GSA Meeting Minutes (Nov. 6, 2006)

- Calendar committee
  - Labor day, thanksgiving or fall break
  - Grad students vote for thanksgiving
- Voted to have Jon Meuser as sustainability rep.
- Scoggins Intro
  - Question: Double counting of credits for continuing students
    - Response: Wants more practicing engineers to return to school
  - Question: Areas of improvement for non-traditional student?
    - Response: Increase flexibility of course schedules, and rotation
  - Question: Tuition structure and fees?
  - Question: How does grad research affect campus?
    - Response: Good for undergrads and faculty. We’re light on research funding at CSM. Need office and lab space and to be more efficient at getting money.
  - Question: Space problem related to partially retired profs?
    - Response: We need to do a space audit!
  - Power systems, input from visiting committees
  - Efficiency of Banner? Still new, get more users involved.
  *Reorganization effort and committee to foster growth with a strategic plan. Compare to best practices of other universities. For both admin and academia.

- Tom Boyd:
  *Reorganization Committee
    - Administration (now)
    - Academic structure (next semester)
    - Tom is Grad Student liaison for committee
    - Won’t cover degree programs
  *Grad Students up (270 new, 770 total), research expenditures up 7%
  *Grad council
    - Degree reqs(MS/PhD)-eliminate double-counting but reduce the total # of credits
    - Higher compared to CU, CSU, DU in credit hours
    - Minimum # course credit hours, but eliminate minor (Is minor useful?)
    - Special topics/independent study (40% of grad course last year, documentation?)
  *Financial new-none
  *Finance workshop soon
  *Flock of dodos – purchase site license?
  *Mines Little Theater-we’re paying!!!
  *Thanksgiving-watch for email
  *Warren Miller???
  *International week, next week
  *ASCSM
    - Brought candidates to speak (we split money)
    - Restructuring-student body vote (Feb)
      - Tech fee proposals due last week
  *Consensus on reduced or double-counting resolution….extra meeting, talk to Rob?