GSA Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 7\textsuperscript{th}, 2007  
5:00 PM  
Wittson Hall 3037  


Approval of minutes from June Meeting  

Discussion: UNMC Fellowship/Assistanship Competition  
- Most students thought the competition was fair.  
- Suggestions to increase length to 7 pages, with an emphasis on preliminary data rather than background/introduction  
- More study sections to diversify the reviewers  
- Include a name of a suggested reviewer for a study section  
- Potential to cut off 4\textsuperscript{th}/5\textsuperscript{th} year students, or 1\textsuperscript{st} year students  
- Eliminate Letter of Recommendation, or decrease % to score  
- GPA weight too much for 1\textsuperscript{st} year students  
- Go to a quality point system rather than just GPA, as to factor in amount of classes taken  
- No external review, worries about confidentiality  

Pre-matriculation Site Meeting  
- August 13\textsuperscript{th}, 1:30 ARS Building  
- All who assisted in the website/pre-mat site are encouraged to attend  

New Student Orientation  
- August 23\textsuperscript{rd}, DRC 1004 8:30 – 3:00  
- GSA representatives present at introductions, 8:30-8:50, free breakfast  

GSA Brochure  
- James has worked on this, is almost done.  
- Will be handed out during introductions.  

Student Blog  
- Is up and running, bloggers need to add an entry at least once a month  

Seminar and workshops for 2007-2008  
- Noon, Thursday, November 1\textsuperscript{st}, DRC 1002 – Jorge Cham, Author of PHD comics presents “The Power of Procrastination”  
- Student Health Seminar in September, TBA  
- Others to be discussed next meeting  

Committee Assignments/Re-format: Will be done at the next meeting in September.
Other Business

GSA Barbeque Lunch
- Friday, August 24th, 11 AM – 1 PM, Location: Either outside of Durham Outpatient or Eppley
- Organization will be taken care of by Exec Council
- Suggestion for tables to sit at, to promote student interaction

Election of 2007-2008 GSA Executive Council Members
- The GSA members present elected Heidi Johnson for Vice-President, James Randazzo for Secretary, Carmen Troncoso Brindeiro for Treasurer, and Jessica Hutter for Social Chair

Submitted by,

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