Student Government Association

Proposed Agenda

October 29th, 2014 Meeting

I. Roll Call

7:06 pm

a. Katie
b. Mia
c. Ryan

II. Approval of Agenda

Erin: Motion

Kyle: Second

III. Approval of Minutes from 10/22/2014

a. Erin: Motion

Kiera: Second

IV. Guest Speaker

a. Chris Ladoulis

Chris: Thank you for letting me speak to you tonight. I am a 15 year resident on the cb. I sit on town council of CB. There has been a proposed increase in RTA bus from CB to Gunnison. This would leave from Gunnison at 10:30 and returning at 11:15. We felt that this was a need that was not addressed by the current bus schedule. We felt that there was a need for those coming up in the afternoon to come home. There has been lots of concern about riding home safely after work late at night. We pitched it to the RTA and they brought up a grant proposal. Mt CB funded 20k. Due to new
developments. CB approved 10k on Monday and the city council in Gunnison approved 5k. That leaves us with 2500 left to get. The town of Gunnison will fund the rest if we do not get any more. We will have a late night bus from Gunnison to CB and vice versa during the winter. We are asking that we have a broad base of support and showing that we have different entities supporting it. This may become a permanent part of the schedule. Those living on the north side of Gunnison can and will get back and forth. This bus will be safer and less expensive.

Erin: When will this bus start?

Chris: First day of the ski season heading north bound. Will run to the last day or day after.

John: Was this brought up by business owners or the town?

Chris: This was brought up by business owners. We had problems with people leaving and taking shift drinks and bolting after and getting pulled over in Almont. We are really hopeful that this being 7 days a week, people will be able to count on it. This is a pilot program.

Bryce: Do you have a figure of the amount being offered by local businesses?

Chris: It is a total amount of 2500. One business (Secret Stash) said that if nobody else can donate that they will fund 2000. I promised that I would fund the rest if need be. It would be wonderful if you could join to a contribution as much as 1000 dollars but we would love to have SGA on the list.

Emma: Are you aware of the freeze?
Chris: No

Emma: We have a freeze to readdress our bill allocation process.

Erin: In regards to the bill freeze is this something that we can oversee.

Scott: I would say that the discussion tonight is what appropriate funding for bill allocation is. This is worth looking into.

Chris: RTA needed a commitment. We can get funding after. CB won’t be releasing funds until 2015 as well as Gunnison. We will be releasing this in the newspaper next week.

Scott: There is definitely a possibility that SGA can have a role in this

MK: Have you thought of any fundraising?

Chris: We thought that awareness was the heart of this and this is where we began. It was not as fruitful approaching individuals due to taxes on RTA already. Instead of putting forth 100 dollars, we’ll ask Secret Stash to run a promotion. A person coming up to CB and sticking around until 11:15 would get a discount.

Gary: Did you all go out and talk to your constituents

Unanimous support behind this.

Gary: Hearing this kind of feedback from students it is important to represent students in that matter.

Chris: I will have my contact info with Gary. Feel free to contact me at any point to hopefully expand their job search and look at nightly schedule and take advantage of it.

b. Greg Salsbury- HB 1319 7:30
Greg: 1319 was an attempt to put a new funding formula for the way that the state issues funding for higher education institutions. It was partly motivated by how much money was given to schools based off students. We get more than others. Our competitors look at it and say that it is not fair and we should get the same. Schools were not being very accountable for the money they were getting- requesting money they would spend and how much they needed. Legislators wanted to see retention rates, where it goes, diverse populations, and so forth. HB 1319 was an attempt to do that. In the process, it is structured that higher enrollment institutions are at a distinct advantage. Rewards on per unit basis not proportional basis and that puts smaller schools at a disadvantage. The larger your volume, the more efficient that you can be. It costs the same to build buildings anywhere. You can get more use out of a building if there are more people thus smaller schools are at a disadvantage. Number schools are at a disadvantage. The Coff stipend- it is 52.5% funding off the top. The 47.5 left is fairly balanced between performance balance and role admission. The performance metrics on per unit basis- ¾ favoring bigger schools. Question of role admission can be structured so the loss can be made up for- it is not terribly promising. The LT. gov said the intent of the legislation is to change the funding that some of the schools receive (Western). I crafted a letter that I want our BoT to send to parts of the gov. I put an editorial in the Denver Post- Power of Small. This is all decided Sep 15 next year and into effect as of July. That is a
number one concern with administration. This is the thing that I’m spending most of the day on.

Kailie: What does this mean to us as students?

Greg: We get 10 million ball park. We cannot get deducted by more than 5% in a given year. VERY ROUGH ESTIMATE- 500,000 dollars could be affected. We will have to look around and say where we can save this money. It makes it more important that we can get enrollment up. That is the single biggest thing that legislatures look at. They think of constituents- are you a shrinking base or a growing base. We want to show them that we are a growing constituent base. We are hopeful.

