GSA meeting minutes
Tuesday, March 1st, 5:30pm
WH 3042

Members present: Amanda Lakamp, Paula Klutho, Erin Rosenbaugh, Eric Tom, Ariel Burns, Saili Moghe, Erin Weubben, Mike Gleason, Catherine Murari, Carly Ninemire, Alyssa Hornay, and Jamie Arnst. Stephanie Kraft-Terry presided.

- Minutes from February meeting approved
- Student Senate Report- Jamie Arnst
  - TVs in the Center for Healthy Living
    - Two large TVs have been purchased
    - Should be installed in the next month or two. Working on how to mount them.
  - Student Senate is beginning to discuss bringing in a speaker next semester
    - Clinical aspects or legislative issues are current proposed topics
    - Names of potential speakers should be discussed at next Student Senate meeting
  - Community Health Fair on April 16th- Still looking for student helpers. If interested, contact Stephanie or Anh.
  - Student delegates
    - Looking for a few students to discuss political issues on campus.
    - Students will pick an issue to focus on (for example: stem cells)
    - Contact Jamie Arnst for more information
  - Issues committee
    - Last GSA meeting it was brought up that the cafeteria is not also careful about how they handle meat and vegetarian options, making it difficult for vegetarians to eat there.
    - Jamie has brought this issue to the student senate president, who will talk to the chancellor
    - She also brought up that there are very few vegan options, and ingredients are not listed, making it difficult for vegans to eat in the cafeteria.

- Old business
  - Fellowships
    - 89 fellowships submitted, around 20 will be funded
    - Scoring is currently the same as last year.
    - If you are interested in helping to restructure the fellowship format/scoring contact Stephanie.
  - UNO CV/resume workshop
    - March 24th and 25th – 30min time slots available
    - All slots are full. However, no one is on a wait list yet. If you would like to be, contact Stephanie ASAP.
    - UNO career center is open to UNMC students. Just let them know you are a student at UNMC when you call to set up an appointment.
• New Business
  o Spring Seminar(s)
    ▪ Panel – “Legal side of science” – Ariel is organizing
      • Decided to postpone until fall.
    ▪ Dr. Jennie Mather and Dr. Dick Woodward –
      • Post-doc association agreed to cover half the cost.
      • Seminar day covering the business side of start ups (Dr. Woodward) and benchwork in industry (Dr. Mather). Dr Woodward said he would contact Dr. Mather to try to reduce redundancy in the talks.
      • Dr. Woodward is confirmed for April 21st
      • Waiting on confirmation from Dr. Mather. Previously she said late April would work, but has not confirmed this date.
      • One seminar in the morning (10am) and one in the afternoon (1:30pm).
  o Social Activities
    ▪ Bowling
      • Westwood Lanes (72nd and Dodge), Friday April 1st at 7pm.
    ▪ Behind the scene tour at the zoo
      • Jamie has contacted Dr. Armstrong who manages tours at the zoo. (this is Dr. Toews contact for tours he does with his class)
      • Limits tour group size to 25 people
      • Dr. Armstrong prefers to do tours during the week. It was decided that if we have this event it would need to be on a weekend, and possibly have two separate tour groups (morning and afternoon, possibly with a lunch in the middle?)
      • Jamie will contact Dr. Armstrong to find out if a weekend tour is possible. He is often slow in responding. Planning for mid/late May or early June.
      • If not possible to get a tour on a Saturday, Jamie will look into group discounts at the zoo.
        o Serve lunch at the zoo to have social time with all the students. Students could wander the zoo before and after lunch.
        o Maybe also go to the IMAX?
      • Updates will be posted on the facebook discussion page. Keep an eye for updates and give your feedback there.
    ▪ Dave and Buster
      • Back-up plan if zoo trip falls through
  • Other business
    o Dr. Crouse is the Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.
You must apply for graduation prior to the deadline. For most forms, rules have been bent for graduate students; however, this is through the registrar’s office and is not flexible.

- If you apply for graduation and do not defend in time, you will lose the $25 fee and have to apply again next semester. However, if you defend without applying, you will not officially graduate until the next semester’s graduate ceremony.
- Graduation packets need to be picked up at the graduate studies office after applying for graduation.

Graduate students are often unaware of what forms need to be filled out and when they are due. What is the best way to get this information to students? Each department is supposed to help with this, but some are better than others.

- It is sometimes difficult to find a form on the graduate studies webpage.

Reminder to sign the UNMC LiveGreen pledge online.

The Eppley Relay for Life team will have a bake-off on April 8th from noon-1:30pm in the ESH atrium. $2 to vote and taste all the baked goods!

- Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Paula Klutho