

Graduate Student Government General Council Meeting

Green Center, Metals Hall

2026-09-01

1. Introductions

- Mentimeter poll: what is the most important topic for GSG this semester?
 - i. Events
 - ii. Health insurance
 - iii. Disco
 - iv. Community
 - v. Admin
 - vi. Funding cuts
- Looking to increase
- Mentimeter poll: what kind of merch do we want?
 - i. Coffee mug
 - ii. Grocery tote
 - iii. ^ top contenders
- GSG Rep responsibilities
 - i. Attend all meetings (or send a proxy)
 - ii. Manage social funds for your program/department
 - iii. Volunteer on at least one committee
 - iv. Attend and promote events
 - v. Communicate with peers to listen and maintain the desires of grad students!
 - vi. Q/A:
 - vii. See your department's grad email list: e.g. cs-grads to relay information to the people in your program!!
 - viii. How to relay information? Word of mouth and emails!
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2. Elections for DoMM and DoEO

- Director of Media and Marketing
 - i. Christine (interim DoMM this summer)
 - ii. Rex
 - iii. Suggestions/questions
 - 1. Email newsletter
 - 2. OreConnect for publishing meetings/events
 - 3. Central communications at Mines
 - 4. New Mines website launched today—need to transfer GSG website.
 - iv. VOTES
- Director of Equity and Outreach
 - i. Daniel Yuano

ii. Suggestions/questions

1. Format/plan for survey, plan for data?/ Qualitative, feelings, GSG events, finding the students who don't show up to events
2. Did mines students' lived experiences match their expectations?

iii. VOTES

3. Student Trustee Role Introduction (Ryan Kennet) rkennet@mines.edu

- Sits on the board of trustees to represent GSG and USG
- Paul Johnson (PCJ) is the current president of Mines
- Board of Trustees is PCJ's "boss"
- Seven members: graduates and not graduates of Mines that make decisions for Mines "long-term"
- 5 meetings per academic year
- Chairman: Bruce Grewcock
- Student trustee and faculty trustee are non-voting members
- Fall Joint meeting Thursday November 5th, 5-6:30
- First BOT meeting is September 25th
- State of Mines right now:
 - i. Federal funding for critical minerals commercialization hub (mineral processing degree, others under Earth 2.0). Very very big grant. That building on the other side of North Table, being filled by things from this grant.
 - ii. AI@Mines initiatives: Work AI literacy into classrooms: new faculty boards just formed, student board is on the way.
 - iii. Writing center: Provost has been talking about how to get skills re-integrated back into curriculum after the writing center got defunded. Need to clarify whether they're gone this semester or now.
 - iv. Colorado State Legislation & Federal legislation: may impact the school going into the future.
 1. HB26-1345 – restructures funding for schools to be based on student success measures, may affect subsequent years.
 2. HB26-1016 – reauthorizes state grant funding for free course materials.
 3. HB26-1029 – adds 2 nonvoting student members to the commission on higher education.
 - v. Goals:
 1. Share and streamline student feedback with the BOT
 2. Good USG & GSG relationship
 3. Share with students relevant Federal and State policy updates.

4. Nick

- Admissions and Recruitment team head
- Jenny's right hand man
- Works with student success measures
- Office in Jackson next to Jenny's

5. Committee selection

- Committees are the way that school gets things done. Have conversations and make decisions. GSG is more of a council, but it is like a committee.
- When the committee meets, you will go and voice the concerns of graduate students.
- External committees are run by the school.
- Internal committees are where you run the things that GSG does.

6. Updates

- The dental clinic closed
- Please tell people we will be having an open forum in two meetings for the Dental Clinic closure!