GSA Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, December 8th, 2011 at 5:15 pm  
DRC2 Room 1002

- Members Present: Jamie Arnst, Eric Tom, Amanda Lakamp, Jyoti Iyer, Saili Moghe, Meghan Mendick, Alex Moffitt, and Erin Rosenbaugh presided.

- October meeting minutes approved (posted on GSA website)

- **Old business**
  - Screening of PhD comics movie Comments:
    - Well organized, 180 people attended
  - UNMC Student Senate election results: will post grad. senators
  - UNeMED career seminar:
    - Informative, would like women on the panel in future seminars
  - Current budget: spent $2,000 of our $6,000

- **New business**
  - High School Alliance looking for mentors and possibly graduate students to teach (Jamie)
    - March 12th informal panel discussion (1 to 2 of Grad. and MD/PhD students)
  - Issues for graduate students
    - IT concerns – DRC1
    - UNMC Student Parking issues
    - DRC2 private room for pumping room breast milk
    - Concerns regarding cafeteria:
      - Mixing of meat & vegg. while serving
      - Servers lack knowledge on food service for non-meat eaters
      - But servers are respectful when asked
    - UNMC Discounts for Verizon Wireless
      - Take in your pay-stubs to apply
  - Senate updates
    - More recycling bins
    - Readership on campus (read in USA today)
  - Discussion of career seminars for spring semester
    - Joe Tringali-head hunter, presenter at scientific meetings
      - Topic of interest: how to get a job
      - March seminar?
      - Involve the Post Doc association
    - NIH postdoctoral office representative
- April seminar?
- May need to contact multiple schools
- Wait to contact after we hear from Joe Tringali
  o Melody Montgomery of UNMC Research Editorial Office
    - End of January seminar? Or early February?
    - Send Erin or Ariel with your seminar topic ideas
- Graduate Council updates
  o Graduation December 16th, at 2pm
  o UNMC Assistantship resubmission process revised:
    - New form, resubmission, and eligibility
    - Visit assistantship/fellowship competition link on Grad. Studies site
  o Maternity and extended leave issues
    - Current policy: Up to the PI, paid 6wks maternity & 3wks paternity
    - Other Universities have written policies
    - Fairness, Chinese exchange students handled differently
- Ideas for spring social events
  o International potluck or other cultural event? – couple event with Food Bank
  o End of the academic year celebration?
  o Bowling?
  o Marcus Theater (Diner & Movie) – need to pre-pay
- Ideas for next year social events:
  - Adopt-A-Family (contact UNMC PR department)
  - Sept./Oct. do panel for 1hr seminar (Mon. 1-3pm)

- **Other business**
- **Adjourn**