

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

ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA – January 30th, 2013
ATLAS 229
5:00 PM

- I. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting
 - a. VOTE-Yes
- II. Open Floor-
 - a. Steven- MCEN: GPTI Seminar, Dean of Grad School dialogue across departments- Friday February 1st 11am-12pm
 - b. Carly- CHEM- Career Event Linkin' It Up, February 5th, checking it out to see if we should have a related UGGS event
 - c. Steven- MCEN: Laura & I went to Alumni Meeting to improve graduate student involvement
 - i. 8% involvement rate, comparatively low due to majority of undergraduates
 - ii. Laura-PSYC: Back to Boulder Homecoming Weekend not just student but Alumni weekend
 - d. Jakob-ANTH, admitted as a Master's student, but not as a terminal degree, getting mail as alumni, anyone have problem?
 - e. Steven-MCEN: Open Access passed through BFA Libraries (Boulder Faculty Library), also passed Executive Committee, has to go to full BFA on February 7th
 - i. Carly-CHEM: A couple years ago the same resolution did not make it far, but will elicit a lot of discussion at the very least
 - f. Matt-LAW: Fundraiser opportunities, Ultimate Frisbee/Kickball
 - i. Chris- CSCI: Timing is important, the EBIO department had a large turnout, advertise heavily
 - g. Courtney- EBIO- Bill being passed in House, a bill that encourages teachers to teach Creationism in school, EBIO department is trying to get support against this bill
 - h. Chris-CSCI: No Smoking Policy this Friday, prohibition does not start until Fall, opportunity to seek resources on how to manage smoking/quitting re: new policy
- III. Spring 2013 grant application due next Wednesday-Steven-MCEN
 - a. Grant grading on Saturday February 9th at Abo's Pizza on the Hill at 1pm
- IV. Rec Center Renovations-Chris-CSCI, Health & Safety liaison
 - a. Update on projects, double space for Cardio, Ice arena update, new tennis courts, turf gym
 - i. Q: Megan-RLST- Will there be a women's only workout area, A: No
 - b. Compared to rec center to national standards, more inclusive of all activities, multi-purpose, more open spaces

- c. Increasing square footage, daylight with skylights, solar power in the future, heat recovery- outdoor pool will be heated by heat removal from ice rink, heat hot water, etc.
 - d. June- locker rooms open, August- new ice rink/indoor pool re-opens, December- three tiered weight room, admin offices, climbing wall, Wellness sweets, March- turf gym, track, grand re-opening April 2014
 - i. Steven-MCEN: When is fee going to take effect?
 - 1. Chris-CSCI Spring of 2014, building has to be mostly complete before fees increase
 - a. Q: Graduate students past comps will not pay fee?
A:Correct, unless you opt-in
 - ii. Q: Where will the bike racks be located? A: This is a parking issue.
 - iii. Laura-PSYCH- Will this affect the number of fitness classes, yoga, spin, etc.?
 - 1. Expansion of classes as the space opens up, working on different initiatives for the Be Fit Pass
 - e. Buffuptherec.com, Facebook/Twitter page for updates, suggestion box in rec center
- V. TABOR resolution – Walker Williams-LAW, CUSG Liaison
- a. Lays out funding crisis, asks anyone who has influencing power to consider a repeal, if CU stays on its current funding path it will either become privatized or cease to exist
 - b. Questions?
 - i. Kelsey- ENVS: Is this a call for the repeal or a call for the resolution?
 - 1. A: This is a call for the repeal, but also securing more funding for the University to remain
 - ii. Q: Amendment 23 stance?
 - 1. A: Brief language in the resolution about the amendment, but it does not apply to higher education only K-12 in that funding rises with inflation
 - 2. Nick-ASTR: There will not be a refund until 2014, concerns about resolution, TABOR is a broader political issue than higher education funding, wading into the TABOR debate wouldn't just be a statement about higher education funding, but health funding, transportation, and K-12
 - 3. Walker-LAW- As a government organization, UGGS should not be afraid to take a stance on legislation
 - iii. Q: Can you talk about the effects of privatization?
 - 1. Carly-CHEM: Even if we went to zero funding we will not be a private institution
 - a. Regardless of funding, the state still owns the buildings and land
 - 2. If we lose the state funding and raise the tuition, incoming Undergrads will not want to pay more money
 - 3. Walker-LAW: If there is less state funding, there is a tuition increase
 - 4. Nick-ASTR: State funding has dropped in most states, CO is the only state with TABOR, leads us to a false conclusion that TABOR is the only thing at fault

- 5. Danny-CLAS: Came from UC Irvine, Winter of 2010 hiked fees 33% for undergrads, California doesn't have a TABOR rule, but the state is still cutting funding
 - iv. Nick-ASTR: Bigger political issue than UGGS should weight in for
 - v. Carly-CHEM: Move to pass the resolution
 - 1. Objection- want to hear Walker's response
 - vi. Carly-CHEM: Motion to move
 - 1. Vote- Yay, Nay, Abstain
 - a. VOTE-
 - i. Yay-19
 - ii. Nay-3
 - iii. Abstain-11
 - b. Passes
- VI. CUSG Co-Senator Opening- Juliette
 - a. Juliette has new position as a senator for Graduate Student in CUSG
 - i. Bi-laws call for a vote for a new person, in the interim, Kelsey Cody-ENVS is temporarily filling in until elections
 - b. Open floor for nominations
 - i. Nominate: Kelsey Cody
 - c. Close the floor for nominations, official election next meeting
- VII. NAGPS Legislative Action Days- Steven
 - a. Svilen Trifonov-COMM and Chris Schaeffbauer-CSCI were chosen to attend
- VIII. February Social Events- John-PSYC
 - a. February event on Catacombs, the third week in February (21st), feedback let John know
- IX. Announcements/Questions/Concerns
 - a. Walker-LAW:CUSG tickets are being composed if anyone is interested
- X. Adjourned! Thanks for your attendance!

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
Carly Robinson	CHEM
David Smith	CHEM
Daniel Poochigiun	CLAS
Svilen Trifonov	COMM
Amruth Rativ	CSCI
Halley Profita	CSCI
Chris Schaeftbauer	CSCI
Courtney Naff	EBIO
Andrea Jacobson	EDUC
Bill Campbell	EDUC
Jarad Krywicki	ENGL
Kelsey Cody	ENVS
Rachel Austin	FRIT
Amelia Schubert	GEOG
Elizabeth Bartels	HIST
Megan Hurson	JOUR
Walker Williams	LAW
Matt Nykiel	LAW
Taylor Harrell	MBA
Justin Whiteley	MCEN
Steven Koenig	MCEN
Danyelle Doshunmu	MUSM
Amanda Brockman	PHIL
William Ames	PHYS
John Lurquin	PSYC
Laura Michaelson	PSYC
Meghan Zibby	RLST

Rachel Hawkins
Raphael Nawrotzki

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