GSA Meeting Minutes, 9/5/2005

- RTD bus passes
  - School has to vote, sometime this semester
  - Could happen in the spring at the earliest, most likely next fall
  - Includes SkyRide

- Tuition increase
  - Tuition structure approved by BOT
  - Once approved, admin can’t change it
  - Cost to institution = flat base rate
  - This is pretty common (CU does it, too)
  - Minimum # of credit hours required, but now this is covered by the base cost
  - This means the minimum registration will be done away with (too many loopholes)

- Most part-time students are enrolled in four credit hours, so the base rate was chosen to affect the least number of students

- ASCSM has set up a fund for Hurricane Katrina, trying to raise $2500 - donate around campus

- Tech fee committee has two open seats - filled

- Alumni Association has put together a committee, one grad student seat - filled

- Budget proposal (posted on website under “News”)
  - There are set fees and a $4300 deficit from last year
  - Proposed to increase number of travel grants from 8 to 10 a semester: 11 yes, 0 no (passed)
  - Proposed to keep five costs from last year (library fund, research fair, handbooks, bar-b-ques and food for meetings): 10 yes, 0 no (passed)
  - Discretionary funds: we now have ~$10,300 leftover
    - Ideas:
      - Dept funds: eliminate completely? keep as is? limit?
      - Child care: discussed at length; pilot program would cost us $5000 (rest of $10k would come from ASCSM and administration)

- Upcoming workshops
  - Home buying
  - Taxes
  - Career tracks
  - Any other ideas?

- Social news
  - Welcome bar-b-que a success, lots of people, what to do about undergrads?
  - Comments? likes/dislikes?
  - Purchased two tents (instead of renting them)
  - Camping trip, Friday, Sept. 16th, Golden Gate Canyon SP (permit is for 75 people)
    - Meet at 4 pm at IM fields to carpool
    - Permits for cars are $5 each
    - Agreed to have campfire-type food there (brats, burgers, etc)