GSA Meeting Minutes
May 6th, 2008
5:30 PM
Wittson Hall 3042

Members Present: James Randazzo, Heidi Johnson, Jessica Hutter, Aishwarya Prakash, Miriam Menezes, Carmen Troncoso, Sali Moghe, Briana Ormsbee, Mike Gleason, Tara Nordgren and Paula Klutho. Mario Fernandez presided.

Approval of minutes from April Meeting

Old Business: UNMC Graduate Student Fellowship/Assistantship Competition
• 51 applications were submitted to Graduate Studies
• The top 3 applications in each study section (17-20) should be funded
• Award winners should have been notified by mail
• Renewal applicants should receive notification by June
• Productivity will need to be defined for next year’s judging

GSA Seminar Series
• Thursday, May 1st
  o Dr. David Crouse presented “Stem Cell Research: Yesterday and Today”
  o The unbiased talk was delivered to 52 attendees.

GSA Social Event
• Bowling Night, Friday, April 18th
  o The event went well with over 50 people attending.

New Business: Proposed Amendments to the GSA Constitution

Article IV Section II.A. Duties of the President
Addendum:
7. To serve as a student representative in the UNMC Student Senate

Article IV Section III. A. Election of the President of the Executive Council
Amendment
1. Nominations shall be accepted from the Executive Council, Executive Committee, or members of Standing Committees of the Executive Council.
3. Above nominees shall be a past or present Executive Council Officer.
4. Elections shall be held at a meeting no later than the 15th day of May.
5. Each member present during the general election shall have one vote.

Addendum
1. Elections shall be announced thirty days before the general elections are to held.

Article IV Section III. B. Election of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Social Chair

Amendment
1. Nominations shall be accepted from the Executive Council, Executive Committee, or members of Standing Committees of the Executive Council.
3. Elections shall be held at a meeting no later than the 10th day of August.
4. Each member present during the general election shall have one vote.

Addendum
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Article VII. Terms of Office

Amendment
Section IV. The term of the President of the Executive Council should end on the 1st day of July.
Section V. The terms of the other officers of the Executive Council should end on the 10th day of August.

• All amendments were passed by the GSA members present and will be sent to the graduate student body for a vote.

Graduate Student Survey
• Mario will try to get this finished and sent out to students this year.

Election of 2008-2009 GSA President
• Mario called for nominations
• James Randazzo, Carmen Brindeiro, Heidi Johnson, and Jessica Hutter were nominated.
• Carmen Brindeiro, Heidi Johnson, and Jessica Hutter declined the nominations
• Mario called for a vote. James Randazzo was unanimously elected by the present members.

Other Business: Student Orientation Brochure
• A new brochure will need to be made for August
• Heidi has volunteered to upgrade last years brochure

End of Year Social Event
• A final social event was suggested for the year at either Dave and Buster’s or Family Fun Zone.
• GSA would provide food and possibly a limited amount of game play, which will depend on the number of interested students

Submitted by,

James Randazzo