GSA Meeting Minutes November 1, 2010

I. Introductions
   a. None

II. Executive Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. ASCSM-GSA Separation
         1. Resolution for GSA to endorse the separation
         2. Implications:
            a. Removal of GSA voting seats from ASCSM
            b. Recognition of shared governance
               i. GSA as graduate governing body
               ii. ASCSM as undergraduate governing body
            c. Creation of Presidents’ Advisory Council (PAC)
            d. At-Large representatives to each governing council
            e. Joint Operating Agreement
         3. Current system would require 1 in 3 graduate students in clubs and organizations
            a. Instead, 1 in 7 is the ratio being proposed
         4. Would step down allocation incrementally in the next two years
         5. Include undergrads in ‘undergraduate research grants’ which would be travel grants for presenting at conferences
         6. Again, this is a collective proposal from ASCSM and GSA
         7. Where did the 1 in 7 come from?
            a. Prominence of graduates in campus organizations
            b. Survey would set a bad precedence and the 1 in 7 would come back as a lower ratio
         8. Maybe look at charging an ad-hoc to look at where we are and where we want to go
         9. Does this take into account the increase in students in the future?
            a. Yes, it does; 5% increase
         10. At large-seats would be ex-officio so as to keep the knowledge and experience brought to the table by graduate students
         11. Has this been discussed with undergrads and faculty?
             a. Yes, it has been discussed with ASCSM and the president of the faculty senate
         12. Joint operating agreement is basically a joint budget agreement
             a. Graduate fees given to ASCSM, this would allow for allocation of graduate fees to undergraduate budget committee and allow for broader initiatives for graduate students
             b. Integrating undergrads, grads, and faculty via PAC
             c. Graduate council would be more relevant to graduate students and be able to address their concerns
13. When would this take effect?
   a. There is a resolution for GSA endorsement in New Business and it if ratified will be presented to Budget committee tomorrow, and ASCSM on Thursday
   b. Budget would not change this year, but all other implications of the proposal would take effect once ratified by ASCSM
      i. Separation of power recognizing GSA as official governing body of graduate students and in control of the graduate student fees
   c. JOA will be fully in effect next fall
14. Do graduate student organizations get funding from ASCSM?
   a. Something we can look into and consider when looking at the way forward
   b. ASCSM would still get money via JOA
      i. Leave organization budget stuff to ASCSM
   c. Something we could look at in the future for departmental organizations if there was interest in doing so
15. Graduate students do participate in ORC and E-Days, how would this work?
   a. This is what actually pushes the 1 in 7 number and the amount to keep funding graduate student participation in these items.
   ii. Upcoming NAGPS Conference
      1. November 11-14, 2010
      2. Will attend and see if this is something GSA would like to join
   b. VP of Communications
      i. Research Fair 2011 for prospective students
         1. Penn State Research Fair had Faculty available and involved – they told about availability for research opportunities
            a. Students were more interested in asking questions of Faculty
            b. Freshman/Sophomores versus Junior/Senior
               i. Seniors want more interaction with faculty
               ii. Freshman more interested in seeing areas available for research
      ii. Attendance report for 10-11 academic year
   c. VP International
      i. No report
   d. Academic Chair
      i. No report
   e. Social Chairs
      i. Upcoming events and new ideas
      ii. Successful Rapids game
      iii. Bowling this month (11/18); email will be sent
f. Advisor Report
   i. No report

III. Department Representative Reports
   a. None submitted

IV. Committee Reports
   a. Update from Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting - Cericia
      i. Update on new welcome center
         1. LEAD Silver certified
         2. Part of an overall $12 million project as two phases
         3. Will house Alumni, Registrar, etc.
   b. Sustainability Committee - Karoline
      i. Submissions for making Mines more sustainable
         1. One on Scoggins desk for $6 million
            a. Panels on the fieldhouse
         ii. Now have a budget, hopefully will be more visible
         iii. ARAMARK coming up for bid, may have a new food service provider
            1. New provider will have to be able to do "No waste events"
         iv. Department reps encouraged to request future events be ‘no waste events’ by departmental assistants
            1. A competition with other schools, and this will help move Mines up the list
   v. Meetings are open to the public
   c. Tech Fee Proposals - Doug
      i. Requests due in about a week and a half
      ii. Go online to see tech fee guidelines
         1. Have to submit through department or organization?
            a. Previously an individual could submit a proposal

V. Old Business
   a. No old business

VI. New Business
   a. Resolution 2010.5: “Amended Approval of Fall 2010 GSA Family Assistance Grants”
      i. A student submitted application to Student Activities rather than Graduate office
      ii. Haven’t allocated all budgeted money yet
      iii. Moved, Seconded, Approved
      i. ASCSM does not currently have research grants in place for students
      ii. Moved, Seconded, Approved

VII. Announcements
   a. None