GSA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 1st, 2012 at 5:15 pm
DRCII Room 1002

- Jamie Arnst, Amanda Lakamp, Ariel Burns, Eric Tom, Krupa Savalia, Meghan Mendick, Carly Ninemire, Mike Gleason, Jyoti Iyer, Saili Moghe, Duy Ha, Anna Brynskikh, and Erin Rosenbaugh presided.
- April meeting minutes were approved (posted on GSA website)

Old business
- 44th Annual Pharmaceutics Graduate Student Research Meeting June 7-9th at Michael Sorrell Center; abstract deadline May 15; see unmc.edu/pharmacy/PGRSM_2012.htm for details
- PhD Comics movie *Piled Higher and Deeper* now available online! Visit http://phdmovie.com/?coupon=omaha for a 50% off coupon
  - Contact Agnes Constantino for information
- Contact Dr. Daniel Monaghan if interested in UNO/UNMC Business for Bioscientists Certificate Program http://www.unmc.edu/media/gsa/Biobusiness.pdf
- August 7-9th International Student Forum, UNMC hosting
  - Visit and enjoy poster and oral presentations

New business
- **Election of 2012-2013 GSA President: Amanda Lakamp** accepted nomination and position
  - President term is July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2013
  - President should currently hold a position on the GSA Executive Board
  - Other GSA Executive Board members will be elected during August meeting
  - See GSA Constitution for position responsibilities and duties
  - GSA constitution states that nominee must be a 'current' executive officer, but it will be changed so even previous officers can be nominated
- Movie night at Aksarben Cinema
  - Tuesday, May 15th at Aksarben Cinema (2110 S. 67th St. Omaha, NE 68106)
  - Pre-sale tickets/VIP passes required for admittance to movie of choice
  - Ticket sales will begin 12-1 PM May 7-15th in DRC Commons
    - GSA members/volunteers will be assisting in the ticket sales
    - If interested in volunteering, please contact Erin or Ariel
  - Tickets $3 for graduate students and 1 guest; additional non-student guests $6/ticket
    - There’s no limit on the number of guests that can attend
  - Social hour 6-7 PM in cinema lounge; (1) soda and (1) popcorn provided
- Student Senate and Graduate Council updates and announcements
  - Contact Mary McNamee, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, with input on improvement of student recruitment and enhancement of UNMC community and environment for students
    - Some students suggested a Student Union Lounge for graduate students
  - David Carver, UNMC Student Senate Advisor, seeking feedback and comments on student Macori health insurance plans
  - NOTE: No May student walk-in hours for the Family Medicine/Student Health clinic
Office is converting to a new information system
Appointments can still be made, but will not perform full physical exams
April Graduate Council meeting cancelled due to UNMC Assistantship application reviews

- **Cupcakes/cookies social to celebrate graduations and end of academic year**
  - Tuesday, May 8th 11-1 PM in DRC II rm 1002
  - Tickets for the GSA Movie Night available for purchase
  - Changed the time of event on account of Eppley Grand Rounds seminar at 12 PM

- **Curriculum vitae review sessions with UNMC professors and Human Resources staff**
  - Contact with potential CV reviewers over summer and schedule date during fall semester

**Other business**
- Anna Brynskikh discussed the translational research seminar sponsored by UNeMED
  - Wednesday, May 23rd will provide pizza lunch for 50-75 people
  - Graduate students and Post-Docs invited to a “Career Pathway” based seminar
  - Topic: “How to become a CEO of a Biotech Business”…Presented by Dr. Zegeet
  - Details soon to follow and will be posted on website

- Ted Warren: Liaison of UNMC Writing Groups
  - May 10th DRC I rm 4003 – Details on time soon to follow and will be posted on website
  - Hosts a seminar by Melody Montgomery “How to write an Abstract”
  - Event posted on facebook

- Lotus Notes becomes deactivated June 1st
  - The (Lotus Note) quick-link on Student page has been removed
  - Access link on ‘Faculty and Staff’ site

- **Registration for Summer classes and credit hours Due May 11th**
  - Many students did not receive an email from Graduate Studies about open Registration
  - Please remind students to register
  - GSA will contact Graduate Studies and send out a reminder for students

- Adjourn and Thank You for a Wonderful Year!!! 😊