UNITED GOVERNMENT OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA – September 28, 2015
Ramaley N240
5:00 PM

I. Welcome / Food
II. Call to Order (5:05 pm)
III. Approval of Minutes (9/14)
IV. Open Forum

Diba IPHY - Flu Shots during the meeting
Every fall at Health Board, flu shots. Interested in getting that in UGGS?
- Show of hands – Diba will get this going for the next or subsequent meetings

Jessica ATOC – Perusing UGGS website – examples of successful travel grants, but not successful group grants on website. Post some exemplary applications to serve as template, and to encourage the kind of group grant applications we want in the future.

Dan PSYC – the only sort of down side is that if they submit 6 different questions (Dan shows the answer to the first questions) What they go off is first question, it is response based on one item? Here is all this stuff you have to do – who is the event is open too, what specific funds are for? How the graduate community as the whole will receive this. We might want to ask for some more concrete numbers to inform numbers and a couple of other things.

V. Career Services – Alana Nickerson (5:05 – 5:15) – Unavailable

VI. Election – Social Chair (5:15-5:30)

Richard ATOC – Shawnna and Kurt accepted nominations.
Shawnna is here. In the sprit of open elections
If you would like to nominate – you can?
Open nomination – no more nominations

Richard ATOC – Melinda can you speak a little bit about Social Chair position

Melinda EBIO – You get to plan a lot of events, network with departments, and meet new people, most events are planned for the year.

Laura PSYC – but there is still room for creativity
Melinda EBIO – Also it pays $150 a month /$75 every two weeks

Shawnna PSCI – as a political science grad student, I am sad no one is running to contest – I have done similar events for women in political group. Involves mostly happy hours, but good a social events and would be happy to do this on a bigger scale. Any new ideas – Speed Dating!!

Laura PSYC - Thoughts on Fall Picnic – a very frustrating position - any thoughts on what to do next year – ways to stream line

Shawnna PSCI – don’t know the process – I worked the gate, undergrads wanted to sneak in 0 there is no way to confirm graduate student – isolated from undergrads

“The library”

Richard ATOC – we have no way to restrict attendance

Shawnna PSCI – Congratulations – we will see you at the UGGS officers next meeting

VII. Travel and Group Grants - Dan Gustavson (5:30-5:35)
Mentor, Steminar, Classics, and (two didn’t math colloquium and chemical engineering)

Travel grants – 90 to award for the whole year (up from previous years) instead of splitting it 45 and 45 each semester. The spring gets more, so we decided to do 40 in the fall, and 50 in spring. That would be good to save some grants for the spring.

40 who scored 70 or higher. We had a great turn out! We had about 7-8 reps! We finished in about 2 hours and we would really need that turn out in the spring!! Illegal Pete’s has an Internet issue, outlets, and loud music – but nice location. First year we blind rated – and it was surprisingly consistent across. Any feedback about the application or grading process – please talk to Dan or to UGGS. We are getting more applications – so we are getting the word out more.

Richard ATOC – Dan does a ton of work. Forms are labor intensive. He does a great job! Thank you Dan! Finance is something we will be looking at in spring, so keep in mind for future.

VIII. Boulder Occupancy Ordinances (5:35-5:55)

Gregor APPM – some issues regarding City Issues. Occupancy Limits. People from UGGS have been trying to fight. The ordinance nearly passed last week (or two weeks ago). That would have significantly increased enforcement of number of people living in one area (and it doesn’t matter number of room). 3-4 unrelated people. Affects affordability in Boulder. Having more than 3-4 people in one house makes it more affordable to live in boulder. The city council
has postponed the vote. It is critical to send emails to city council. Spread the word and that they are reading the emails. This vote could go other way

Dan PSYC – this is the rule no matter what – but this vote is to increase the enforcement options.

Gregor APPM - First time offense fines by $500. It would also make it illegal to advertise for a living unit with more than the zone limit. People advertising can get fined $500. It mandates a placard on every rental property.

Alex –LAW – online petition – this doesn’t affect just graduate – but undergraduates as well.

Gregor APPM –not that I am aware of that, but also this

Theodore CHEM - You can be added to the list? You can be the rep – we keep forwarding the emails.

