GSA Meeting Minutes March 7, 2011

I. Executive Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Joint Operating Agreement
         1. Passed by ASCSM 15-1-4 and is now in full effect
         2. Council Attendance is important now that we are the
governing body of graduate students
         3. Moving Forward
            a. Strategic plan
            b. Departmental GSA’s to organize social events,
independent of ASCSM and BSO
            c. Eventually would like to survey to see how we can fit
into the graduate school, obtain metrics, etc.
      ii. Diploma materials
          1. Consensus is that students want to keep silver diplomas
          2. GSA is being asked to take on responsibility of excess ($0-$30K
annually) that we would find out exact amount of in January
             a. Budgeting would need to account for this
             b. Could put a contingency that would force them to buy
earlier – see new business
      iii. Email from Michelle regarding 1098T tax form was sent out to GSA
   b. VP of Communications
      i. Research Fair
         1. Submit your abstracts!
      ii. Alumni Association
          1. New structure for the board
          2. Would like to see how GSA can better fit and help the
association
      iii. Please be sure to sign in, as council presences determines Research
Fair awards
   c. VP International
      i. No report
   d. Academic Chair
      i. Update on LaTeX Workshop
         1. Will probably be LyX
         2. Will be sometime after Spring Break
   e. Social Chairs
      i. Sold 80 avalanche tickets in 10 minutes today
         1. The game is this Friday
      ii. Looking at a soccer game for next week
         1. E-Days: Buffalo rose before the fireworks
   f. Treasurer
      i. No report
   g. Advisor Report
      i. No report
II. Department Representative Reports
   i. Rights and Responsibilities
      1. Please send your feedback to Amy, this is the document that will cover relations between students and faculty/administration

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III. Committee Reports
   a. Graduate Council – Amy
      i. Passed new courses
      ii. Double or triple counting courses for multiple master’s degrees
         1. Need to be careful of how to handle five-year type credits
      iii. LAIS approved new courses (Environmental Philosophy, etc.)
   b. Parking Advisory – Zach
      i. Brought in $575 K, projecting $853K next year, while parking four years ago was free to students
      ii. What’s the justification, where’s the money going?
         1. They are hiring more people
         2. Paving lots (facilities used to)
            a. Ford lot was $1 million
      iii. Purchasing a $100K database that plugs into banner with a $13K annually fee
      iv. Discussion:
         1. By charging students, they go park in Golden, which just exacerbates the situation; a student that doesn’t own a car suggests implementing a fee for all students and students get to authorize where this money goes
         2. Free commuter parking
         3. They will keep increasing the fee in the future, so as to socio-economically discriminate
         4. Who would park in Mines Park vs Foss?
         5. Gary Bowersock is in charge of Facilities (Parking Services), who answers to Kirsten Volpi
         6. Another option that could be looked at is Public Transportation, rather than assuming everyone will drive
            a. Bus from Mines Park to here
            b. Bus from Mills to here, etc.
         7. What about making a student fee?
            a. There are people that won’t want to pay a fee because they don’t park on campus.
            b. 75%-80% of their income comes from parking fees
            c. Would this really be worth the effort putting into it? To control a small piece of their budget?
            d. This would obviously be put out to the student bodies if ASCSM is interested
         8. Find out how many graduate students actually purchase a parking spot.
9. Will talk to ASCSM
10. Handicap spots with construction are more limited
   a. No spaces available, so a student parked in Reserved lot
   b. Nan Braddock said you can’t park in a reserved space
   c. Followed up with Carol Chapman, with no solution
   d. Gary Bowersock voided ticket, said they would do something about the handicap spots
   e. Was told just to park further away
   f. In the meantime, if this happens again how does this student proceed?
   g. This is due to a greater problem with parking services and not meeting the needs of its constituency.

IV. Old Business
   a. No old business

V. New Business
   a. Motion to approve Minutes from December, January, and February, seconded, approved
   b. GSA Resolution 2011.4: Family Assistance Grants
      i. Add an additional criteria next year on cap of faculty income (like $100K) in the future
      ii. Motion to approve, seconded, carries

VI. Announcements