

UNITED GOVERNMENT OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER
ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA –April 3rd, 2013
ATLAS 229
5:00 PM

I. Call to Order 5:03

II. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

- a. Move to amend minutes- Megan-RLST
 - i. Approved
- b. Move to approve the minutes
 - i. VOTE-Yes

III. Open Floor

- a. Anthony-Gmail issues, there were a lot of people unable to transition
- b. Eric responds- the sample was too restricted for those who could opt in, we went from 35,000 to 102,000 opt in file
 - i. This should address the issues with the UGGS assembly member opt in
 - ii. Some full time student employees may not be able to opt in this round
- c. When did the change take effect?
 - i. Today-General communications are pending either late this week or early next week
- d. Megan-RLST-larger mailbox quota, Google is at 20GB
- e. Eric- We are doing this in two phases, up to a day to migrate when you sign up during the opt in mode
 - i. After graduation/Finals by mid-June CULink will be obsolete
- f. Nick-ASTR- Looking for a replacement to sit on committee after I graduate
- g. Eric-AERO-What happened with parking?
 - i. Stephen-MCEN They came and did not stay so they will be here next meeting on April 17th
 - ii. Raphael-SOCY- Parental leave issues amongst other departments, what are the policies. Always have to pay student feeds despite leaving for pregnancy leave is problematic when you have to enroll for a min of 5 credits
 - iii. Tania-CHEM Eng- I can follow up with a woman who did take leave post-comps
 - iv. Steven-MCEN I can work with her to work out some options to connect with the graduate school
 - v. Will-FRIT- The time off program there is a \$50 fee to opt in but it will hold your place in the program but filing all the proper paperwork they will put you on pause

IV. CUSG Election Tickets

- a. Unite platform speaks first
 - i. Walker Williams and Chris Schaeffbauer
 - 1. I am glad to have been able to rebuild my position with in the assembly and if elected will ensure those same linkages between CUSG and the graduate school
 - 2. Chris-CSCI Working on role with co-chair on the student health plan to make sure the student health plan continues to be the best for grad students and your feedback is being heard; that feedback is in the final stages of consideration
 - 3. Walker-LAW This is my 6th year and I am going to miss my seat in UGGS, want to increase public funding to the university by repealing laws that prevent this and going to the state capital to lobby for these causes
 - a. Want to maintain important resources that cost centers and student fees supply but also urging the university to take on these resource centers through tuition funding
 - 4. Chris-CSCI Committed to working on including Dental Plan in health insurance program, also interested in getting paid prior to fees and tuition being due
 - ii. **Q&A**
 - 1. Top one or two tenets of your platform that differentiate you?
 - a. Chris-CSCI Walker and I are both graduate students and advocating for this community is a key difference. Looking at the cost of attendance in a more broad sense to understand how people are priced out
 - b. Walker-LAW The solution to fee parity is to increase access and make grad students aware that these resources are available and that their fees are being used properly, lowering tuition can make a larger dent than lowering fees
 - 2. What are the major tenets for undergraduate students on your platform?
 - a. Unite is the progressive ticket, affordability, campus safety, NightRide for all students, student groups is a huge pillar, gives them a place of community to ensure they know how to get proper funding and supporting them in day-to-day activities, diversity and equity and graduate students
 - b. Walker- The student group is something I have personally worked on helping law students get groups established and funded
- b. Inspire platform speaks

- i. More about officials in the room and less about students, inspire is about bringing the voice back to the students, three affiliated inspire members in legislative cabiner
- ii. Made pledge to make 30% of our members graduate students, taken steps to change representation, changed the proxy system that require 250 student signatures, want to create a wethebuffs website for student petitions, legislative council will have to take action when these petitions reach a certain level
- iii. We have an international student representative
- iv. Affordability we want to lobby the capital but also control the student fee package by lowering the fees, won't cut groups or lack services, but find inefficiencies in the cost centers
- v. Unity, health and safety, sustainability, highlighting the value grad students bring to the campus, bringing a graduate student bill of rights to the council
- vi.

Q&A

1. You want to lower fees without cutting services, how much more room is there for efficiencies?
 - a. Sat on finance board for four years, a lot of the efficiencies found were a lot of low hanging fruit, but things are much more difficult without taking away critical services, we want to take only the best of the best innovative solutions bringing solutions to the majority of the student body or brings reputation to the university. Find efficiencies for encouraging collaboration between cost centers, linking up resources
2. Mentioned the grad student bill of rights, this actually exists
 - a. We understand it exists on the UGGS level
3. It exists on the university level
4. How many are you incumbents? What have you done or grad students?
 - a. Gained signatures for Juliette to sit as CUGS senator, changed the proxy system, and advocated for lower fees
 - b. Ran with several tickets, both tickets in the past that will represent the best interests for the student body.
5. What department with the grad students you have on your ticket?
 - a. business, engineers, law, and French
6. Working towards hiring assistant dean, do you feel like assistants now are not doing appropriate diversity issues?
 - a. Student groups felt diversity was not represented, traditionally there is an assistant dean of students

