Meeting Start ~5:08 PM

Roster (4): Kate Lyssy, Noah Langford, Travis Smith, and Zachary Havens

Updated Semester Office Hours

Kate L.: Mondays @ 1 PM – 2 PM

Ethan M-G: Tuesdays @ 8:45 AM – 9:30 AM

Kylie H.: Wednesdays @ 9 AM

Noah L.: Thursdays @ 3 PM

Zack H.: Fridays @ 3 PM

BSO Meeting

The first BSO meeting of the semester will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 29th in HH 202 at 5 PM. Email will be forthcoming. This will include discussion about combining the different tier Goals Eval forms into a single Goals Eval form, as well as doing the same for service event forms. This makes sense, because you should not be required to be Tier 2 or 3 to report goals or volunteer work for the campus and community. We'll discuss all the forms due at the end of the semester. BSO Exec will also announce organizations who will lose their probationary or tier status at the end of the Spring since they did not meet the attendance and form requirements of Fall 2012.

Zack H. turned in the room request mid-November, but the turn-around was slow through the Registrar due to Census Day. Future reservations should probably be made for only the 5 PM to 6 PM time slot in order to get a large enough room reservation quickly. Attendance of meetings[[1]](#endnote-1) from last semester ranged between 73 and 77 people, with the highest attendance being the last, on the 11/27/12 gathering.

OrgSync Update

Officially-including tiers on OrgSync was pursued, but the IT staff at OrgSync said they can't display our tier system in a publicly visible way. Admin can add an administrative field for tiers, but this is not transparent solution which was the main exigency that prompted the inquiry.

Spring Club Fair Evaluation

The Club Fair was great, but it needs work for next year. ~43 clubs came, 1 cancellation, and ~5 no shows. The event picked up dramatically during the 12-1 PM period. Better advertising is a must, with chalking occurring before the day of the event and sandwich boards. Bringing in fraternities and sororities to the event would help, because there are high chances that rush week will be near the Club Fair date since both occur in mid-January. BSO Exec thought making the event shorter (from 11PM to 1 PM) might help since very little happened from 10 AM to 11 AM (some clubs were still setting up) and 1 PM to 2 PM. Placing the event on a Tuesday/Thursday since the event is largely geared towards freshman, those who are already required to be on campus. A good selling item idea was to have more substantive food (LUNCH) at the event to draw folks away from Slate and into the SC Ballrooms. However, providing lunch may prove too expensive. Hotdogs was an idea mentioned in the USG Council (1/25), but if we have a required catering service, the costs should still be sharp. Also, planning the event by November for a January event would help to expedite the completion of tasks.

Random Notes

Email about polls created but that remained closed

Campus storage poll

Look for more forms on OrgSync

Resource poll

Materials Research Society

USG Update

Undergrad Research Council position needs to be filled. James DeBartolomeis, a Freshman representative, volunteered fill that position as of 1/24/2013. Board of Trustees is meeting at 2 PM on Friday, 1/25, to discuss the new residence hall. Sustainability Research Council will email out a survey that all of undergraduate student government is expected to fill out. Natural Grocers By Vitamin Cottage is planning to construct a new grocery store where Golden Bowl currently stands, but according to Facebook (uugggh), Devon Kerger ( who? ) says the Planning Commission of Golden will decide what actually happens. Kaitlin Hedberg, At-Large Community for UGC, will investigate this situation. Zack H. has emailed the Planning Commission asking for more information about this on Friday, 1/25. More here-say to follow.

The USG Funding Request Form through OrgSync has been opened to the public in an undergraduate announcement. Part of the form that stressed that this new funding was separate from Spring Allocations and Fall Reallocations was bolded as recommended by Derek Morgan and Jenn Mozzatta. We may need a new box in the Spring Allocation forms for clubs who receive funds from this source. David Svyatetskiy, James DeBartolomeis, and Jordan ?? were all candidates for the position of Freshman Class President to fill the post of vacated by Tyler Courtney. Jordan ?? won the vote.

Random Facts:

A teacher survey reported that most professors at Mines desired the same number of undergrad student workers. A unique trait about applying to Mines is that there is no fee to apply and no essay to write. The Student Center will only allow organizations to reserve a regular space for a maximum of one day out of the week. The Colorado School of Mines is largely tuition driven.

The USG Banquet will be held in April. The BSO President is invited. GSA has been renamed from Graduate Student Association to Graduate Student Government (GSG). There is no official term to represent both USG and GSG, but the old 'ASCSM' is a candidate. The rest of the meeting consisted of working through the topics of priority from the mid-year survey taken from the council.

Supporting RTD ridership

April → RTD Rep, Light Rail (MAC Event, Apr.26th)

Physical Additions to Campus / Capitol Construction Master Plan

Talk to Chris Cocallas

New Residence Hall

Becca Flintoft, Possibly meet w/ GSA

School Academic Calendar

Educational, Calendar Justification on What's Your Beef

Parking

Joint Meeting with GSA; @ end of semester, we will be briefed on changes

Better Utilization of Student Fees

Look at what other schools do, divide class student fees?, research?

Club/IM Sports

Admissions

Increase women retention, bring someone in to talk about plans, FACTIR → faculty forum for students, increase use of waitlist, Heather Boyd

MAC

E-days Preview

Mines Budget & Finances

Increased Transparency

Undergraduate Research

Helps school recruitment, Research should be well known, especially to student ambassadors. The easy answer for curious prospective students is that research positions are posted on DiggerNet.

Academic Resources

CASA

Leadership Development among USG members

Meeting End ~6:18 PM

1. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)