

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

ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA – October 23rd, 2013
ATLAS 229
5:00 PM

- I. Meeting begins 5:01
 - a. Approve minutes
 - i. Minutes approved
- II. Open Forum
 - a. Julie-SPHS- Fundraiser at Avery, prizes, “Beers for Brains” for Brainbuddy and organization that helps people who suffer brain injuries and for the clinic
 - b. Chris- CSCI- Any questions or ideas about student fee dollars or cost centers?
 - c. Joey-EBIO- If your department received the attendance incentive be sure to submit your proposal to get your funding.
 - d. Open Access still going on this week- Panel tomorrow at Norlin 133 at 3:30; Happy Hour at the Connection at 4:30
 - i. Brandon-LAW- Questions about law students about what Open Access is?
 - 1. International Event to bring awareness to students about open access to academic scholarship, published articles, removing the paywall
 - e. Josh-COMM-Where is the form for the attendance incentive?
 - i. Laura-PSYC- When is the proposal due?
 - 1. May 1st 2014
- III. OZ Architecture- North of Boulder Creek Site Development Plan
 - a. Large portion of the project is grad student housing
 - b. 630 Units, trying to increase to 1,300 units
 - c. Most of the housing was built after WWII, and then after the 70s
 - d. Athletics and recreation component, 9 acres increased to 12-13 acres for athletic practice fields
 - e. Looking to develop the land to take on flood waters
 - f. Pricing for units are at 80% of rent average, half of the units will be at the affordable pricing; the other half will be a median Boulder market rate- more family/graduate residents, short term faculty
 - g. 10-15 year project
 - h. Adding a commuter bus, ramp from downtown area to entrance near Rec Center, connecting bike paths
 - i. Crowded on recreation fields, hoping to expand those opportunities
 - j. Creating sustainable housing, financial, community- car shares, bike shares
 - k. Creating a neighborhood center, retail, coffee shops, services

1. Will-CHEM- How are you going to increase the amount of housing, are you building up and are you in accordance with city law?
 - i. Met with the neighbors and the city to approve the plans- planning a community dependent on the 3-5 year old turnover. Three-four stories, some six to eight
 - m. Will-CHEM- how much parking will be available?
 - i. We will maintain the PTS lots, the rest is dedicated to housing, they are using about 70% capacity of the parking. A minimum of .5 parking spaces per apartment, plus the PTS parking, and adding additional parking for the retail component
 - n. Kelsey-ENVS- are you considering using solar?
 - i. Yes, and geothermal and central utility plant with heat pumps to share amongst the buildings
 - o. Kelsey-ENVS- Is there any consideration of a community garden space for community and self-feeding of people
 - i. Have not gotten to that level of detail yet, but it has been brought up- to include in the park area
 - p. Danny-CLAS-Regarding the ramp, where are you putting it?
 - i. It will come up near the bridge that was washed out near Athens, to build a bridge all the way to the rec center- creating true ADA accessible ramps at a 1.4 mile
 - q. There is the dirt parking lot, what will be done with that?
 - i. It will be incorporated into the PTS lots, still looking for feedback from the community
 - r. Will the new units have dishwashers?
 - i. Yes
 - s. Lauren-AERO- Will the apartments be pet friendly?
 - i. There may be certain buildings that consider pets
 - t. What is Boulder's median rent for those building sizes?
 - i. We are conducting a full market study to fully determine those rents, to factor in utility costs and parking so the whole package includes 80% of the market rate
 - u. Who is paying for this?
 - i. There will be some bond funding, but it will be paid back from the increased density of the units. We have a financial consultant working on our team to help figure out how it will be subsidized. It is a ten year build up plus, and we are considering ways to set up the phases to be financial substantial
- IV. CUSG Tickets
- a. Voice and Unite tickets
 - b. Unite ticket-
 - i. Ticket that stands for sustainability, equity and diversity- what does that mean for grad students
 1. Grad students are written into the platform- fee parity is a big concern- we can't move forward unless we have reps that will vote for that to create a movement

2. Passionate about building a community
3. Dental- looking at a standalone dental plan for grad students
4. Want to keep funding for cost centers- if we cut the fees you save a minuscule amount, but the centers are important
 - a. Looking into reforming to address grad student needs in these centers

ii. Questions?

