3rd GSA Meeting, October 1, 2007 Meeting Minutes:

**Reports:**

**President:**
Qudoba sponsored today’s lunch to make up for a poor performance at social event
Family Assistance Grants were due Friday Sept 21\(^{st}\), and will be decided on after today’s meeting
Travel Grant Applications are due today Oct 1\(^{st}\), 2007 and will be decided on this week.
Research Fair Award will be was approved for the undergrads through ASCSM, it was further asked that the president suggest ASCSM have a representative to help organize the event by V.P. of Communications.
Thank you to the social chair for organizing bowling event Oct 3, 2007.
Amendments to the bylaws and budget are still being drafted. Thus, the committee review and vote is to be delayed until the next meeting

**V.P.C.:**
Again, attendance will be taken. Please find a proxy’s in your absence and have them check off along with writing their email address. Two absences will make your department ineligible for travel grants.

**International:**
There is growing concern amongst graduate students that tuition is too high.
Feels international constituency would like to see GSA look into minimum credit requirements, as well.

**Treasurer:**
Absent

**Social Chair:**
Bowling at China Bowl is scheduled for Oct 3\(^{rd}\). Bring friends and family

**Old Business:**

By-law changes and budget approval was tabled until next meeting.

**New Business:**

GSA president will attend Grad Council meeting Wed at 4:00 pm to discuss a proposal to increase minimum graduate student stipends

Dan Baker dspbaker@mines.edu will serve as faculty senate rep. 4\(^{th}\) Tuesday 2:00 pm

Cary Allen callen@mines.edu will serve as graduate council rep. 3\(^{rd}\) Wed 4:00 pm
Discussed possibility that 36 credit M.S. requirement is causing undo burden on international students. President recognized the concern and will begin to review the problem to have an educated discussion next week.

It was announced that there is a need to have thesis formatting templates available for those trying to write a thesis. Dr. Boyd pointed out that this would not be maintained by the school but fully supports that the GSA have a link on their website, but there is a need for a disclaimer saying that use of the template does not ensure there will not be formatting issues. President and V.P.C will look into the issue and try to put something in place.

There was concern about Cap and Gown fees. Dr. Boyd said the graduation fee is an over all and do not currently have any way to address line items of the fees.

The rumor is not true that there is money available for printing you thesis.

Discussion about the parking fee was made. A lot of the graduate students feel disenfranchised by the fee and feel the administration should have better informed the students about the fee, its intended purpose, and exactly how and when one could waive fee. It was pointed out that the fee, because it is waivable, is not covered by graduate student stipends. A resolution will be drafted for the next meeting and voted upon.

The transportation fee (RTD bus pass) is being considered as a possible matching fund by the city of golden. It is hoped that this will lead to more local bus routes.

MACS was concerned about door access and why access seems to get cut off. Tom Boyd said a committee was meeting to address issues like this as well as summer registration status. The VPC addressed concerns about last summer’s registration issues, primarily PERTA requirements and Dr. Boyd said that he would do his best to make sure both these issues would be resolved, primarily the reason for the committee.

Meeting was adjourned.

After the meeting the GSA officers met to discuss the Family Assistance Grants. Although the details of the meeting are confidential, the officers were pleased with application process and awardees will be notified and granted, provided all requirements for receiving the reward are fulfilled.