GSA Meeting Minutes November 15, 2010

I. Executive Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. NAGPS Conference
         1. Not really focused on adding value to its membership
         2. Focus and energy directed at political issues pertaining to graduate students
      ii. ASCSM-GSA Separation
         1. GSA is the governing body of graduate students
         2. 9/11 in favor from ASCSM budget committee
         3. Will oversee fee dispersal from graduate students
         4. At-large representative charged to ASCSM
      iii. Joint Operating Agreement
         a. Used the entire ASCSM budget and contributions to get to 1/5 student ratio that basically amounts to 30K
         b. Both ASCSM and GSA have to pass the JOA
         c. Dr. Boyd would like to see an understanding on how GSA and ASCSM work together, for example, how does the administration go about passing a fee across both houses
            i. Joint resolution by houses, at-larges, or dean of students will allow for this and be codified in the agreement
      b. VP of Communications
         i. NAGPS Conference
         ii. Update on Research Fair
            1. Quality fair compared to other institutions
               a. Awards
               b. Attendance
            2. Oral presentations
            3. Idea to include alumni/industry judges
      c. VP International
         i. No report
      d. Academic Chair
         i. No report
      e. Social Chairs
         i. Bowling this week on Thursday
            1. High score wins a turkey
            2. Other prizes will be given away
            3. Beverages and pizza
            4. Thursday, 3-6
      f. Advisor Report
         i. Deb Lasich and Dr. Boyd drafted parental leave policy
            1. Graduate Council
            2. Faculty Senate
ii. Broad support for birth and adoption parental leave

iii. Will provide to GSA and would like feedback

iv. Would like to put a framework around discussion of parental leave
   1. Provide mechanism to maintain enrollment
   2. Stipend not maintained

v. Council, Faculty Senate interested in providing stipend support but need to look at how budgeting would work

vi. Leave is 8 weeks, after which would be a leave of absence
   1. Leave is for research students only

vii. Provide feedback by the next GSA meeting on the policy
   1. Please put comments on the Google forum or email them to Zach

II. Department Representative Reports
   a. None submitted

III. Committee Reports
   a. Graduate Council – Amy
      i. Develop a graduate student bill of rights to address occurrences of unethical treatment of graduate students
   ii. GC is forming a bill of rights, and would like GSA input and feedback
          1. Graduate students are both employees and students
          2. When professors ask you to cover classes – take away from research
          3. Covering office hours
          4. Contract work (no thesis benefit, but monetary benefits for advisor)
   v. Dr. Boyd: Important for the school; more than a handful of cases a semester; can be major distractions; in the spirit of parental leave policy this opens up discussion on what the appropriate way for student advisor interaction is; Will have a physical document, but moreover have discussion and guidance on how to handle such cases; Academic set of responsibilities and rights; Other institutional issues; Look at it as a whole and then address the individual parts.

IV. Old Business
   a. No old business

V. New Business
   a. Approval of past meeting minutes
      i. Moved, seconded, approved
   b. Resolution 2010.7: “Approval of November 2010 GSA Bylaws Revision”
      i. Implement changes based on ASCSM resolution
      ii. Motion to approve Resolution 2010.7, seconded
      iii. Motion to amend the text to say in second whereas “and ASCSM Resolution 2010.17”, seconded, approved
      iv. Discussion to amend the bylaws with the following:
          1. Refer to Colorado School of Mines as Mines in all instances except in Article X
2. Spell out all numbers 0-9, greater than 9 to remain a number; get rid of parenthesis
3. Define super majority to be 2/3 of the voting council
4. Move Article IX.a.c to Article IX.a.a
5. Change “the right to appointment” in Article VII to “the right to appoint”
   v. Motion to amend the bylaws with the items listed in V.b.iv.1-5, seconded, approved
   vi. Motion to approve the two amendments above, seconded, approved
   c. Creation of *ad hoc* committee on “Graduate Bill of Rights and Responsibilities”
      i. To be coordinated and directed by Amy
      ii. Charged with providing feedback to the Graduate Council on the Graduate Bill of Rights and Responsibilities
      iii. Members: Jason Kaufman, Katherine Mouzakis, Elizabeth Wachel
   d. Creation of *ad hoc* committee on “GSA Strategic Plan”
      i. To be coordinated and directed by Zach
      ii. Charged with outlining the path forward for GSA
      iii. Members: Erich Hoover, Cericia Martinez, Mike Eyser

VI. Announcements
   a. None