Passive items (last month)

- Safe zone training
- Tabling for Digger Drive
- Participated in Faculty and Staff Appreciation week
- Library
  - Talked with Carol, the university librarian, about her expansion vision and how USG is still considering it.
  - Working on the next steps for this; see action items
- Tech Fee committee: helped allocate money all around the school for technology projects
- Library, what students want changed/improved if renovated/expanded
  - More Study Space (Quiet)
  - More Study Rooms
  - Outlets at every table
  - More computer labs
  - Comfy chairs
  - Media room (recording)
  - More reading books (fiction)
  - Open longer
  - Renovation/expansion happens over summer
- Facilitated the vote on the increase of the Technology fee
  - Vote was affirmative for a $20 increase for USG/GSG per semester
- Facilitated the vote on the addition of summer to the RTD pass
  - Vote was affirmative for USG/GSG
- Talked with students interested in USG, gave them ideas on what positions they could be a part of next year
- Masterplan with Chris and Joe
  - Talked mostly about what students want: Green space vs. parking garages, spread out campus vs really small campus all together
  - Idea came for renewables in the survey field
  - Plan is to email Joe back with more ideas
- Graduate student tax issue
  - Graduate students were upset over paying a lot more
  - Had a formal town hall with administration
• **BOT Meeting Friday December 8th**
  - Audit went really well, no irregularities found, public as of Dec 5
  - New VP of tech transfer
  - KEEN network, we have been admitted
  - Tech Transfer
    - Looking at transferring networks to junior faculty
    - Looking at getting money from industry. Used to be 40% now its 13%
  - USGS potential new partnership and building
    - Cooperative agreement has become MOU—> memorandum of understanding
    - Estimate is $80M right now
    - Support will most likely come from several different sources
    - We are asking USGS what they can do, such as research
  - Capital Opportunity, dorm across from Safeway, 3P
    - 242 beds, ~172 underground parking spots, sophomores—>seniors, 4 stories
    - parking will be charged, lower CTLM will most likely give additional parking for building.
    - **THIS THING IS BIG**
    - Could move very fast, open date August 2019
    - Good for it to move fast but it means we have more debt sooner
  - Senate passed 267 which call states to collateralize buildings on higher-ed campuses.
    - Bad for us, still early, don’t know what we are going to do
  - Approved Graduation list for December
  - Approved new Space Resources Program
  - Approved Natural Resources and Energy Program, which replaces International Relations Master Program (MIPER)
  - Re-established contract with Comcast to get TV in REC and Student Centers
  - Potential partnership with Excel over energy concerns on campus
  - Parking Garage
    - going up to 919 spots, extra 4.5M dollars
    - funded with reserves
  - Approved Catalyst Lease agreement
    - A room in RiNo district of Denver
    - Purpose is to build a network with Biotech/healthcare companies in Denver
    - Will have a classroom, office, and some sort of makerspace
  - Admissions: Admitted 3600 students already, 3000 in review, 5500 admitted last year
Brian for foundation says their new crowdfunding site is much better, can agree as someone who has used it

- Attended a party to send off one of the trustees, Thank you Stuart Bliss for your service
- Attended commencement

**Present items**

- Enjoying break

**Action items (next month)**

- Library, talk with USG in January. Decide what we as an organization want to support for the future vision of the library.
- Email Joe about Masterplan
- Figure out what to champion

**Monthly summary**

November and December went great! I am finally in a spot where I know most of the trustees and administration of Mines on a personal level, which I believe the BOT student representative should have. I passed on most of my projects to the sophomores so they could learn and improve Mines. I worked with Quinn and Willie with things they want to move forward. I continued to be a mentor to current and potentially future USG leaders. One of my most important roles is helping to find future USG leaders who will be able to successfully run the organization.

Next semester, my goal is to find a big problem and champion a solution for it. Ever since coming to USG and Mines student government, I have wanted to improve Mines in a positive way that future students can benefit from. I have been doing that minimally for the past 2.5 years and want to continue for the next 1.5 years. I am in a unique position that can really influence change at Mines, which is why I want to find something big to champion.
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