GSA meeting minutes
Tuesday August 4, 2009
5:00pm Wittson Hall 3042

Members present: Heidi Johnson, Ash Prakash, Paula Klutho, Stephanie Kraft-Terry, Agnes Constantino, Jessica Hutter, Tess Eidem, Haley Capek, Mike Gleason, Miriam Menezes, Ling Ye, Trevor Hedman, Carly Ninemire, Duy Ha, Saili Moghe, Jyoti Iyer, Brian Ormsbee, Marc Ueda, and Vinee Purohit. James Randazzo presided.

Approval of minutes from May 2009 meeting

Old Business

Parking Update
- Construction of COPH set to start August 10th. Construction and vehicles may take more than 250 spots from lot 15
- Students will be able to park in lot 19
- As of Aug 1st, 50 addition spots will be designated in lot 49 for students to share with the employees in that lot at no addition cost. These spots use the same student parking tag as lot 15 and are available on a first come, first serve basis.
- Students who cannot find a parking spot should park in an employee lot and authorize it by calling parking services at 9-8580
- Parking can now be renewed online on the care website.

DRC computer lab update
- Trying to convert a small conference room into new computer lab. Further information to follow at next meeting.

New business

Registration for classes should go paperless Fall 2010

International Student Research Forum
- Brisbane, Australia, November 22-26, 2009
- Need volunteers for student leadership committee which will aid in the scoring and selection of students to go. They will get a spot to go to the meeting
- Up to 10 students can go. The Asia Pacific Rim Development Program will provide $700 towards the cost of airfare. The student/mentor/department will need to come up with the rest. All other costs will be taken care of by the ISRF
- If interested, contact James

UNeMed’s Innovation Week
- Sept 28-Oct 2, 2009
- UNeMed wants an off campus event for graduate students, they asked for suggestions of a location/theme
- Proposed locations were Upstream downtown, Cresent Moon, or Barretts
- Suggested going from 5-6 or 6-7pm
- Suggested themes were Patent Law or Intellectual Property

- UNMC smoking ban
  - UNMC will be a tobacco-free campus as of August 24, 2009
  - UNMC is offering tobacco-cessation classes for a nominal fee. Four separate classes, each consisting of 3 one-hour sessions. These will take place in August, September, and October. For more information on these course and other health promotion information go to [http://www.unmc.edu/services/bus-fin/fitness](http://www.unmc.edu/services/bus-fin/fitness).

- Optional addition major medical coverage and dental insurance
  - Addition major medical – due the beginning of September
  - $116/semester
  - Covers 80% of Eligible Expenses paid in excess of $25,000 in any one Policy Year ($50,000 in any two or more Policy Years), not to exceed the $500,000 Aggregate.
  - Lifetime Benefit for the Basic Plan plus Optional Major Medical Plan
  - Dental- $216/year

- Election of 2009-2010 GSA officers
  - Nominated social chair: Mariam Menezes, Ashwaria Prakash (declined), Agnes Constantino (declined), Stephanie Kraft
  - Elected social chair: Miriam Menezes and Stephanie Kraft
  - Nominated Treasurer: Mike Gleason (declined), Saili Moghe
  - Elected Tresurer: Saili Moghe
  - Nominated Vice-president: Agnes Constantino, Mike Gleason, Jessica Hutter
  - Elected Vice-president: Mike Gleason
  - Nominated Secretary: Tess Eidem, Paula Klutho
  - Elected Secretary: Paula Klutho

- Discussion:
  - GSA Brochure – Tess Eidem got a first draft started, James or Paula to finish.
  - Picture taken at meeting for the brochure/website
  - Will be handed out at orientation

- New Student Orientation – Thursday, August 20th. Officers need to be at CON 1010 at 9:00 am

- Fall Social Event – Welcome BBQ – Friday, August 21st 11-1pm
  - Swanson Hall Green space is reserved
  - 117 people attended last year (as noted by sign in sheet)
• Ordered food for 150 people from Red Zone BBQ, but ran out. Order for 175 people this year
• Red Zone provided cambros, all plates and plasticware, and BBQ sauce
• Exec board will plan

➢ Seminar and Workshop ideas for 2009-2010: Professional development, Grant writing (Dr. Angie Rizzino) Grammar Hammer (Mayron taoes). CV writing, Art of Negotiation, how to make paper figures and stats.

➢ Committee Assignments/Re-format - Sign up for committees will take place at September meeting

Submitted by
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