September 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes

1. President – Welcome Back

2. VP Communications – Leadership Summit
   a. Visit minesonline.net/leadership for more information
   b. Taking place Sept. 26 of this month

3. VP Int’l Students – No Report

4. Treasurer – No Report

5. Social Chair
   a. Bowling on the 23rd or 24th of this month (depends on when league games are)
   b. Pub crawl in October

6. Academic Chair – No Report

7. Advisor
   a. Need GSA Rep on Graduate Council
   b. Grad Council is proposing to change course audit policy with pass/fail grade policy and one that will allow you to sit in on classes without registering; this doesn’t impact too many graduate students b/c proposal states all degree requirements to be taken for grade.
   c. Grad Council is also proposing a re-implementation of time requirements for degree completion (Masters = 5 years; Ph.D. = 9 years)
   d. Please let Dr. Boyd know if you have thoughts or concerns on these topics
   e. Regarding BlasterCard access, you need to be registered as a student or on contract to receive access. Even though you sign paperwork for the year, each department implements them semester-by-semester. If you’re on a research contract, you should have access through Christmas break. Note that registered students (no research contract) will have no access after exams, where people on research contracts will have access to the beginning of the next semester.

8. Departmental Representatives – No Report

9. Old Business – None

10. New Business
   a. Committee Positions – asking for volunteers
      i. Graduate Council – Parker Valora
      ii. Student Affairs – Eric Chandler
      iii. Research – Andy
      iv. Faculty Senate – Zach
      v. Calendar – Elizabeth
      vi. Sustainability – Arianne Dean
      vii. Additional Committees without Representatives: Undergraduate Council, Technology Fee Committee
   b. Travel Grants – we would like to increase funding from $400 (presenter) and $150 (meeting attendee) to $500 (presenter) and $200 (meeting attendee)
      i. Moved – Sabrina
ii. Second – Elizabeth
iii. Motion Carries by Voice Vote

c. ILL Funds – we ran out of money at the end of last year, so we propose moving to $2,250, which is an increase of $500.
   i. Moved – Proxy for Economics Dept.
   ii. Second – Sabrina
   iii. Motion Carries

d. Current Budget
   i. We have about $18,000 left over; we would like to have about $1,200 left at the end of this year. We don’t allocate all of the grants (Family Assistance, Meeting Attendee Travel).
   ii. We don’t expect the funding to change from the school next year, since the student fees continue to rise.
   iii. From discussion, we plan to look at the number of Travel Grants that can be used by a single degree.

e. Transition from CSM Webmail to MyMail
   i. David Lee – CCIT
   ii. Last Spring, we voted almost unanimously to move everybody over to Gmail, or an enterprise version we’re calling MyMail.
   iii. Based on feedback from many people, we’re now planning to let all students keep the @mines.edu address (via an alias server). Basically, students can use @mines.edu for simplicity, but can use @mymail.mines.edu if they don’t want any downtime later on.
   iv. We’ve had an opt-in beta program and, so far, 330 people have migrated; 61 of them have been grad students.
   v. We would like to get everybody moved before 10/1/09, due to the midterm schedule. So that we can be as efficient as possible, we would like to give people a window during the week and transfer their accounts during that time.
   vi. We plan to send out an email warning people that it’s going to happen, with a second email telling people exactly when their “window” is. We would like to move individual ugrad classes in chunks and grad students as a chunk.
      1. To minimize the impact to grad students, we would like to be the first to move.
      2. Also, we would like to move over the weekend – starting Friday night and ending Sunday morning.
      3. If you are already a “beta tester” of MyMail, your mail will not be touched in this process.