“So here’s how awesome I am”
(Katy about the programming money)

In attendance

Brandon Allgood (GSCGB Chair), Ruth Schmitz (GSCGB Vice Chair), Katy Flint (grad rep, astronomy), Diane Brookes (GSC Facilities Manager), Heather DeShon (grad rep, earth sciences), Nathan Sanders (grad rep, linguistics), Tara Crowley (Student Centers director), Kathryn Tobisch (Alumni Association rep).

Absent

Robert Hartmann (grad rep, mathematics), Blake Riggs (grad rep, biology), Lee Ritscher (GSA President), Christopher Sugarman (Staff Advisory Board), John Holloway (Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs), Betty Rush (Associate Vice-Chancellor of Planning and Budget), Frank Talamantes (Dean of Graduate Studies)

Call to order 2:09pm

1. Approval of Agenda

Approved with addition of point 5b “Building Sign / Banner” and 5c “Alumni Use of the Building”.

2. Approval of minutes

Distributed minutes from meetings on Sep 28, Oct 08, Oct 22, Nov 05, Nov 19. Approved Sep 28 4:00, Oct 08 with minor comments by acclamation, Oct 22 by acclamation, Nov 05 by acclamation, Nov 19 by acclamation.

3. Programming money update

(Katy): She talked to Free Moini (Planning and Budget): The money is not affected by the budget freeze, so it can be used for programming and events. There are little rules that govern what programming and events is.
We will get it under our control. It will be easier for us to make decisions about it, if it goes into an account of ours. We will get a special account for this money so that it will not be confused with Dean’s or Grad Div’s accounts. This was decided with the finance people, not with politicians.

Diane will be controlling the money with supervision by Tara.

Tara: we can do a Transfer of Funds for reimbursement of past expenses.

After we have this account Brandon will approach the Grad Dean about funding for the brochures.

### 4. Programming ideas for next quarter

We should get the brochures out and have more programming next quarter.

- Grad Research Fair - grads come together and present on their research across boards (Nathan)
- Academic Bowl - Trivia for grads - maybe in association with GSA Happy Hour?
- Dissertation Writing Workshop - not necessarily with Dorothy Brown, maybe something with Shizue.
- Photography contest
- Art show
- Oscars Party - we need a TV set for that. There is cable in the building.
- Multi-cultural grad night
- S’mores night to feature the fire-place
- improv night, open mic, poetry readings

We didn’t do any finals week events this quarter, should do that next quarter.

Bring brainstorm ideas at beginning of next quarter.

### 5. Coffee Mug update

Last meeting we decided to take 3 small quotes and the GSC logo. Brandon looked at the mugs at Crestline with prices. Bob McC won’t sell our mugs. There are two choices at Crestline: ceramic or plastic. Everyone likes the ceramic better and we tend to order 144 of the ceramic 15oz mugs, but we’ll make the final decision when we see samples.

The 3 quotes seem too much and not everyone likes them. Decision is made to only have one quote: “Grad school: it’s not just a job, it’s an indenture”
5a. Building Sign / Banner

We should revisit the sign. Bret never gave us the sample that he promised us... Katy suggests to look into a complete new sign like what Bob got for the Bookstore. When do we want to take the banner down? - Until we have the final sign on the building - maybe even throughout our inaugural year.

5b. Alumni Use of the Building

The feeling was to grant all grads lifetime access to the building. That way alumni and all former grad students have access. This should also hold for grads that never finished. Voted in 4:0:0. (This also satisfies 2/3 requirement for the change of the bylaws on building use.)

6. Student Union update

The first floor of the Union will probably be occupied by late Jan / early Feb. Student Orgs might be temporarily relocated for the winter. SOAR and (?) 1st floor Work on the building: two disability accessible restrooms need to be added and back staircase needs to be added. First phase was approved for $ 380k, next phase will be discussed with the ACF in two weeks.

7. Managers report

Temperature in the building (which is too cold) is being worked on by Diane and the central heating plant. The heaters get very hot when operated, they need covers (planned as post completion). Art moulding is coming. There was a gas leak in the WE restaurant due to an extinguished pilot light. Floors hopefully will be oiled right before break, it’s $1,500, but only one application Current mishaps: Shorting out of the WE cooling system today. One cost we might occur: All of our gas valves are in the back of the building they have been hit and are bent, no gas leaks yet. There’s also a High Voltage shack. Diane proposes ballards to protect from vehicles and a sort of cage to protect from handtrucks. Restaurant got their refridgeration fixed. They don’t have beer yet. The building will close early next week, 9am - 3pm.

8. Officers report

Brandon is buying a new keyboard for the PC. He’s still waiting for feedback from the senate about a member to the board.
Area council: one of the ballards disappeared, the steps at the BFR got removed.
Ruth: NTR

This is Katy’s last meeting, she defended and will file this week. All her folders are now with Diane.
Thank you, Katy, for taking such a big role in making the Grad Commons a reality!

**Adjourn 3:57pm**

Next meeting will be announced in January.