

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

ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA – April 30, 2014
ATLAS 229
5:00 PM

- I. **5:00 Welcome / Food**
- II. **5:03 Call to Order**
- III. **5:04 Approve 4/16 minutes**
 - 1. Minutes Approved
- IV. **5:04 Open Forum**
 - 1. Colin – CUSG – last meeting I told you about a bill. It passed, so I am now here officially (next year too) as a representative for CUSG leg council
 - 2. Evan – LING – Thanks for doing the roundtable yesterday. It was great, and everyone should go next year.
 - 3. Abby – ENVS – is there a record of past recipients of nominations for the TA award?
A professor asked
 - 1. At least recently we have a record and can look if you send UGGS an email
- V. **5:05 Bystander Resolution - 2nd Reading: Walker Williams**
 - 1. Joey – EBIO - Walker presented this a few weeks ago. Chris will field any more questions about it
 - 2. Chris – CUSG – Walker made the requested changes. Wanted to emphasize we are not dictating procedure, just saying that this training is important for graduate students and outlining issues we want to address if we developed a comprehensive training.
 - 1. Megan – ATLAS – I attended the 2 title 9 interviews. The 2nd person had a lot of experience with bystander training and hope this person gets hired
 - 3. Kate – EDUC - Motion to vote on bystander resolution
 - 1. Motion carries
- VI. **5:10 Budget Approval**
 - A. Budget Proposal
 - 1. Same proposal from last week. Major changes – cut outreach grants and move these in with the group grants. We cut the office coordinator position. NAGPS funding was cut a bit, roundtable was cut a bit, so just less food next time. Grad Appreciation week was cut a bit.
 - 2. Any questions about the budget?
 - 3. Motion to approve the budget
 - 1. Budget approved
 - B. Fee Change
 - 1. This is a preliminary vote. We will approve this at the first meeting in the fall. \$1.00 increase per semester in fee's. This will restore many of the cuts we had to make this year.
 - 2. Dan – why do we have to wait to vote?
 - 1. It is filed in the 2015 year so that assembly might be better off
 - 3. John – PSYC – motion to vote officially now
 - 1. Comment – maybe we should wait and educate the new people.

2. Kate – EDUC – the deadline may actually be earlier next year. If they move it up to September 1st it may be hard to get a meeting together and vote to do this on time.
3. John – PSYC – I think it is a risk to not get it approved now.
 1. Seconded by a few other people
4. Laura – PSYC – we could make a note about bringing this up in the meeting
 1. Yes people want to do this
5. Motion to vote officially now approved.
4. Vote to approve fee change request
 1. Fee change approved
5. Laura – PSYC – we can start making the fall meeting agenda, so this will be one of the items

VII. 5:20 Constitution and By Laws Changes Approval

By-Laws

1. We made the changes and minor errors from last week.
2. Motion to bundle and vote on all of the changes at once
 1. Motion approved
3. Motion to vote on the bylaw changes
 1. Motion approved
 2. We will post the final version on the website

A. Constitution - may be additional proposed changes

1. Some more minor changes that we talked about last week. Some changes about voting and fee review
2. Evan – LING – Article 4 Section 1 – who is elected or appointed officials
3. Will – PHYS – there are 3 people who can vote: reps, officers, and this ‘duly elected representative’. The last category basically means that you can be an office coordinator and also be a rep. It is not really a new category, just clarifying who can do this. I changed this to say that an officer can vote only if there are no reps
 1. Joey – EBIO – on behalf of the officers, the question was raised about why we deserved a vote. In good representation years the officers don’t make up a large portion of the voting pool. We attend many meetings and provide a link between the administration, graduate students, and this council. We try to convey important information but think we still have a unique perspective and think that this deserves a vote. We are refraining from voting here and discussing unless there are questions
4. Will – PHYS – I don’t think there is a problem with the way things now. Voting power is more than you realize. Attendance is around 30 people, and 7 officer votes (20-25%) and this increases quite a bit even if we only lose a few people. We have been having good years but bad years might not be that far away and officers could block amendments if they make too large a majority. Part of officer votes are set so they can still get done when representation is low, and that is why I added this clause to keep them voting as reps when no reps are present.
5. Eric – FRIT – are there examples from the past where officer blocking was problematic?
 1. Not to our knowledge

6. Evan – Ling – if we have a situation where there are little reps and officers from one department, what happens there?
 1. As the language stands, they would all have to split one vote.
7. Brandon – LAW – is there anything being done to reach out to the departments to get more reps?
 1. Joey – EBIO - Yes, we have contacted administrators to go to departmental orientations to work with current rep of UGGS officers to help recruit reps we are missing. We've also written department chairs individually. The attendance incentive is something we've been doing the past few years and seems to be working well
 1. Kate – EDUC – we also had emails sent to departments to try and emphasize how important representation is.
8. Logan – ATOC – who can be this 3rd type of representative? Can institutes be represented
 1. Yes now we actually have a few (ATLAS). Some have home departments but others don't.
9. Katherine – GEOG – if the concern is possible abuse of power, is there a way that that specific scenario can be addressed rather than blocking all officer votes?
 1. One way would be to say officers can never vote more than 25% of total
 2. Drake – APS – problem with adding that in terms of how officers vote in these cases where some don't get votes
10. Logan – ATOC – add the word a
 1. Motion to add 'a'
 1. Motion approved
11. Chris – CUSG – the heart of this argument is about expertise. Do we want a truly representative body verses this body plus expertise votes from officers. Also if people want to try out other ideas that have been brought up, we could have a group look closer into this issue (table this for now)
 1. Megan – ATLAS – it doesn't seem like we're ready to do this yet. Asking about what other people do would help before we vote on a change. I can help with this
 2. Will – PHYS – I would support this if we do form a separate group.
 1. Move to table this.
 2. We will further discuss this in the future.
 3. Chris – someone will have to remove this from the table.
12. Other major changes are to deal with special orders. We now have a system in place for this quick decisions. We added that the fee issue be brought up every 3 years.
 1. Motion to bundle everything except tabled amendment
 2. Chris – CUSG – the special order is something that might be better off in the bylaws. We might want to talk about this in the future
 3. Megan – ATLAS – is there anything in place to tie it to inflation
 1. It is up to the officers then. We also try to keep the constitution as vague as possible
 2. Megan – the periodic review alone is a big improvement
 4. Motion to bundle approved
13. Motion to approve bundle
 1. Remainder of constitution changes approved

