

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

ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA – February 12, 2014
ATLAS 229
5:00 PM

- I. 5:00 Welcome / Food**
- II. 5:00 Call to Order**
- III. 5:03 Approve 1/29 minutes**
 - 1. Minutes Approved
- IV. 5:02 Open Forum**
 - 1. Josh – APS – what is the status of the Eldora pass for students?
 - 1. That's John's dept and he's not here. It seems like it is contingent on their trial partnership with Vail. We'll get in touch with John and give everyone an update soon
 - 2. Danni – ANTH – TA funding in our department: there is some inequality or confusion in how money is allocated within department (or even Arts and Sciences) and I'm trying to understand how this works or came about. Wanted to bring it to the forum.
 - 1. The percentages are the same (50% gets the same amount of money), but there is a disparity in the amount of work for the percentage that they give you. For example, 30-35% is common in her department but 50% is more common in other departments. Are 50% really doing more work?
 - 1. Joey – EBIO – we'll try and figure out the rules/regulations guiding these decisions
 - 2. Ellena – ENGL – all of ours are 50%. Most or all are private donors. Not sure where, but that is how we get some of the money we give out
 - 3. Joey – EBIO – if you know specifically how your dept does this, let me know so we talk about whether and what these differences are.
 - 3. Walker – CUSG – CUSG is expecting to pass changes to fee regulation to allow student groups to get space on the hill as part of a project we started last year. If you are in a student group or know someone who is interested and you need space, let me know and I will try and help you get your group in this space
 - 1. It is underneath the food court on the hill
 - 4. Courtney – EBIO / safety committee – I've been trying to figure out a way to get grad students connected when there is an issue on campus that all grad students would want to know about. I presented the idea of using an app last semester. Since then I've heard about a new app and some other ways to get information around. Have you talked to your departments yet about this yet?
 - 1. Brandon – LAW – there was some interest, but often asked why wouldn't we use facebook or phone numbers.
 - 2. Courtney – a lot of information gets lost on facebook / we wouldn't want to store everyone's phone numbers on our phones
 - 3. Laura – PSYC – we tried to create a group and sent out an invite to a bunch of people, but no one (except the other UGGS officers) accepted these invites

4. Xi - ENVS – A lot of people don't use facebook. I don't think we should privilege facebook because everyone is not in on it. Maybe just a list serve? The problem with an app is created another account, but it is possible
5. Courtney – this app has some good features where you can see police reports in the past few days. Not sure if all info gets through
6. Joey – EBIO – Let us know about things you might want to post and Dan can make these posts through the UGGS page. We don't want to make a formal endorsement of this app but are happy to post things on FB.
 1. Dan – PSYC - By the way, like the UGGS facebook posts to help keep them showing up in everyone's feed.
7. Walker – CUSG – came across the endorsement policies from the university, so if you are interested, talk to me about it.
5. Courtney – EBIO – I attended the transportation committee. They are ramping up the East Campus a lot. New buildings and new parking lots and are trying to figure out how transportation will work. There is a stop at 157 Arapahoe but there is only a small stop and no sidewalk. The city has money to improve bus stops, but the university wont let them use the money to help upgrade some of these stops. Maybe UGGS wants to help ask the university?
 1. Will – CHEM – where is the nearest stop?
 1. 30th and Marine or across from Colorado.
 2. Brandon – LAW – do you have any insight into why they say no?
 1. Not really. A friend mentioned that every time RTD offers to spruce up the bus stops, the university doesn't seem to respond
6. Sarah – LING – introducing Michael. Expressed interest in the co-senator position. Also Chris and I met with the person in charge of renovating family housing. He is interested in coming to a meeting to get feedback from us about developing programs to promote community in the grad family (coffee hours, speakers, dissertation help). He might be here to ask us about it soon so think about it.

