GSA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 7th, 2008
Wittson Hall 3042
5:15 p.m.

Members Present: Mario Fernandez, Heidi Johnson, Jessica Hutter, Briana Ormsbee, Jyoti Iyer, and Carmen Brindeiro

Approval of minutes from January Meeting

- Old Business
  - GSA Workshop: Grammar Hammer by Dr. Myron Toews
    - About 90 attendees
    - No other workshops will be planned for the rest of year

- New Business
  - UNMC Graduate Student Fellowship/Assistantship Competition
    - LOI – This is due February 1\textsuperscript{st}. One must be submitted in order to submit a full application on February 15\textsuperscript{th}. Discussion ensued regarding the timing of it. If this is to be kept as part of the application it will most likely be sent out far in advance in future competitions.
    - Study Sections – LOI will assist in the formation of the study sections. Study section will be formed earlier and the proper personnel can be recruited. This step should also speed up the review process
    - Deadline: February 15\textsuperscript{th}, 2008

  - GSA Seminar Series
    - CDC Cancellation: The CDC could not find a speaker to come to UNMC during the spring semester
    - We discussed what other organizations we could ask to come down this semester. The FDA, FBI, NSF, and Streck came up during discussion. Mario, Carmen, and Jessica will call these organizations to at least schedule one speaker.
    - Science and Politics: Another seminar topic discussed was the current stem cell debates going on in Nebraska and LB700/LB606. Current targets are Drs. David Crouse and Angie Rizzino.

  - GSA Social Event
    - Ice Skating, Friday, February 15\textsuperscript{th}
    - This will occur at Motto McLean Arena, 5015 S. 45\textsuperscript{th} St, starting at 6:15p.m. We will provide pizza and drinks.

- Reports/Updates from officers
  - President: Mario stated that he has highlighted changes to the Constitution but no draft has been typed. No progress on the student survey as he has not heard back from the committee. He remind us about the Life in the Lab blog, asking to post comments.
  - Vice-President: Heidi told us that spots still remain in the Eppley Relay for Life Team
- Secretary: Not present
- Treasurer: Budget is OK. We should be fine for two social events and one seminar.
- Social Chair: Ice skating Feb 15th.

- Meeting adjourn at 5:47p.m.

Submitted by,

Mario F.