5 May 2010 Meeting Minutes – Graduate Student Association

I. President
   a. Dan’s last meeting – thank you for your service!

II. Vice President Communications
   a. Research Fair
      i. Ended up with 66 presentations in total; most presenters were able to speak with our judges between 2 and 3 times
      ii. Outstanding feedback from most presenters, judges and attendees
      iii. Cici, the incoming VP Communications, took care of lunch; we have some great ideas for the 2011 Research Fair
   b. Observations
      i. Utilizing the website was a great success; we had just under 750 visits to the “research” page over the few weeks leading up to the Research Fair
      ii. Also, the Hydrology program contacted us regarding the possibility of adding a formal Hydrology seat to this Council

III. Vice President International
     a. No Report

IV. Treasurer
    a. No Report

V. Social Chair
   a. Our Dead Day BBQ is on Friday; it may be inside but we’ll make the call Friday morning
      i. We’ll have Famous Daves, GCB beer (also Veggie burgers and salad)
      ii. Runs noon to 4
      iii. Either on Stratton Commons, or otherwise in Coolbaugh Atrium
   b. We’ll do a Rockies game over the summer, and we may go bowling since we weren’t able to go in the Spring semester
   c. We might also do something by the Creek, similar to last year

VI. Academic Chair
    a. No Report

VII. Advisor (Office of Graduate Studies) Report
     a. Thoughts about electronic submission of theses? Email Dan, Dr. Boyd or Zach.

VIII. Committee Reports
      a. No Reports

IX. Department Reports
    a. No Reports

X. Old Business
   a. None

XI. New Business
    a. VP International Position.
i. Our elected VP International declined to take the position, so we need to vote on that position again. Over the past week, we have had 3 people say they were interested in that position, but none are present at this meeting.


b. Revised Travel Grant Applications.
   i. Sample documents passed around at the meeting.
   ii. Major change is separating the application into two forms. Basically the same format with unnecessary boxes eliminated from the Meeting Attendee award.
   iii. Updated Travel Grant applications approved unanimously.

c. Prospective Addition of Hydrology Program to GSA Council.
   i. Growing influence on campus, would like to expand into the student body. It’s a collaborative, multi-disciplinary program involving Geo/GeoEng, ESE and other departments on campus. Approximately 35 students in the program.
   ii. GSA was founded on the 13 departments on campus, so addition of Hydrology would require a revision of the bylaws.
   iii. Parker suggests temporarily having a hydrology student take the upcoming Geology seat on GSA.
   iv. Follow-up discussion on whether Hydrology will be pursued as a department by the Faculty Senate.
   v. *Ad Hoc* committee formed to evaluate the merits of including academic Programs in the GSA Council. Members:
      1. Zach Aman
      2. Dan Baker
      3. Eric Chandler
      4. Elizabeth Wachel
      5. Mike Morse
      6. Erich Hoover

XII. Announcements

a. Mine Rescue Team took number #2 against professional teams around the country!

b. Textbook Fundraising Committee from Haiti Disaster Relief is looking for end-of-semester donations. We raised $1000 this semester from Mines; Regis raised $2000.

c. Thanks to Dan for two years of support and work!