Minutes from November meeting approved.

Old Business

- Stem Cell Research at UNMC
  - Regents uphold current embryonic stem cell research policy: A university scientist is allowed to perform embryonic stem cell research as long as it follows state and federal guidelines.

- A/F Competition Update
  - Revisions to the application will be discussed at the January Graduate Council meeting. If anything will affect the application, an updated form will be available online.
  - Letter of Intent (LOI) will be due December 18th. This “letter” will include a working title, brief (less than 250 word) abstract, and a selection of which study section the applicant wants to submit their proposal to. LOI to be submitted through blackboard and will be used to form study sections.

- Use of Echo360 in BRTP 821/822
  - All lectures as of Nov 4th have been captured without issue.

- UNMC Student Senate - Graduate Representatives
  - Congratulations to the following students: Tara Nordgren, Jessica Hutter Saunders, Erin Rosenbaugh, Christine Gilling, David Stone, Tess Eidem, Agnes Constantino, Aaron Pilley, Anna Jacobs, and John Morrison.
  - Currently the GSA president gets an automatic seat at Student Senate. I have declined the automatic seat for the remainder of my term. Therefore, Stephanie Kraft-Terry will be taking over until after the May meeting. Once the new GSA president is elected, he/she will take over the seat if so inclined.

New Business

- 41st Annual Midwest Student Biomedical Research Forum (MSBRF)
  - Held at the Embassy Suites Downtown Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska on February 20, 2010.
  - Share your work in podia or poster format.
  - Top 4 graduate student presenters in each category take home awards.
  - Abstract submission deadline is December 18th. http://unmc.edu/msbrf

- Student Portfolios due Feb 1st via blackboard. For more information regarding the content of the portfolio, please visit: http://www.unmc.edu/gradstudies/student_portfolio.htm
  - Discussed trying to move due date to March 1st, after the fellowship deadline. James will contact to Graduate Studies to see if this is possible.

Discussion

- Dec 10th – Graduate Student Career Development Day
- Co-sponsored by the Postdoctoral Association. Paula will make flier and send it to Denise Chapman to be forwarded to the post-docs.

- December 9th, Pickup from airport – Stephanie
- December 9th, Dinner 6pm at Marks with GSA officers
- All seminars will be held in DRC 1002
- Dec10th, 9:00 AM –10:45 Winning at Negotiation: Scientific Job Offer Discussion StrategiesDave Jensen – “Tooling Up” Columnist and Forum Moderator, AAAS ScienceCareers.org
- Dec10th, 11:45 AM – Lunch @ Storz. With Saili Moghe, Heidi Johnson, Mark Udea, and Briana Ormsbee.
- Dec10th, 1:30 PM –2:30 White Shirts or Birkenstocks? Approaching a Job Search in a Tough Job Market, Dave Jensen – “Tooling Up” Columnist and Forum Moderator, AAAS ScienceCareers.org
- Dec10th, 3:30 PM – Leave for airport – James
- Saili has contacted catering. We will have coffee and bagels for the morning, cookies for the afternoon.

  - Dec11th – CV/resume Review Day
    - Michelle Perone from the UNO Career Office to give one-on-ones for CV/resume advice in 30 minute blocks, with a break for lunch.
    - Priority for available time slots will be given to senior students?
    - Will be held in Sorrell 3004

  - Potential future seminars
    - Donald Skifter – UNMC alum, currently a Senior Business Manager. Stephanie has contacted about giving a seminar in Feb on the Business Side of Science. She has not yet heard back from him.
    - Medical Science Liaison (MSL)- Stephanie has contacted a MSL in the Midwest. She is waiting for a reply. Hopefully there will be more information at the next meeting

- Other business
  - Spring Social event- This will be discussed at the January meeting.
  - Seasonal Flu shot clinic is this Thursday (Dec 3rd) from 4-5:30
  - It was brought up that people are not paying attention driving through the student parking lot (Lot 15). It was proposed that directional arrows be put up to help direct traffic. James will look into this.

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