

**GSA Agenda**  
**Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**Wittson Hall 3042**

- Roll Call
- Approval of minutes from May meeting
- Old Business
  - Parking Update
    - Construction of COPH set to start - August 10<sup>th</sup>
    - COPH and construction vehicles may take more than 250 spots in Lot 15
    - To compensate for lost spots, students will be able to park in Lot 19
    - As of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 50 additional stalls will be designated in Lot 49 for students to share with the employees in that lot at no additional cost.
    - Students who cannot find spots should park their vehicle in an employee lot and authorize it by calling parking services @ 9-8580
    - Online Parking Permit Renewal
  - DRC Computer Lab Update
    - None as of right now
- New Business
  - Election of 2009-2010 GSA Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Social Chair
  - Registration for Classes should go paperless Fall 2010
  - International Student Research Forum
    - Brisbane, Australia, November 22-26, 2009
    - Need volunteers for student leadership committee which will aid in the scoring/selection of students to go. They will get a spot to go to the meeting.
    - Up to 10 students can go. The Asia Pacific Rim Development Program (APRDP) will provide \$700 towards the cost of the plane ticket. The student/mentor/department will need to come up with the rest. All other costs will be taken care of by the ISRF.
  - UNeMED's Innovation Week
    - Sept 28 – Oct 2
    - UNeMed wants to hold an off campus (evening) event for grad students.
    - They were looking for ideas on topic or theme, etc. And they also were looking for any local hang-outs that might work for this type of event that would attract students.
  - UNMC Smoking Ban
    - Chancellor Harold M. Maurer, M.D., recently sent an e-mail, indicating that UNMC will be a tobacco-free campus, as of August 24.
    - UNMC is offering tobacco-cessation classes for a nominal fee. Four separate courses – each lasting three, one-hour sessions – will take place in August, September and October. More information on these courses -- as well as other health promotion information -- can be found at <http://www.unmc.edu/services/bus-fin/fitness>.

- Optional Additional Major Medical Coverage and Dental Insurance
  - <http://www.macori.com/States/NE/UNME.asp>
  - Additional Major Medical
    - \$116 per semester
    - With this coverage, payment will be made for 80% of Eligible Expenses paid in excess of \$25,000 in any one Policy Year (\$50,000 in any two or more Policy Years), not to exceed the \$500,000 Aggregate Lifetime Benefit for the Basic Plan plus Optional Major Medical Plan.
  - Dental - \$216 / year
- Discussion
  - GSA Brochure – Tess Eidem & Agnes Constantino
  - New Student Orientation – Thursday, August 20th
  - Fall Social Event – Welcome BBQ – Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>
    - 2008 Fall BBQ info:
      - 117 people attended (as noted by sign-in sheet)
      - Ordered food for 150 people from Red Zone BBQ, but ran out. Should we then need to order for 175-200 people this year
      - Red Zone provided cambros (warming boxes), all plates and plastic ware, and BBQ sauce (mild & spicy).
  - Seminar and workshops for 2009-2010
    - Need to generate ideas for topics and then work on gathering names
- Committee Assignments/Re-format
  - Academic Affairs
    - Help update the GSA Webpage & Student Survival Guide
    - Blackboard Course
      - General Info for Students about coursework
      - Course Listing for all departments, and student opinions about them
  - Social Committee
    - Assist the social chair with the planning and setup of social functions
  - Career Development Committee
    - Assist in the planning of seminars, workshops, and our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Graduate Student Career Day
- Other business
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