14. Will – PHYS – I volunteer to chair the voting issue committee
 1. Megan – ATLAS – I also volunteer
 2. We can send this request to other reps as well
 3. Laura – PSYC – do we want to do this in the summer or fall?
 1. Many agree that they should do summer
 2. Chris – CUSG – motion to refer issue to ad hoc working group
 1. What is an ad hoc group?
 1. The body give the authority to a small group and the representative body will vote when the group gives their recommendation
 2. Motion approved

**VIII. 5:50 Nominations/Elections:
President**

1. John Lurquin
 1. No other nominations
 2. John – PSYC – I’m a 4th year psychology student. I have been here for a year and a half, have gotten to know a lot of UGGS and graduate students in general. I want to continue to increase representation (engaging new grad students in orientation). I think it is also important to address graduate student life satisfaction issues (we’ve worked on pushing back the first fees but can go further).
 3. Kate – EDUC – John is great and am looking forward to seeing him as president
 4. Danny – CLAS – he’s done great with social chair and think he’ll do well
 5. Motion to elect John
 1. Motion approved

A. Executive Vice President

1. Laura Michaelson
 1. No other nominations
 2. Laura – PSYC – I have been working here since I started grad school. I think UGGS is very important and has been very fulfilling. I have been a part of many initiatives and want to keep doing this job.
 3. Joey – EBIO – Laura has been great
 4. Motion to elect Laura
 1. Motion approved

B. Vice President of Student Affairs

1. Kate Allison
 1. No other nominations
 2. Kate – EDUC – I have been for a long time as well. I enjoy taking on a larger role moving this organization forward. I’d like to continue working with everyone
 3. Motion to elect Kate
 1. Motion approved

C. Vice President of Finance

1. Dan Gustavson
 1. No other nominations
 2. Dan – PSYC – I have really enjoyed this position and want to continue working for UGGS and get even more involved in this more detailed position that fits my personality even more than comm chair

3. Motion to elect Dan
 1. Motion approved

D. CUSG co-Senator

1. Michael Gillis
 1. No other nominations
 2. Michael – I just got elected and I would really like to continue fighting for graduate students in legislative council
 3. Sarah – LING – Micheal is great. Really good at speaking up and speaking for graduate students
 4. Motion to elect Michael
 1. Motion approved

E. Social Chair

1. These positions are voted for at the end of the fall, but are now vacant.
2. Is anyone interested?
 1. Melinda – EBIO - This is my second meeting but I am interested
3. You don't have to decide today. The main events are the ski day, fall picnic, graduate student appreciation week, once a month small social events (happy hours, coffee hours). Office hours once a week, 1 one-hour meeting every Wednesday.
 1. What is the time commitment
 1. Quite a bit for big events, not much otherwise.
4. Melinda Markin nominated
 1. Nomination accepted
5. Melinda – EBIO – when I am not studying I am all about bringing people together. I used to work at C2B2 putting on events, getting in touch with caterers, poster sessions for graduate students etc.
6. Alan – She is amazing at event planning. She knows how to do this
7. Motion to elect Melinda
 1. Motion approved

F. Communications Chair

1. Megan Kinney nominated
2. Megan – ATLAS – I have lots of tech skills, I am a librarian, and feel up for all of the duties listed in the communication position as well as some of the old office coordinator positions that we are distributing among officers.
3. Joey – Megan seems great and very interested in getting involved.
4. Motion to elect Megan
 1. Motion approved

IX. 6:15 Announcements:

1. Laura – PSYC – this is Joey's last meeting. Give her a round of applause. She has done so much for us
2. Will – PHYS – if anyone is interested in the voting committee email me

X. 6:15 Meeting Adjourn

<u>UGGS REP</u>	<u>DEPT</u>
Drake Ranquist	APS
Megan Kinney	ATLAS
Alan Izar	CHBE

Daniel Poochigan	CLAS
Chris Schaeftbauer	CSCI
Joey Hubbard	EBIO
Kate Allison	EDUC
Abby Kurauz	ENVS
Erik Nesse	FRIT
Kathryn Wright	GEOG
Brandon Archuleta	LAW
Evan Coles-Harris	LING
Sarah Alcorn	LING
Michael Gillis	LING
Carlos Vera	MCDB
Justin Whiteley	MCEN
Nicole Ridgwell	MUSM
Will Ames	PHYS
Angela Li	PSYC
Dan Gustavson	PSYC
John Lurquin	PSYC
Laura Michealson	PSYC
Juli White	SLHS
Cristen Dalessandro	SOCY
Logan Wright	ATOC