V. 5:15 Language Learning Games table - Kevin Gould and Steve Duman

1. This item is cancelled for today. Keep an eye out for the table at the UMC, because they were looking for a sponsor, but may not need it anymore

VI. 5:20 Travel Grant update and Group Grant presentation/vote - Danny Poochigian

1. Danny – CLAS – thanks everyone who helped. If you have any suggestions for future years, let me know. As for the group grants, I'm going to announce the results for the outreach and group grants and then we'll vote on it.
2. Katherine – GEOG – I noticed in your email you said possibly using funding from last semester
 1. We're not going to do this
3. Danny – CLAS - typically UGGS finances 6 group and 2 outreach. Usually we don't have to vote but this year we do. 5 outreach and 7 group.
4. Starting with outreach (\$750). It is for funding a student group that can get the word out about their group and us.
 1. Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary history conference
 1. Money for a conference. Approx 100 people, exclusively grad students
 2. Science Field Day
 1. Funded last year. Want money for food and supplies (\$730). Bring 100 middle school students and 30 CU grads participate a bunch of science activities
 2. How are grad students selected?

1. Departments formed a committee. Mostly volunteers
3. Climate change youth trip to CU mountain research station
 1. April 26-27. Full \$750 for rental and food. Partnering with Boulder County inner city outing group. 20 at risk kids to go and learn about climate change and science. EBIO grad students
 1. Will – CHEM – are these going to go forward if we don't give them money?
 2. Danny – CLAS - Not sure
 3. Joey – EBIO - I would guess the dept would still give funding, but not sure
 4. Danny – part of the funding may come from the Inner City Outing Group too.
4. Save the Frogs! Day. National History Museum. \$739 for materials. Grad students will be there helping with the activities
 1. Do we have only 2 grants, or can we give multiple groups less money?
 2. Probably yes. But the budgets don't specify whether they can still happen if we only give partial funding. Joey is inclined to say no
 3. Should we incorporate this in future grants? Ask them what is the minimum funding
 4. Will – CHEM – I doubt this will work because people will report high minimums
 5. Do we get a report back from these groups?
 1. Joey – EBIO - Yes, within 2 weeks. They don't always comply. If they don't we won't fund them again
5. Model Rocket outreach. \$425 for rocket making equipment to visit horizons elem school. Aerospace honors society will be attendees, as well as teachers and students
 1. What age groups?
 2. Not too sure, but they may not have specified the grade level.
 3. Lauren – AERO – I don't know anything about this. Does the outreach program have to have grad students? This sounds like an undergrad honors society and I haven't heard anything from the other grads
 1. We'll check on this. It was submitted by the honors society. If it isn't grads, we'll fund the third choice
6. Vote on outreach grants
 1. Joey – EBIO – the first one doesn't seem like an outreach grant and affecting the community as a whole. The last four seem to all be affecting students and that this impact is closer to the goal of the outreach grants.
 2. Patricia – HIST – even though the 1st one isn't an outreach for the community, it will help other scholars from the rocky mountain region (Arizona and Wyoming) to help them come and participate.
 3. Joey – EBIO – don't vote at all for outreach grants if you are on the committee
7. Joey – EBIO – we will email the results soon
5. Group Grants – we can fund 6. They need to benefit CU students. Have to be open to any fee-paying students. Not group travel grants. They happen on campus.
 1. Justin – MENG – GEARS symposium put on by mechanical engineering grad students. Guest speakers, grad student presenters, posters. Trying to get

undergrads interested and coincide it with interview weekend to help get grad students to want to come here. It's been really helpful the past few years and we would like to try again