Erin: Have numbers come out on student enrollment.

Greg: They are never solid- in general it looks like we are one of two schools that are up in enrollment. We have added 100 students per year the last three years. We are putting into plans that will help.

Scott: How can we help in this process- we want to take some of that burden on your department and help?

Greg: I have crafted a letter from the BoT, but I don’t want every letter to be the same. It would be interesting to have student testimonials about the Western Culture and the specialness that it has and we don’t want that threatened. We could collect some of those and send them out.

Scott: I was a part of the group that represented Quigley. Is there a possibility to bring a couple student leaders when the legislatures are talking about this?
Greg: Most likely not. I would love that but time is in such a crunch.

Fano: Over the weekend Katie and I went to Denver to meet CSGC (Colorado Student Gov Coalition). It is made up of students all over the school. We talked about this. What we are working on is recommendations on HB 1319. We learned the metrics are mostly set in stone (?) but there are still some metrics that are still up for debate. We want to try and come up with an agreement where all schools are happy.

Greg: You have about a week

Fano: We have heard that it was deadline November 5th

Greg: It is coming very quickly. Another challenge you will find is trying to find all parts of the coalition agreeing on parts. There is hardly a dimension of 1319 that will be agreeable on (ex: Rural vs urban- Western and Adams high on this, urban schools not so much). Also diversity. Faster you can move the better.

MK: We are just trying to represent our side of it- we are the kids who are going to school here in CO. I’m confused on what it means for Western. Are we sitting ducks waiting to get money taken away?

Greg: Don’t disadvantage smaller rural schools. We are out here serving the Western slope. We are fighting so many disadvantages to overcome- location, small enrollment. Don’t punish us for that. If you have an opportunity to send that to legislatures that is what you should send.

V. Action Items
a. Forming of a new club - Western Association of Professional Landmen

Tony: Thank you for having us. To give a background on WAPL, we have been around since PLRM started. We have been operating as a club. We have talked to Lindsay and Luanna. We were once a club with SGA, we fell out of the mix 4-5 years ago. To be an accredited program, we need an SGA mandated program that interacts with the school. We want to get back in front of you and get the relationship back with WAPL and SGA. Currently we have 75 student members. To be a part of the PLRM program you have to be part of WAPL. Student members pay a fee of 25 dollars. We have a meeting of every Thursday where we talk about current issues, events, community service, and constitution code of conduct which was recently revised. Our student members are looked on to attend events. We allow student members to go to Denver for a conference and 8-10 go to Houston to network, interview, and get full time jobs. We also attend an event in Reno, Nevada for an event. We want to create a relationship with mining companies. We serve as a student led club to be a part of something bigger than something on campus. It has been very healthy for me and my networking.

Chris: We enrich our student’s lives through community involvement and good intentions to the community. It gives a lot of gravity to what our program is exclusive in: Energy and global environment. That is what we are doing; we take what we do seriously. It is important for us to become a club so we are a part of Western. It is inherent that students come here to go out
there. We are different and we want to be part of this different culture. Our vision has been increasing participation between students, community and with our own events. We want to become a club; we have put many hours into creating a constitution. We have 75 students and they have been going through trial by fire. We want to reach out to other PLRM programs. We are 1 of 7. We just became a university, got a new president, and we wanted to increase our recognition within the institution and throughout the country. We have helped other schools start up; giving them constitution and student handbook (code of conduct). I hope I have established this fact. Questions?

Adam: How long did you work on the constitution?

Chris: It has been a long process. We started last spring and we just finished up in October.

Adam: Do you have a copy with the by-laws here?

Emma: I have it downstairs

Kiera: Would you except members that are not majors

Chris: Yes we have already invited one student, Ben Wright.

JP: What association did you have with them?

Chris: Their energy management program- had not association with the scandal.

Motion to add two more minutes- seconded

Bryce: Reach out to more students. I didn’t know you existed. I think this is a great program and great opportunity for students. I think of the rec program; people view the rec program as people who want to ski/snowboard.
There are lots of people over there that want to get involved in land management. Reaching out to them would be great.

Tony: We plan on reaching out with club fairs, posted, and so forth. That is definitely something we will look at.

Chris: Maybe you guys could have us back and help us with an initiative to do that. The demographic that you mentioned is perfect; they love the land. The diversity within the school will increase.

Lindsay: Everything has passed-they do comply.

Motion to approve WAPL

Seconded-erin

Unanimously passed

VI. Discussion Items

a. Criteria for Bills-Emma

Emma: Fill out stipend sheets!

