1 March 2010 Meeting Minutes
Graduate Student Association

1. President
   a. Officer replacements. We’re looking for positions: VP Communications, Social Chair, Treasurer
   b. If you’re interested in becoming one of the executive officers, please come and talk to us
2. VP Communications
   a. Deadline for the Research Fair is coming up
   b. Please talk to your friends and research colleagues! $500 prize for the best poster
3. VP International
   a. We’re working to help the Haiti relief effort
   b. You can drop textbooks in the Petroleum office
   c. If you’d like to help out, you can offer to pick up donated books at the end of every week and bring them over to the Student Center
   d. Please talk to Juan Carlos for more information
4. Treasurer
   a. Final census numbers – just over $90K for the entire year
   b. We have just over $50K to spend this semester and summer (combined)
5. Academic Chair
   a. No Report
6. Advisor
   a. Deadline for making a decision on diplomas is March 16 – that’s when we need to enter the fee request for next year
   b. There is some on-campus support from professors for setting up the foundry to make our diplomas; this would require a full-time position, however
   c. Another option is to coin diplomas (we could do this in-house and it would be fairly quick)
      i. Dr. Van Tyne would be the point person on this, but he is currently in Korea
      ii. We need a decision by March 16
   d. Audience discussion
      i. We don’t know how much it would cost to do it in our own foundry, because we might need to retool the equipment and would need to hire somebody
      ii. The state is not going to allow hiring a new position right now, so we will face a hurdle even if the GSA would like to pay for part of this
      iii. Most departments are torn between “don’t care” and “keep it as it is” – many people want some kind of silver (with a preference toward pure silver)
iv. Some departments are ending up with a 50-50 between pure silver and silver plated
v. Dr. Boyd will try and get a week extension to the deadline – we will be taking a formal vote on this topic next meeting
vi. Could we have GSA fund part of this? We would need to change this every year, depending on the GSA funding. Ideally, we would charge students a flat amount and then pull money from GSA based on a pre-arranged agreement.
vii. Could we do a Trailhead poll on this topic? Dan will put together a poll on the topic to go out to graduate students over the next few weeks.

7. Departmental Reports
   a. LAIS. There will be a Hunger Banquet (Human Systems class) for $1 to attend. You can go in and learn about world hunger. The event is this Thursday (March 4) at 6 PM in Friedhoff Hall – check with LAIS or Kurtis Greiss for more information.
   b. Physics. Computing committee is under pressure to provide software to students without buying individual licenses. CCIT is interested in this, but has no delivery mechanism, so the undergraduate and graduate students would need to facilitate this type of system.

8. Old Business
   a. None

9. New Business
   a. Contemplating the Tech Fee proposal for Warhol (poster printer in the CCIT computing commons). They have started looking at an HP 4520, fully loaded (with flatbed scanner) for $20K. Dan would like to put in a tech fee with GSA covering half of the amount (so $10K).
      i. Eric motioned, Parker seconds
      ii. Motion passes with 1 abstaining

10. Closing comments
   a. We’re not meeting in two weeks (due to Spring Break), so the next meeting is in 3 weeks (March 22)