Call to Order
- Brenden Swensen, ASCSM President
- Quorum met with 24 votes and President present

Roll Call
- Absent: 1
- Late: 2
- Represented by proxy: 4

Approval of Minutes
- Minutes from October 27, 2011
  - Minutes approval by acclimation

Guest Speaker
- Terry Parker
  - He knows that the student body is very interested in this topic so he agreed quickly
  - Already had a presentation prepared for the faculty
    - Mostly faculty centric
  - For everyone currently on the system the change means little
  - It takes a lot to change degrees and that has not been done yet
    - What they have done is lay down the foundation for future change
    - In 1970
      - 9 degree granting department
    - 2010
      - Have a much larger system
      - 13 degree granting departments
    - Undergrad student draw has increased in the last decade
    - We are selecting fewer total students now
      - With more strict regulations
      - 2011 average sat 1230
      - 1295 this fall
      - 40% out of state
    - We are changing the system to try to be more competitive because the state may not always be able to provide the current level of support for the college
      - The market has moved from an engineer with a specialty to just a specific type engineer
      - We need to be able to keep up with the demand
    - Academic institutions do not change quickly
      - This has been a long time coming
      - In the works since around 2000
- A visiting committee made a significant contribution to the change
  - A three college structure was recommended
- Even more serious discussions were started in February of this year
- Announced the reorganization in August
- But what has actually changed
  - See slides
- New terms of degrees
  - It is still in progress
- (A true engineering degree is used as a spring board for grad school not a working degree)
- Why was this done
  - Mechanical degree is accreditable as it stands but we just want to name them what they are
  - Other degrees need a few tweaks but are mostly already accreditable
  - Engineering department has been over a third of the campus for a while and they didn’t see that changing in the near future
  - They decided not to split into three new colleges for a few reason
    - Wanted to maintain a link between the three specialties that might be lost otherwise
    - Might also lose some of the colleges strategic maneuverability
    - EE and Comp. Sci. is already a common construct so the paring made sense
    - And the math program needed a shot in the arm and this takes care of that
- First time at CSM that we will have an academic dean
  - Will manage degrees
  - Manage services to faculties and students
  - Only one other organization our size without a dean
  - There is a large asymmetry to our college
- They are trying to incrementally change the structure of the CSM
- Academics
  - He came out of the faculty so he has some attachment to the old ways
- Department head searches are under way
  - There are more slides but running of time so it is time for Questions
  - Questions
    - Might some of the departments be merged into larger departments, like mining because of small class sizes? The fear is that we may lose some specialties
      - They have off and on considered whether to merge departments but not degrees. Does not see anything in the
future to merge degrees. The degree as it stands has a value and he does not see a reason to change it. They are not looking to balance the books by merging programs

● They are looking for an increase in quality

■ How does that relate to the merge of civil and environmental

● Environmental served as a grad school tract
● Merges well with civil
● Mining does not merge well with civil and has been the death of mining degree in other colleges
● The merge does not mean that civil and environmental are the same degree, because they are still separate.

○ Any changes must go through many steps through different committees before anything happens
  ■ This allows for lots of different eyes on the situation

○ What is the timeline to offer the specific degrees
  ■ There is a lot of uncertainty
    ● ABET will need to be involved
      ○ Will be on campus next fall to accredit all of our degrees
      ○ There are many rules for how they accredit degrees
    ● The best case is Dec 2012

○ How will this change double specialty
  ■ Right now it will not
  ■ If we move to separate degrees, then rules that apply for students getting two degrees will be used
  ■ We still honor the degree catalog from when the student first came in
  ■ Student can change their cataloged if they want

○ Will it change admissions into the separate departments
  ■ No, no it will not
  ■ Terry if very firm that it will not
  ■ Wants student to be able to freely choose their degree

Executive Officer Reports
● President: Brenden Swensen
  ○ Motion to pass the budget
    ■ Seconded
      ● All in favor
        ○ 24
      ● Opposed
        ○ 0
    ■ Motion passed
  ○ No update from George Hughes as was planned

At-Large Report:
● Erin need a proxy for the faculty meeting
○ Next Tue. at 2pm
  ○ Noah

● Josh
  ○ Sarah wanted to talk to us about drug safety
  ○ On the 17th
  ○ From the city
  ○ And Golden High
  ○ Wants some involvement from mines

● Matt
  ○ Sent the email for “What your Beef”
  ○ Needs volunteers to man a booth for “What’s Your Beef” 11-1pm
    ■ Caitlin

● Malinda
  ○ Grad meeting next Wed.

Class Reports
● Freshman
  ○ Has all the things set up
  ○ Be there at one and will be doing events in order
  ○ Launcher will be going on in the background
  ○ Event is on the 19th

● Sophomore
  ○ Has finished there event and t-shirts
    ■ Ordered 50 pizzas
    ■ Fri Nov. 18 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
    ■ Minute to win it games

● Junior
  ○ Shirt is approved
    ■ Will order them tomorrow
      ● We take our Whisky clear
    ■ Looking in to getting the car for car bash

● Senior
  ○ Senior shirts are ordered
  ○ Bowling
    ■ Nov. 29
      Rented the bowling ally
    On a Tues.

BSO
● President
  ○ First round of paper work is done
    ■ Only one club was dropped a tier
    ■ A few were derecognize

Committee Reports
● Publicity
- Noah should get in contact with Rachel for the Spudlympics

- **Students rights and responsibilities**
  - Working on the faculty evaluation process
  - Department grading policies
  - Department wide cheating policies
    - For the honor code
  - Derik Morgan will need to be contacted before any changes are made

- **Ad hoc committee**
  - Fill out the doodle pole Bernie
    - Wants to make it easier for clubs to track budget and other neat things
    - Could help budget committee in the future
  - Allison Kuty is the campus liaison for Orgsync
  - Will be a long process but will be worth it

- **Marie**
  - Want to thank us for attention during his presentation and thank the provost
  - Dr. Fox is already a dean for the student life side but there are none for the academic side

- **Jesse**
  - The wellness center is over budget
  - The grad ratio is up
  - Mines is doing well financially
  - Excused absences
    - In the past the faculty wanted to know the entirety or absences for the whole semester
    - Until the whole thing is electronic we want to make that change because it takes too much time to enter in every one manually
  - Mines want to change their appearance to private while staying public
    - May have a flat rate for out of state
  - Pizza hut opening in digger den
    - Don’t know when this will happen
  - Future residential housing
    - Themes
      - Alcohol free
      - Outdoor rec themed
      - SWE
    - Very beginning stages
    - Is not unusual
      - Is implemented in other colleges
  - Moving toward no Freshman having cars
    - As a side effect will improve parking
    - Want to encourage new students to stay on campus

- **Philanthropy**
  - Wine event
Wants the students to see how they can give back to the community after they graduate

○ Three startup companies
  - Micro Phage
  - Frac Optimal
  - Innovative Laser Solutions

○ Want to move the college in the direction to have more grad because of cool research that people know about

○ Is there a price range for the tuition change for the flat rate change
  - State funding cut means we may have to change
  - The instate will still get a discount

Public Forum
  ● Will the college get new tennis courts?
    ○ Ask for donations

Announcements
  ● Wear our cool new shirts every Thursday

Adjournment
8:21 pm

Next Meeting
November 17, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

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