GSA Meeting Minutes
August 5th, 2008
5:00 PM
Wittson Hall 3037

Members Present: Aishwarya Prakash, Carmen Brindeiro, Saili Moghe, Tess Eidem, Agnes Constantino, Ian Windham, Erin Rosenbaugh, Mario Fernandez, Mike Gleason, Jessica Hutter, Tara Nordgren and Haley Capek.
James Randazzo presided.

Approval of minutes for May meeting.

Election of 2008-2009 GSA Officers:
• Nominated Vice-President: Heidi Johnson, Jessica Hutter (declined), Carman Brindeiro (declined), Agnes Constantino (declined)
• Elected Vice-President: Heidi Johnson
• Nominated Secretary: Aishwarya Prakash (declined), Miriam Menezes, Paula Klutho, Tess Eidem
• Elected Secretary: Tess Eidem
• Nominated Treasurer: Miriam Menezes, Paula Klutho, Haley Capek, Mike Gleason
• Elected Treasurer: Haley Capek
• Nominated Social Chair: Jessica Hutter, Briana Ormsbee
• Elected Social Chair: Jessica Hutter

GSA Brochure—Pictures needed of each new officer.

New Student Orientation, Thursday, August 21st—officers will be present from 10:15 AM to 11 AM

Fall Social Event:
• Fall Picnic will be held in the Swanson Hall Green Space on Friday, August 22nd from 11 AM to 1 PM
• Tess Eidem will make the flyers
• Jessica Hutter will order the food from Red Zone BBQ
• Haley Capek will look into the costs from last year

Seminar and workshops for 2008-2009 suggestions:
• Insurance speaker—describe student health insurance
• Speaker from CDC
• Scientific journalism
• CV building
• Grammar Hammer
• Grant-writing workshop
• Independent fellowships/scholarships (suggested placing on website)
GSA Constitution Amendments:

- **Article IV Section II. C. Duties of the Secretary**
  
  *Addendum:*
  
  4. To use all forms of media and communications to build, and maintain
  UNMC Graduate Student Association

- **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
  held
  2. In the event that no current Executive Council Officer wished to be
  nominated for the office of President, the Executive Council shall nominate
  at least two current GSA members.

Committee Assignments/Re-format—postponed until September meeting

Other Business:

- Computer lab in DRC moved to the new Sorrell Center
- Discussion over whether or not to keep the Student Blog
- Construction will reduce the amount of parking in the student parking lot
- Possible UNO gym membership while UNMC’s gym is undergoing repairs
- Discussed the possibility of a graduate student lounge

Submitted by,

Tess Eidem