GSA Meeting Minutes February 7, 2011

I. Executive Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. JOA Version 6
         1. Clarify BSO as ASCSM Board of Student Organizations
         2. Meeting with Administration:
            a. Add a process for fee allocation (like the Capital Construction and other joint fees) to keep one group from continually blocking another, particularly when institution is under a deadline; maintain current process, but add a joint ASCSM/GSA meeting every semester that the institution can bring all their business to
            b. One meeting each semester
            c. Possibly only a February meeting depending on necessity
      3. Implement a funding floor
         a. Codify specifically that the factor can’t drop below 0.25
         b. Alternatively, could specify that cannot change more than a certain amount in any number of years
   ii. Jason Born, Colloquium announcement intended for Ph.D. students who don’t want to go into industry or academia
      1. Please distribute/announce at your respective colloquiums
      2. Email will be sent with website and announcement
   iii. Lecture Series Grant are on the way
   iv. Graduate Continuance Fellowship
      1. Fiscally support 1 full time, 1 part time student who is late term; meaning they are close to graduating
   v. Teaching TA
      1. Faculty burdened with increasing teaching/work load
      2. Grad students not given opportunity to teach
      3. UG classes are getting larger
   b. VP of Communications
      i. Submit your Research Fair abstracts
   c. VP International
      i. International Committee
         1. Discussed how to recruit more students
         2. Discussed how to improve hospitality of the campus
   d. Academic Chair
      i. Attended a thesis writing workshop
         1. A workshop for unofficial thesis templates
            a. 1/3 to ½ of those present were interested
         2. Proposal writing workshop, GSA driven
            a. LAIS overbooked and overburdened
         3. Discussion: What time of day?
a. Lunchtime

   e. Social Chairs
      i. Laser tag for February
      ii. Avalanche game on Friday, March 11

f. Treasurer
   i. Budget
      1. Look at direct expenditures
      2. In good shape so far
      3. Discussion: Rollover discrepancy in travel grants over the past couple of years; will fund new initiatives for this semester rather than waiting until next year to get going

g. Advisor Report (via Zach)
   i. Sterling silver diploma cost overrun, $30 K - $40 K each year
   ii. We need to come up with a contingency plan to decrease this financial burden on the administration who has been picking up the slack
   iii. Cannot do individual options; need to select one as a whole
      1. Sterling silver
      2. Plated silver
      3. Paper
   iv. Discussion
      1. Get rid of graduation fee, and incorporate into the year
      2. Talk to your departments and see what the consensus is

II. Department Representative Reports

   a. Graduate Council
      i. Language will be changed so that courses cannot be triple counted for multiple degrees

   b. Sustainability
      i. Email was sent out about sustainability position, please send out to your department

   c. Parking Advisory
      i. Planning on paying $100,000 for new parking system
         1. Any fee, parking, etc. would feed into this
         2. $15,000 annual fee
      ii. This will hit the students as an increase in parking fees beyond what was slated
      iii. Parking people were told not to increase fees for students next year, but faculty fees are going up
         1. Plans were to increase student fees by $75 next year
      iv. Discussion:
         1. City of Golden business owners dislike the students parking in their open lots; expanding historic district will most likely ensue
         2. Options:
            a. There are no options since parking is not a student fee. The parking people have the power to implement any
fee schedule they please without answering to a single person
b. Can we look into making parking fee a student fee via ASCSM/GSA? How would this affect faculty red permits?

III. Committee Reports
   a. Rights and Responsibilities
      i. Given to Graduate Council for review and feedback
      ii. Would also like GSA Council feedback

IV. Old Business
   a. No old business

V. New Business
   a. Mike Bower from Department of capital construction
      i. Residence Hall, Brown Hall, Marquez Hall construction ongoing
      ii. Good time for bids; often 10% under, which is great
      iii. Closed 16th Street, looking at closing Maple between W. Campus Rd. and 16th Street
          1. Still need fire access, but want to landscape the road
          2. There will be handicap, etc. parking in the Guggenheim lot
      iv. Close off more streets in the future to move to pedestrian campus
      v. Plaza in front of the rec center and 16th to start in a month or two, dependent on the weather; want fire access on that part before starting this next phase; Maple path to be done before Fall semester
      vi. Need to reallocate capital construction fees in order to get this piece done
          1. Would be from Brown, Marquez contingency funds
          2. Bidding environment fantastic right now
             a. Bidding, delays, contracts can all be expedited by doing this now
             b. All money will be from savings
      vii. Motion to approve reallocation, seconded, passed
   b. No new business

VI. Announcements
   a. No announcements