

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

ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA – April 17th, 2013
ATLAS 229
5:00 PM

I. Meeting begins 5:03

II. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

a. Move to approve the minutes

- i. VOTE-Yes

III. CUSG Elections

- a. No infractions filed
- b. Take office officially May 10th, sworn in next week

IV. NAGS Reports- Chris and Svilen

- a. Two parts to report on- meetings and legislative actions days conference
- b. Meetings went fantastically, total of six meetings from all six of Colorado delegation politicians
- c. Access to federal research, immigration reform
- d. Bill was drafted today for immigration reform- to allot more Visas for foreign workers for graduate students
- e. Trip/Conference- Great networking opportunity with other grad students who take part in grad student government
- f. Chris-CSCI Interesting time day after sequestration, continuing resolution to prioritize NSF, NIH, Fellowships for funding the humanities, staffers not too optimistic about sequestration
- g. Want to follow up with Jarod Polis- he is a huge supporter of open access, trying to encourage him to come to give a speech during open access week in the Fall

V. Western Regional Conference at UC Davis

- a. Walker-LAW At conference gave/heard presentations about functionality of their government
 - i. Immigration reform, public funding for higher education, advocacy for grad student awareness and public impact
 - ii. Elected to a legal position
 - iii. They are facing the same challenges we are, Prop 13 in California is similar to TABOR
- b. Rachel- SLHS Other groups just starting off starting their own graduate student government, great to feel our successes are helpful for the challenges they will face
- c. Kate-EDUC Interested in putting together a research conference at CU, putting my feelers out there for next year

VI. Update on Attendance incentive program-Steven

- a. 15 departments with 100% dependence
- b. Will send out form to approve ahead of time if you want to spend the money immediately
- c. Any discrepancies email uggs

VII. Hiring New Office Coordinator

- a. Hired Akshay Dhawale-ITP
 - i. Also working with Dedicated Communication Student Body
 - 1. Would like to have them come present to UGGS
 - ii. Also working with DCF
- b. Next meeting will ratify his position along with the other officer elections

VIII. Proposed Constitution and By-law changes- Steven

- a. First change is open invitations to our meetings- extend to the graduate teacher program
- b. Added inclement weather/emergency situations measure to vote on different issues via secure online systems, i.e. Qualtrics
 - i. Don't want to have to wait on voting
- c. Change budget approval to the end of the Spring semester opposed to the beginning of the Fall semester, before the fiscal year begins
 - i. Amendments can still be made at the first Fall meeting
 - ii. Current UGGS reps will be more familiar with the budget than newcomers
- d. Added information regarding meeting minutes and attendance
 - i. Attendance at end of minutes, send out no later than Monday before next assembly meeting, approval and amendments of minutes during the assembly
 - 1. Allows summer event budgeting
- e. Voting to approve on May 1st pending any new amendments

IX. Officer nominations-Steven

- a. President- Kate-EDUC Nominate Joey Hubbard
 - i. Nomination accepted
- b. Executive VP- Walker-LAW Nominate Laura Michaelson
 - i. Acceptance pending notification
- c. VP Finance- Nick-ASTR Nominate Danny
 - i. Nomination accepted
- d. Student Affairs Chair- Walker-LAW Nominate Kate Allison
 - i. Nomination accepted
- e. CUSG co-senator- Chris-CSCI Nominate Kelsey Cody
 - i. Acceptance pending notification

X. Going over proposed budget for next year- Danny

- a. Expected incomes this year at \$117K, we received about \$1,700 less
- b. GSAC was more which was sort of a wash
 - i. Policy of UGGS to draw down the pot of money accumulated
- c. Good news is incomes are up by July 1st, 5%, starting balance of \$94,000
- d. Expected balance of \$26K after all expenses paid/spent
- e. At the end of fiscal year 2014- UGGS will have a remaining balance of \$4,500

- f. Need to make cuts, spend fewer dollars on NAGPS, finding ways to cut down on social costs to boost the bottom line
- g. Walker- LAW What is a good reserve balance to have?
- h. Steven- MCEN We don't currently have that budget but perhaps can add it to the by-laws
- i. Megan-RLST- What unforeseen expenses has UGGS experienced in the past
 - i. Overspending on event budgets, more than anticipated attendance at events
 - 1. No emergency budget that was not approved by the assembly
 - 2. Will be voting on the budget after approve Constitutional and By-laws

Attendance:

Andrew D'ambruoso	ALC
Jakob Sedig	ANTH
Anthony Rasca	APPM
Nick Nelson	APS
Erik Hogan	ASEN
Rachel Powers	ATLS
Logan Wright	ATOC
Tania Tauer	CHBE
Chris Ostro	CLAS
Daniel Poochigian	CLAS
Svilen Trifonov	COMM
Chris Schaefbauer	CSCI
Courtney Naff	EBIO
Bill Campbell	EDUC
Kate Allison	EDUC
Jarad Krywicki	ENGL
Ian Rowen	GEOG
Akshay Dhawale	ITP
Megan Hurson	JOUR
Walker Williams	LAW
Taylor Harrell	MBA
Steven Koenig	MCEN
Amanda Brockman	PHIL
William Ames	PHYS
Angela Li	PSYC
John Lurquin	PSYC
Meghan Zibby	RLST
Alison Meagher	SLHS
Josh LePree	SOCY