Members present: Jamie Arnst, Amanda Lakamp, Ariel Burns, Eric Tom, Saili Moghe, Jyoti Iyer, Alicia Diener-Schiller, Danielle Fenster-Tate, Carly Ninemire, Heather Talbott, Wei Wei Zhang, Bei Jiang, Xinwong Jia, and Erin Rosenbaugh presided.

December meeting minutes approved (posted on GSA website)

Old business

- IT and internet access concerns
  - Chancellor plans to fund wireless network to be set-up in DRC1
  - Set up should take 2-3 months
- Private lactation room in DRC buildings - contact Melanie Stewart for access
  - The undisclosed room is between DRC1 & 2, may need badge or key for access
- Verizon Wireless discount for UNMC employees
  - Do NOT state that you are a student, but a “Graduate Research Assistant”
  - Verizon will reward a 22% discount to UNMC personnel, if they bring their pay-stub as proof of employment
- High School Alliance looking for mentors and possibly graduate students to teach (upper division science to local high school students)
  - Monday, March 12th: informal panel discussion about insights on graduate school and careers in science, want 1 Grad student and 1 MD/PhD student for panel
  - Biomedical course for spring semester – Mentor 1-2 students for 1hr and introduce them to lab work (may start next year)
  - Need advisor's permission

New business

- More high-impact journals to our online resources through McGoogan Library
  - The Library buys journal subscriptions based on the interest
  - The budget is limited, so may not be able to get more subscriptions
  - The cost of ordering text books vs. journals also varies
  - Use the "Intercollege Library Loan" and set up alerts on PubMed on new article submissions in your respected research field
  - GSA is looking into setting up a “Library Resource Seminar” in late Feb. or early March, so students can learn about all that McGoogan Library offers.

- Discussion of career seminars/activities for spring semester (Ariel)
  - Melody Montgomery of UNMC Research Editorial Office –Tuesday, January 31st at 11 am in DRC1 room 1004 (snacks will be served)
    - She reviews Grants & Fellowships, but PI’s get 1st priority over students
    - Must make submission to hear well in advance to the deadline
Joe Tringali (head hunter who has presented at scientific meetings)- March 27th

- Seminar: DRC1 1004 at 11am (How to get hired after grad school)
- Looking into splitting the cost with the Post-Doc Association
- Will offer a student/speaker lunch following his seminar
- More senior students will get priority in reserving a seat for lunch

 NIH postdoctoral office representative- April?

- Learn about careers at NIH and the benefits of being a government employee (Loan forgiveness!)

Graduate Council and student senate updates

- UNMC Assistantship applications due February 15th visit Graduate Studies website [http://www.unmc.edu/gradstudies/assistantshipfellowship.htm] for detailed instructions and application forms
- Erin is looking into pushing back the deadline for Portfolios (March 1st?)
- Student Senate sponsored UNO Maverick Hockey night- Friday, February 24th at 7:30pm? Vs. Minnesota (details to come) – discount $5/student (reg. price: $13)
- UNMC Security info: Security cannot drive off-campus, officers are liable and could be reprimanded for doing so.
  - Contact security if you need to be dropped off at your car (on-campus) ask for their estimated time of arrival and confirm location where you’ll meet them
  - If you decide NOT to wait or you have been waiting longer than 30min, PLEASE call them back!
- Immunization process improvement- send additional comments to Cheryl Thompson
  - Want easier walk-through process for international students
  - Make sure to inform UNMC Student Health if you received the TB vaccine (your TB test will always come back positive, and could lead to further testing)

Ideas for spring social events

- Combination of an international cultural potluck and an end of the academic year celebration...looking into off-campus locations...late April or early May?
  - Students from the CRC want to be involved
  - Event with multiple cultures being represented with delicious tradition food
  - People can either bring a dish to share or a food donation
  - Movie night? Aksarben Cinema with Jones Cupcakes for dessert?

Announcements

- Parkinson’s Disease Skate-a-thon on January 27 and 28th (from 5 pm to 5 pm) at UNMC ice skating rink ($10 per person and proceeds go to PD research)
  - Will have human bowling on the rink, your vote for representative from UNMC as who you want to be a “bowling ball”
See website for details [http://www.unmc.edu/publicrelations/skateathon.htm]
• **Other business**
  o USA TODAY Newspaper kiosks (NOT digital copies):
    ▪ Senate is deciding on whether student fees could sponsor this Readership
    ▪ May require card-swipe access, students ONLY
    ▪ May perform a campus-wide survey to determine a subscription of interest
    ▪ Cost $7000/yr

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