I. President
   a. Travel grant application rewrite still

II. Vice President Communications
   a. Research Fair is this Thursday in the Student Center Ballrooms!
      i. Morning session from 9-11 AM; afternoon session from 12:30-2:30 PM
      ii. Lunch provided by D’Deli in the Coolbaugh Atrium
      iii. 32 poster presentations in each session
      iv. Compiled abstracts are available on the GSA website

III. Vice President International
   a. No Report

IV. Treasurer
   a. ASCSM has approved budgets; club treasurers will learn about allocations soon (or visit studentactivities.mines.edu)

V. Social Chair
   a. Ski day on Saturday; more people showed than signed up (with passes) so it was a really successful event
   b. On May 7th we have our Dead Day BBQ outside Stratton Hall; beer and food will be provided

VI. Academic Chair
   a. No Report

VII. Advisor (Office of Graduate Studies) Report
   a. Electronic Thesis Submission
      i. Still trying to come up with a path forward; would like to work with a few departments in the fall as a test group
      ii. Projecting a full-scale launch in Fall of 2011
      iii. Currently, you bring a copy to the OGS for approval and then make 6 hard copies (this all happens after the department has signed off)
      iv. After the department steps, the idea is that we can make everything electronic
          1. Note that the library will still require two (2) hard copies
          2. Departments may also have special requirements
      v. [Sheet of projected fees passed around]
   b. We currently use UMI and a portion of the current graduation fees go to UMI already
   c. In the electronic proposal, we can decrease $639 to $417 for a PhD student by eliminating some current steps
      i. Students may still be required to pay UMI for hard publication of theses (for required the library and any additional copies for the student)
      ii. The total cost from this model are $552 (PhD), $546 (MS), decreasing by about $80 and $30 respectively
iii. If we go completely electronic, you’re not buying paper and paying printing fees; these estimates don’t include those fees.
iv. If you did not opt to pay extra for “open publication” through UMI, students will still be able to take the electronic copy and post it for their own use.

d. The Office of Graduate Studies would like feedback on what the departments would require of graduating students (above and beyond institutional requirements)

   e. OGS also wants to know about access; the current proposal would provide the same amount of access we currently have through the library.

   i. Basically, there’s a sliding scale for the amount of access students would have to external theses also through UMI.

   ii. For $12,000 annually, students would have full downloadable access to all 3 million theses on UMI; how do we pay for this? Students, faculty and the library all benefit.

   iii. Suggested options include GSA paying directly, adding a graduation fee, or we add a new fee (shown on the tuition bill) for graduate students. This would be less than $10 per semester if the graduate students paid for everything, but cost sharing would reduce this fee significantly.

   f. Would like to bring GSA representatives to a workshop in the fall semester, to show how this process may work.

   g. The library is also considering the scanning and uploading of older PDFs through UMI as a separate project.

   h. Dr. Boyd will ask for feedback in September, but please send him an email if you have feedback or suggestions ahead of time.

VIII. Committee Reports
  a. No Reports

IX. Department Reports
  a. No Reports

X. Old Business
  a. None

XI. New Business
  a. Officer Elections
   i. New candidates beyond the list provided? No nominations.
   b. All in favor of the slate as presented? Voice vote passes unanimously.
   c. 2010-2011 Officer Slate
      i. President: Zach Aman
      ii. VP Communications: Cici Martinez
      iii. VP International: John Akinboyewa
      iv. Treasurer: Mike Eyser
      v. Social Chairs: Andrea Ham (Fall only), Corey Jensen
vi. Academic Chair: Erich Hoover

XII. Announcements
   a. None