IX. CUSG Update (5:55 – 6:00)

Lauren PSYC – tri-execs were at the meeting. Not sure how many spoke? They were heavily represented. It has been brought up to the exec branch to communicate to undergrads. They were there and part of the organizing efforts. They are involved for sure. The boulder housing initiative – has their website and advocacy and concise summary of the issue. It was in the original email. We can get this to you. There was an overwhelming presence against the bill. That is why they tabled the bill, it makes

It now has been tabled and there has to be a motion – they need to have let us know - we need to know it is coming up. They are not allocating to resource to police to enforce this. Like seatbelt law, if you already have the cops called on you for a noise violation

Alana GEOG – no funding allocated to this ordinance. But has hired two new noise enforcement in noise violations were it to pass.

Gregor APPM – adding a law illegal to advertise is a big change. Now they have the authority to prowl the craigslist.

Laura PSYC– but they did not increase the allocation

Eric FRIT – can ask friends to enforce - if a neighbor calls and says, there are four people, the city can call and respond to that

Emma SLHS – website to contact?
**Gregor APPM** – in the email bouldercouncilboulderColorado.org. There is motivation to pass the bill.

**Gregor APPM** - People use occupancy for issues with noise and trash, and beer pong. They use occupancy as the scapegoat – it impacts all, not just the people breaking liquor laws and impacting affordability to live here.

**Laura PYSC** – if someone is violating parking, then call them on that. If trash, call them on that. There are ways to impact the violations – this will be more problematic as Google plus moves in.

**Murray - Journalism** maybe – anyone living alone? I live in alone, but this still – I went to the council. I have neighbors that are not over occupancy but they are annoying. There are no citations – it is not occupancy is not the issue – also doing so will impact – what makes Boulder Boulder because no one will be a

**Chris ATOC** – what will this impact lease? If this is an issue with your landlord? Does this void the lease if they cite you?

**Laura PSYC** – my guess if you move to a 4-person house and 2 on the lease and the 2 on the lease will be responsible. But more power to enforce

**ALEX Law** – trying to find the actual text. I can talk to the attorneys in contract in real estate. Another thing to do is maybe write a petition. We can do a petition

**Gregor APPM** – there is a place for petition – could we also write some formal sounding texts.

**Richard ATOC** – can we coordinate with CUSG –

**Laura PSYC** – yes, we can both do this. Generally a good idea to have formal stance, especially if this comes up again. What is the likelihood, and see if this is going to be dead in the water or if they bring it up? Is there way to have a sense of that? It will remain an issue until the occupancy law is changed. It has been an issue for like 30 years. Great idea to have a resolution forum UGGS and CUSG.

How this impacts – increase enforcement for short-term leases – which will impact property and renderings and empty properties I am sure politically these too were done in context.

**Murray Journalism** – more towards the owner end, so owners couldn’t rent out to different short-term renters – there wouldn’t be short-term renters. Another legal issue, how does this impact short term renter illegally? Voted on separately Separated ordinance and put up around the same time.

**Alana GEOG** – on the ballot to allow for this very narrow – owner property – would not be allowed to rent?.
Jessica ATOC - what qualifies as a short-term rental? Weeks

Julia GEOG – I am an attorney and in my HOA, it says no less than 30 days, so I am assuming month to month. Is what is allowed in boulder?

Richard ATOC – anyone interested in working with Gregor and work with him after meeting

FOLSOM BIKE LANES
- Defer to Alan

Alana GEOG– living laboratory project – they reconfigured Folsom from 4 to 3 with protected bike lanes form Valmont to
Highest number of bikes, as someone who has commuted as one of the riders, who did not feel the previous was not safe – especially with snow, this is better
Boulder takes seriously the carbon emissions – and they want to increase the number of 10 to 12 person by bikers to 30% by 2035 and built off street, undeveloped creek to turn into paths - so we lack the south north
This was the attempt to connect the south to north
Implemented – was supposed to be a 12 months – only been 9 weeks and has been a very vocal minority that have been very loud because of increased rush hour from Pine to Canyon the southern half. Which is really relevant

Gregor APPM – the Folsom reconfiguration – for a one-year – to collect data
To remove it during before winter – it is not allowing and removing data – removing the ability for commuters to be comfortable when bikers need it the most. Gravel is covering the lane – it is completely treacherous

Carly MATH – so I am sure that most of this knows someone who has been in a serious bike accident. I know someone on a serious accident – close to dying and this is a really important issue.

Murray Journalism – also want to clarify is that taking it out – thinking about a bad winter and if people are being unsafe in the snow – more danger in the snow – but lets increase danger in the snow

Eric FRIT - I commuted on short stretch and it was terrifying.

