuesday- Libraries panel discussion with people on-campus/off-campus on this issue
- a. Wednesday- 10 easy steps for open scholarship
 - b. Thursday- Publisher panel, followed by Happy Hour at the Connection 4:30pm
 - c. Engage in discussion with your fellow grad students about these events

Attendance:

<u>UGGS REP</u>	<u>DEPT</u>
Sara Cullen	ANTH
Anthony Rasca	APPM
Joshua Moloney	APS
Richard Bateman	ATOC
Alan Izar	CHBE
Melissa Rickman	CHBE
Will Hartwig	CHEM
Daniel Poochigian	CLAS
Chris Schaeftbauer	CSCI
Halley Profita	CSCI
Courtney Naff	EBIO
Joey Hubbard	EBIO
Antonio Rodriguez	EDUC
Kate Allison	EDUC
Alaina Bupp	ENGL
Kelsey Cody	ENVS
Kathryn Hamm Wright	GEOG
Jason Scott	GPT
Patricia Helfenbein	HIST/CHIN
Akshay Dhawale	ITP
Megan Hurson	JOUR
Brandon Archuleta	LAW
Misam Ali	LAW
Walker Williams	LAW
Evan ColesHarris	LING
Sarah Alcorn	LING
Justin Whiteley	MCEN
Carlos Vera	MCDB

Allison Vitkus	MUSM
Ben Rohrs	PHIL
Ben Purser	PSCI
John Lurquin	PSYC
Laura Michaelson	PSYC
Allina Robertson	SLHS
Raphael Nawrotzki	SOCY
Tara Gilboa	SPAN