2. EGSC presenting Colson Whitehead. Well known author who writes about race relations. Coming to speak about race relations in popular culture (fiction, culture, etc.). Asking for the \$750 for food for the receptions because we can only use 5% of the budget for food and that is not enough, we have money to cover everything else. We want to bring a notable, important, person to help draw a crowd from grads and undergrads.
3. Promoting Inclusive Communities in Astrophysics. Forum to discuss underrepresented minorities in Astrophysics. The money is for food and refreshments mostly. This is the majority of the costs for these meetings.
4. Heights of Humor – Spanish and Portuguese grad conference on April 5th. Asking for the money to fund catering costs. Typical grad conference delivering papers and talks about humor. Especially Spanish and Portuguese. But relevant to others as well
5. CU Prime biweekly meetings. Also for food and refreshments. They are a support or contact group between grads and undergrads in physics. Sounds like there is a gulf between the two groups and this is trying to get undergrads excited and informed about grad school.
6. Science Funding & Policies. Asking for \$422 for one event. Mostly for food at backcountry pizza. Dr. Ryan Davison coming to talk about science funding. He has done this for chemistry but not focusing on this group exclusively. It may go forward regardless but it would be great to have the help
 1. How are you planning on advertising?
 2. We've tried on Facebook with large adds and still only get 30-40 people so it shouldn't get too packed
7. The last one did not comply with rules
8. Joey – EBIO – we can fund all 6 of these if we want
 1. Telecom – if we don't fund all these do they go to the next group grant bin?
 1. Laura – PSYC - No it just get reallocated in the future, but it is good practice to spend what we said we were going to
 2. Megan – ATLAS – question about CU prime. This seems specialized to Physics. Is this a problem?
 3. HIST – I liked that one because it more specifically focuses on undergraduate students getting involved with grad students
 1. Laura – PSYC – I agree. If we get more interest in the future smaller groups might not be able to get funded but for now it seems like a good idea
 2. Will – PHYS – I didn't know much about this. But a lot of undergrads in physics have no idea what they are getting themselves into, so this is a really good source of information to help them.
 9. Joey – EBIO – just write down any that you don't want to fund, and if the majority doesn't then we won't fund it

VII. 5:57: CUSG co-senator description/nominations

1. **Election will be held at 2/26 meeting**

2. The position includes attending assembly meetings and sitting on CUSG legislative council on Thursdays (go through new bills, etc.). Meetings are every Wed and Thurs (though you can proxy your seat to a student if you need to). It is a co-position so you can switch with the other co-senator if you want also. The pay is \$100 a month from UGGS and \$10 per hour from CUSG (usually around \$100). Thursday meetings are 6-7 and 7-whenever they are done (usually 830). Wednesday are 5-6 each week. The appointment is typically one year but this one is up for re-election at the end of the semester so they will have to reapply anyway.
3. Nominations will still be open on 2/26, but we will hold the elections then.
4. Because someone is interested Joey will appoint them for the next two weeks.
5. Nominations are open
 1. Sarah – LING - nominate Michael Gillis from LING
6. Email us or Sarah if you want more information.

VIII. 6:01 Announcements

1. Joey – EBIO - Laura and I are updating the BFA for Open Access. The new repository software for depositing scholarly work has been called CU Scholar.

IX. 6:02 Meeting Adjourn

Meeting Attendance

UGGS REP	DEPT
Joshua Moloney	APS
Lauren McManus	ASEN
Richard Bateman	ATOC
Alan Izar	CHBE
Will Hartwig	CHEM
Daniel Poochigian	CLAS
Joshua Morrison	COMM
Halley Profida	CSCI
Walker Williams	CUSG/LAW
Joey Hubbard	EBIO
Antonio Rodriguez	EDUC
Courtney Naff	EBIO
Akshay Dhawale	ITP
Alaina Bupp	ENGL
Jocelyn Franklin	FRIT
Patricia Helfenbein	HIST/ALAC
Brandon Archuleta	LAW
Sarah Alcorn	LING
Justin Whiteley	MCEN
Allison Vitkus	MUSM
Chaz Vollmer	PHIL
Will Ames	PHYS
Dan Gustavson	PSYC
Laura Michealson	PSYC
Brianna Chai	SLHS

Jui White	SLHS
Raphael Nawrotzki	SOCY
Kathryn Wright	GEOG
Megan Kinney	ATLAS
Dani Merriman	ANTH
Michael Gillis	LING
Xi Wong	ENVS