Alana GEOG – city wanted this to be a data driven for just 9 weeks – transition period – accident is down, number of cyclist are up, and traffic are closer to posted limits. It is supporting the decisions by the city directions and being driven by small group

Laura PSYC – Folsom also happens to be in need of a BUS that is not bus that travel - that is a neighborhood that needs a safe bike commute option. And people drive like maniacs. So
question, what is the support for this? What is the possibility that they will vote on this? But need to give time for the data? What is plausibility for terminating?

**Murray Journalism** – pretty possible thinking of taking out the white posts and leaving green painted lanes. And very possible.

**Laura PSYC** – original terms of the plans

**Murray** – it is still marked, but taking out the safety precaution of it, it seems possible

**Richard ATOC** – status of transportation of committee

**Alana GEOG** – communication between east and main campus – I can ask about it, but best option is to go to city council and make our voices heard. It is the same issue – a few people that don’t like and it makes them look ugly – less traffic less cars and – but happy to check with transportation committee. And were part of boulder city planning. At this point it is – we need to show up longer term –

**Richard ATOC** - keep the transportation committee active
**Alan CHEM/BIO**– 50 year plan of becoming a stem campus

**Dan PSYC** – 2 things – really in support of this. You can pass people on bikes which is extremely dangerous for both people – I do think we need to think devil’s argument – we are arguing best bike lane – only way to get a car to campus too. Other than 28th – Folsom only way to get to north boulder with a car – find some alternative for getting more cars too. Which is the same argument

**Will Comp SCI** – safety if paramount. I was going to ask – representative of the biker – safety is important – but also graduate students – few quick ways – Broadway and 28th is a nightmare. But also look on the other perspective. Take another way – but also from their point of view. Why don’t you walk? Popularity view of bikers – that there are many who might not agree

**Murray Journalism** – I am with you, agree I don’t have a bike – I walk everywhere. I take the bus I have a car. But when I leave, Folsom is my street, and it is annoying. But as far as driving People aren’t moving. Commute tie has not changed. Rush hour, crawling, but anyone knows – what buses run up to north

**A lot of people shouting out bus routes:**
225 to iris and Skip on Broadway! HOP covers two blocks – Nothing goes on Folsom – no direct (which again hop only 2 blocks)

**Ryan PSCI**– clarifying – year period to either take bike lanes out? To answer the question, how likely is this to change – if it was to increase bike traffic – bot likely but what I am wondering after that one year period – what were they going to do?
**Murray Journalism** - going to look at data then and see if it was a good solution – and reading now they are saying that maybe this was not a good option because of so many complaints without having the data.

**Jennifer ANTH**- Take out the bike lanes – or just take off the barriers

**Murray Journalism**– entire car lane not being used between car and bikes. The lane will remain and lanes but the barriers – two car lane

**Gregor APPM** – speak to issues of delays – most of the time transit time 9only a minute and a half) closer to posted speed limit, intent of the project anyway. Which was one of the goals at the time There is still time to make tweaks to plan. For example. The markings are chaotic to drivers and causing intersection delays. People are actively working on how to eliminate the confusion and maintain the safety. The number of lanes is not the source of traffic jams. Intersections are the main source of traffic – transportation research is saying and believing the researchers. And right now, the one monitoring actively and with sensors they are noticing that the delays are still the intersections

**Murray Journalism** – and cross walks – you wait on bikers, walkers, and this delays traffic and the bike lane on Colorado, the bike cross over a turn lane it is asking for people to drive over it. I am sure causes delay– if you have four cars behind you going straight, any one that is turning is waiting for the biker to turn and the walkers

**Will Computer Science**– I agree. There is still a problem that of decreasing the cars into less lanes and there is a traffic density that is removing and that is what people seeing and what they are going to complain about

**Alana GEOG** – one of the options is that they will vote and open comment – but there will be and how we spread that knowledge – the first and gathering and information – I wail leave it at the table or Email and we can forward on

**X. Announcements, Questions, Concerns**
   Unofficial event for FAMILIES, however anyone is welcome– hoping to get a discount at Rock Creek Pumpkin Patch (we have not heard back from Rock Creek Farm)– we will send you an email – intention was not to just have happy hour events. – Good time for all.

Sign in sheet – will send you an email tonight. If you do not get it, please send us back an email at uggsinfo@colorado.edu so we can make sure you are on the list.

Attendance has been great. Good problems too have

Next meeting is back in ATLAS 229 -
### XI. Meeting Adjourn (6:05 pm)

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