that the center for multiculturalism was divided and not collaborative, looking for a restructuring

c. Discussion

- i. Do we want to endorse, and which one? Unite, Inspire, or None
 1. Will-FRIT- leaning toward Unite as they support many of things we are already concerned about
 2. Jarad-ENGL- question how they will reduce our fees by lowering tuition, feel like the second group was more prepared
 3. Laura-PSYC- That's a good point worth considering, I'm concerned about how Inspire wants to decrease student fees at the same time increasing lighting, hiring a dean, events around campus
 4. Nick-ASTR- Its fine to lobby the state legislature, but that is something beyond Unite's ability to deliver on
 5. Chris-CLAS- Both parties are claiming to lobby, the Unite party's speech is filled with rhetoric, it seems like there are not many efficiencies to be found
 6. Tania- Liked that they were interested in encouraging programs of awareness about cost centers
 7. Matt-LAW- Lobbying is important since we have not received any public funding until now that lobbying from students is a new thing, the student voice is heard at the capital
 8. Angela-PSYC- Volunteering for Unite, they are the only ticket that have actively been lobbying, in touch with Congress, but the other ticket are merely saying they will do these things, but they tries to cut \$80-100K from the cost centers recently, concerned they will cut costs despite their claim not to
 9. Will-FRIT-Unite is not advocating for increasing fees but making students aware of where there fees are going to be more open to where \$ is landing, my question is how are they going to do that?
 10. Will-PHYS-Both are saying they want to cut fees without reducing services, the Unite ticket had an exaggerated opinion of influence of students in state politics, but that will not hurt us. Unlike Inspire they were direct instead of evading the question with rhetoric. They brought six candidates despite being asked to only bring two. Unable to follow simple directions.
 11. Rachel-ATLAS-Inspire is resting on the fact they have a lot of grad students on their ticket but they did not have much proof of what they've done for grad students
 12. Kelsey- ENVS Inspire knows they are behind on the grad student effort and that is a little transparent but needs to be

recognized. Both groups are competent, its just an emphasis on cost centers versus cutting costs.

- d. Motion to Vote
 - i. Second
 - 1. Unite-31
 - 2. Inspire-0
 - 3. No Endorsement-1

V. Attendance incentive program

- a. 15 departments at 100% attendance
- b. 75% attendance for increase on travel grant bonus
- c. Document sent out for next meeting if you want to spend money right after the semester, if you want to wait for the summer or next semester the form will be ready
- d. \$500/department
- e. Any limitations on how the funds can be used- no alcohol, no capital construction

VI. Election Announcement

- a. Chris-CSCI In the past grad students have been able to swing the entire election, Walker and I will meet with people next week to talk with grad students, sending out emails to invite us or take us around the department to introduce us to some people
- b. Tania-CHBE There are a couple hundred grad students at the E-Bio campus, want to reach out to them
- c. Chris- CSCI Health board meets every Wednesday and if looking to recruit more grad students, they advise Wardenburgs budget , if interested email uggsinfo

VII. Graduate Student Appreciation Week – Steven

- i. Yesterday grad student yoga was a great success
- ii. Coffee Hour and Chair Massage- 186 people, 3 chairs in constant use
- iii. UGGS roundtable reception, only had 23 people RSVP, its 4-6, please come to support
- iv. Grad student VIP night at Absinthe House Friday April 5th- 9-2, VIP room in the back, invite people from your departments face to face, drink specials, grad student drink, DJ
- v. Last year was an a huge success
- vi. Grad student prom- April 13th at Absinthe House

VIII. Hiring Office Coordinator, Applications Due April 5th- Steven

- a. It is a paid position, application on the website

IX. Announcements, Questions, Concerns

X. Adjourned- 6:12

Attendance:

Andrew D'ambruoso	ALC
Anthony Rasca	APPM
Nick Nelson	APS
Briana Ingermann	APS
Erik Hogan	ASEN
Rachel Powers	ATLS
Logan Wright	ATOC
Tania Tauer	CHBE
Chris Ostro	CLAS
Daniel Poochigian	CLAS
Eric Netterlund	COMM
Amruth Rajiv	CSCI
Chris Schaeftbauer	CSCI
Courtney Naff	EBIO
Nathan Adkins	ECON
Kate Allison	EDUC
Jarad Krywicki	ENGL
Kelsey Cody	ENVS
William Anderson	FRIT
Amelia Schubert	GEOG
Elizabeth Bartels	HIST
Megan Hurson	JOUR
Matt Nykiel	LAW
Walker Williams	LAW
Taylor Harrell	MBA
Steven Koenig	MCEN
Amanda Brockman	PHIL
Angela Li	PSYC
John Lurquin	PSYC
Laura Michaelson	PSYC
Meghan Zibby	RLST
Rachel Hawkins	SLHS
Raphael Nawrotzki	SOCY