1. Alison-MUSM- What are cost centers?
 - a. They are funded directly by student government, ex: the women's resource center, the UMC
2. Will-Physics- I want to hear about how someone else is paying for my dental?
 - a. Believe they are getting the funds from the federal government
3. Danny-CLAS- what has Unite done in the past six months since winning?
 - a. Primarily the representatives at large have been a part of the other platform and make it difficult to pass
4. Will-Physics-How do you build community?
 - a. I work in a lab so I can be one-on-one with students, perhaps promoting student groups and community centers to help promote those community centers, working on visibility, let's work together

c. Voice ticket

- i. All about including everyone on campus, everyone has a voice, everyone has equal contribution- if we can include all these voices we can be a stronger force
- ii. Opportunity to use the student fees for a great number of things
- iii. Are interested in how student fee dollars can work for grad students
- iv. Outreach to grad students, get student fee resources on East Campus
- v. Increase communication between student bodies and the administration
- vi. Want to limit the barriers to voting in the elections
 1. Questions?
 - a. Will-Physics- Want more student fee funds to benefit grad students?
 - i. We are interested in hearing from grad students to see what resources you want
 - b. Kate-EDUC- Interested in the communication piece? Frustrated with UComm's efficiency and communication

- i. A lot of the student resource websites are not very functional and hard to navigate- cannot find the resources you are looking for- push the administration for the academic resources to overall the website to make it easier for students to use- more engaging techniques like social media outreach- Facebook or Twitter that is easier to check, ways to make the information more accessible
- c. Kelsey-ENVS- What does the voice ticket mean re: accountability?
 - i. We need to make sure the administration is accountable to us as we oversee these cost centers and how these systems are operated; not supportive of making blanketed promises and it's important to continue with follow through
- d. Ben-PHIL-How is your ticket different than Unite?
 - i. Do not want to think about the issues in divided terms, believe that the Voice is encompassing of all viewpoints- doesn't harm the relationship I have with the other ticket- a collective voice can achieve more meaningful change
- d. Discussion:
 - i. John-PSYC-One is going to fight to give us dental and the other is going to vote to give us a voice
 - ii. Brandon-LAW- I agree with him not giving blanketed promises, and now we are going to hold them to that, just because he isn't giving specific promises doesn't mean we should discount the differences between them, but he didn't talk about the differences
 - iii. Laura-PSYC- I believe the best rep for student government is Chris so what are your thoughts?
 - iv. Chris-CSCI- There are no grad students on the tickets, so they do not know grad students. Unite did reach out to me to ask what grad students are doing? I ran with Unite because they said grad student concerns were important and they are working toward improving grad student issues
 - v. What has the opposition voted against and why?
 - 1. We are ready to act on the fee parity issues, I don't know whether they would be supportive, but I don't believe anyone has blocked anything
 - 2. Student group food inclusion was nixed
 - 3. Will-Physics- I've seen enough of these talks that grad student concerns are addressed but there is no follow

- through. This is the first time someone has come through with a policy that would actually benefit grad students
4. Joey-EBIO- Met with both tickets and given them the same info about grad student issues
 5. Richard- ATOC- This is my fifth semester in UGGS and you do hear people every semester saying the same things. Have there been efforts on the undergraduate/graduate part to bridge that gap?
 6. Kelsey-ENVS- At each meeting there is an opportunity to give grad student reports, we do communicate what issues are going on in the background in UGGS, Dental concerns, etc.- Communication in that direction has been descent- but the other direction there has been very little approach- I would bring something up and then there will be attention paid and solidarity expressed, but concern about every day grad student concerns are not a concern
- e. Motion to vote to endorse a candidate
 - i. Voice-0
 - ii. Unite-20
 - iii. Abstain-7
 1. Endorse Unite

V. Meeting adjourned -6:03

Attendance:

<u>UGGS REP</u>	<u>DEPT</u>
Anthony Rasca	APPM
Drake Ranquist	APS
Laura McManus	ASEN
Richard Bateman	ATOC
Alan Izar	CHBE
Will Hartwig	CHEM
Daniel Poochigian	CLAS
Joshua Morrison	COMM
Chris Schaefbauer	CSCI
Joey Hubbard	EBIO
Kate Allison	EDUC
Micheal Turner	EDUC
Abby Kuranz	ENVS
Kelsey Cody	ENVS
Erik Nesse	FRIT
Leah Holz	FRIT
Joel Correia	GEOG
Emily Rath	GRMN
Patricia Helfenbein	HIST/CHIN
Megan Hurson	JOUR
Brandon Archuleta	LAW
Evan ColesHarris	LING
Justin Whiteley	MCEN
Carlos Vera	MCDB
Allison Vitkus	MUSM
Angela Li	PSYC
John Lurquin	PSYC
Laura Michaelson	PSYC
Juli White	SLHS
Cristen Dalessandro	SOCY
Tara Gilboa	SPAN