Sara: Do not fill out the stipend sheets that are online.

Emma: Where should we go with bill allocation?

Erin: Is this in the by-laws?

Fano: Yes

Scott: Daniel expressed lots of concerns in the consistency of our bill allocation.

Emma: Does anyone have suggestions for our criteria
Nate: 21+ not being able to access that. There should be a guideline to look at. Also, I think events should be 18+ instead of 21+ because this excludes.

Kiera: Is it a program vs initiative? One program or lasting impact- should be sustainable.

Scott: Funding RTA is more significant than a party. Daniel’s frustration could have been solved by PC. Look into contact of bill- can hand it off to programming.

Adam: Don’t fund double dipping event- Gunnison Sockeyes was a perfect example.

Scott: Stipulation- food, don’t charge students after student fees, conference- faculty not funded.

Amy: Organization or groups

Emma: Students need to be funded!

Amy: It should also benefit more than one person.

Bryce: We should focus funds on student development and let other organizations focus on events

Fano: We have been doing things that we have been taught and we want to get away from that.

Erin: What are other schools doing?

Fano: Varies school to school- some focus on campus improvement, student organizations, and most have some sit on house of representations.

Ben: Future we need to let students know about change

Scott: We will put in affect next semester so there is time for change
Emma: Sit on ICC or PC. Prop 1 takes away most responsibility from SGA - ICC, PC, SGA, etc

Sara: Advisory needs stuff it appears ICC has more decision making that MCC and other advisory which will be frowned down upon.

Sara: Reserve can be used.

Fano: We need to go to advisory so advisory has it

Lindsay: Prop 2 is more effective with the senate chair and VP of internal affairs involved.

Ben: Gets rid of senator effectiveness

Emma: There are representing senators

MK: Prop one should add step of senate chair

Kiera: Prop 2 keep sga control!

VII. Advisor Reports

Sara: The Leadership Group thought you were awesome. She wants input from us- help us design the conference, more student presentations, and so forth. If you think the value is in that, it would be awesome. DISCUSSION ITEM FOR NEXT WEEK.

Emma: Time limit

Sara: Two weeks or so

Erin: Date?

Sara: Not yet but it was march last year. I have ideas. We could also go meet with another SGA such as Fort Lewis in Durango. A meet up. There are other
leadership conferences that are further away and more money but better established.

VIII. Executive Board Reports

Fano: No Report

Emma: Stipend forms- tomorrow in SGA office go in and fill it out tomorrow.

I’ll pick them up at the end of the day. GET THEM DONE.

Sara: You’ll have to do this every single month.

Luke: No report

Scott: A couple of things about conduct. Discussion in this GA is that all members of GA can be heard. I understand that some people might not have anything new to say. As a point of respect, pay attention and stay engaged! It is my job to understand the meeting runs smoothly. This meeting is not over until it is adjourned. Please be respectful. Please remain professional.

IX. Advisory Reports

Amy: No report

Lindsay: No report

Kyle: One home game this weekend- volleyball. Come support! Football is playing Fort Lewis. Fort Lewis is one of the worst teams in the conference so we hopefully should beat them. Sunday and Monday went to RMAC conference for SAC. We talked a lot about each SAC group votes on legislation and many interesting things-fundraising and so forth.

Bryce: Intro to mountaineering this weekend. Two day trip- sat to Sunday. Day of skills and then ginabo climb on Mt CB. I like to use this particular trip as the
value of WP. Great trip for very trip. Mountain Rescue. Team members are out on trip for a missing hiker.

Nate S: Sign up for our competitions! We gave Daniel 225/300 of the week. Naca is coming up. Bouncy houses after this, get stoked. PC has set aside 5500 dollars to update lights and speakers for putting on performances around school.

MV: Health and Safety this week.

John: WRAP is handing out party packs this week. Sustainability coordinators working hard

X. Committee Reports

Press committee we decided to start doing bios on you guys to get who you are for Facebook. We are in contact with Top of the world as well. Fill out the sheet of paper.

Erin: Group shot next week. Look nice.

XI. Senator Reports

Ben: No

Adam: The Gunnison Sockeyes will be putting on an ice fishing tourney in Jan or February. Current cash prize 100,000-1 million. Any questions come ask questions.

Lindsay: No

Courtney: No

Kiera: No

Nate Z: NO

JP: No
Kailie: No
MK: No
Erin: No

XII. Special Topics

XIII. Remarks for the Good of the Order

MV: We talked about WSCU confessions. Susy and Lindsay fast have been
talking this. They are putting together a way to respond positively to the
negative confessions. Suzy is looking for about 100 students to participate in this.
Details later.

XIV. Late Roll Call

Ryan
Katie
Mia

XV. Adjournment