USG At-Large to the Institution January Report 17’-18’

Month, Officer: January, At-Large to the Institution

Passive items (last month)

- Assumed office 1/17/18
- Received and organized transition materials from former At-Large to the Institution
- Attended Tier 4 allocation request meetings for SHIP and AAPG
- Assigned new representatives to committees
- Sent out committee report form
- Created committee meeting calendar

Present items

- Continue revising committee list/rosters
- Contact committee heads to acquire:
  - Meeting frequency
  - Committee mission
  - Desire for student input on committee
  - Other pertinent information
- Fill the tuition waiver committee (w/ senior)

Action items (next month)

- Begin categorizing committees based on:
  - Size
  - Meeting frequency
  - Number of student members
- Reduce maximum number of committees served on per USG member
- Solicit non-USG student body to fill committee spots

Questions, concerns, announcements

- If any seniors are interested in joining the Tuition Waiver committee, please reach out to me.
- While the USG by-laws specify the minimum number of committees that USG representatives must serve on, it does not specify a maximum. It is my belief that an excess of participation can be equally as dangerous as a deficiency, and that members being spread too thin can significantly reduce the productivity of our committees. I intend to begin encouraging non-USG members to participate on committees, and in turn reduce the number of committees each USG rep. serves on. This is permitted in the USG by-laws.

Monthly summary
On January 17, 2018, I was installed as the newest At-Large to the Institution for the Colorado School of Mines Undergraduate Student Government. Shortly after, I met with my predecessor to receive his position-relevant materials and to gain greater insight into the responsibilities of this position. Shortly thereafter, I created and distributed Google Form (based off my predecessor’s) to collect bi-weekly committee reports. I have also updated the committee rosters I received from my predecessor, and assigned our new representatives to committees. Moving forward, I intend to better organize committee participation and improve student contact with their non-student committee co-members. This will be accomplished first by reaching out to committee heads to acquire relevant information about the mission, meeting frequency, and desire for student participation of each committee. Next I will begin to organize the committee list based on the previously listed criteria. Finally, I will begin encouraging non-USG representatives to join committees, reducing the committees-per-member average of USG representatives, and hopefully increasing participation in the committees representatives remain in. It is my hope that by reducing the workload per representative, I will be able to increase committee productivity and accountability to USG.

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