GSA Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 15th, 2008  
5:00 PM  
Wittson Hall 3042


Approval of minutes from December Meeting

New Business: Guest Speaker: Ellen B. Jacobs, M.Ed, RHIA, UNMC Graduate Student

- Taking student volunteers for a study on personal health information management
- Dinner and compensation provided
- Email will be sent out to students regarding sign-up

Portfolios:

- Deadline is February 1st
- Please file electronically to Amy Schlueter

UNMC Fellowship/Assistantship Competition

- Applications are due February 15th
- Please file electronically to Amy Schlueter
- Letter of Intent (LOI) is required this year to speed up the review process, deadline is February 1st (This was not discussed at the meeting, but notification of this part of the application process was released when the minutes were being drafted; LOI’s are only required for those students applying for a fellowship, not those submitting progress reports).

GSA Workshop

- Grammer Hammer by Myron Toews, Thursday Jan 17th, 2008 (noon)
- Will be held in DRC 1004

GSA Constitution

- UNMC Students approved Amendment #1 to the UNMC Student Senate Constitution, appointing the GSA President to a Graduate College Student Senate Seat automatically starting January 1, 2009. The GSA Constitution will have to be changed to reflect this change. The Executive Council will take on the task of reviewing and updating the GSA constitution.

President Report:

- Agnes Constantino has been elected Treasurer of Student Senate and will be the top graduate student senator. She will be serving in the Executive Committee of the UNMC Student Senate.
- Suggestions were taken on the NUSIS project with a focus on what graduate students want out of their registration systems, as well as Lotus Notes and Blackboard.
- The remaining of the meetings for this semester will be moved to 5:30 p.m. to accommodate class schedules.
• The CDC speaker is tentatively scheduled for April of this year and will focus on graduate opportunities at the CDC.

Vice-President Report:
• Heidi will again be a team captain in this year’s American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Heidi has decided to seek sponsorship from the Eppley Cancer Center instead of the GSA. If any of the GSA members that participated last year is willing to do so again, please contact her to add your name to the team list. Only 15 individuals are allowed per team.

Secretary Report:
• The post-doc public speaking workshop deadline is Jan 30th. Graduate students interested in the 4 day evening course should contact Jeanne Ferbrache. The seats not filled up by post-docs will be filled up by those on the waiting list on a first-come, first-serve basis.
• Dr. Angie Rizzino will be giving his grant-writing talk at 3:00 on March 26th to the American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences (AAPS) Student Chapter on campus. Location to be determined.

Social Chair Report:
• Ice skating will be tentatively scheduled for Feb 15th in the evening.
• Other social activities were discussed including a Wii tournament and Pot Luck night coupled with an evening at the student life center

Treasurer Report
• Carmen was not present due to time conflict with classes
• The GSA has spent about $5,500 to date. Our budget is $7,000 for this year.

Submitted by,

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