Members Present: Mario Fernandez, James Randazzo, Carmen Brindeiro, Mike Gleason, Brad Creamer, Paula Richards-Klutho, Heidi Johnson, Tara Nordgren, Jessica Hutter, Saili Moghe, Debra Irsik, Aishwarya Prakash, Harini Chakravarthy and Agnes Constantino.

Approval of minutes from September Meeting

Old Business: Student Health Insurance Forum
- A huge turnout
- One major question was on student billing, when to pay, what to pay, etc.
- Suggestions from GSA:
  - Call / talk to Patti George (9-7276, SLC 3rd Floor 3015)
  - Even applies to ER visits

New Business: Upcoming seminars/events
- November 1st, 2007: Jorge Cham, PHD comics
  - Food 11:30, First come first serve
  - James / Mario will work on the paperwork (itinerary, etc)
- Grammar Hammer by Myron Toews
  - Carmen will talk to Dr. Toews
- CDC seminar
  - Mario will try to narrow down the search
  - Career Development seminar will then take care of plans
- Fall Social Event
  - 2 main options
    - Catered Alumni House Halloween Party
    - Nebraska City – Hayrack / Bonfire

UNMC Fellowship/Assistantship Competition
- Graduate Council has read the suggestions from GSA
- GSA wants to set up an evening meeting specifically for the competition
- Student volunteers needed at this meeting to recommend study sections, descriptions, changes in application, etc.

Other Business:
- The UNMC Graduate Student Email List will now be monitored by Dan Teet
- Student Senate has started a Student Book Sale ‘organization’ on the UNMC Blackboard. Just click on the Organizations tab and search for Student Book Sales to enroll.
- Student Senate has also asked for opinions on a UNMC campus smoking ban.
• CIP students will be getting a $3,000 boost to their stipend if they complete their comprehensive exam by the end of their 3rd academic year.

• Students who got social security and FICA taken out of their checks should contact Amy Schlueter and wait for a response back from her.

Submitted by,

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