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| **GSA General Meeting 090313 12:00-1:00PM DRC II 1002** | | |
| **TOPIC** | | **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS** |
| **#1) Informational Talk (20 min)**  Please welcome our speakers who will talk about changes at UNMC Library that may affect graduate students and their use of the library:  **-Marie Reidelbach – Interim Library Director**  **-Mary Helms – Assistant Library Director**   1. UNMC Seeking a New Director 2. Digitization and New Library Space 3. New System to Reserve Study Rooms 4. IT Resources for Students in Library | | **Duy introduced Marie and Mary.**   1. **Study rooms:** we have 16 study rooms. Instead of the 2hr check out we have 4hr check out. You can check out the rooms by just calling the Library services. This summer our study chairs and recliners have been replaced. We have purchased two charging stations to charge electrical devise ( due October) We are gong to remove the reference desk and combine it with the circulation desk. (September 22nd) It is compatible to handicapped. We will have a testing center. Seated testing areas. Writing center for helping people with scientific writing. 2. Faculty development suit: 3. Collaborative work space: Study room 4. **Browzine:** create a personal bookshelf on your Ipad. 5. **Jove:** 6. **Jove Neuroscience:** How to do experiments 7. **Springer protocols:**   Lockers for students on the desk. Study carols  Duy recommended to Marie and Mary about creating a IT position who will administer the tests at the testing centers and attend to IT needs and queries of students.  Need to have a testing center: Student mentioned that there are scheduling conflicts with testing center for medical students who are required to take tests online. |
| **#2) Voting/Soliciting Ideas (20 min)**  Please decide on and propose activities you would like and we will try to make them happen:   1. Science Education / Outreach Certificate (Alicia Deiner) 2. Community Outreach Event   (Hollie Siebler, Prathamesh Patil)   1. Seminar and Social Event Ideas   (Ariel Burns, Yinnong Jia)   1. Seeking Members for Committees   (Duy Ha, Heather Talbott, Aditya Bade) | | **A) Please refer the detailed minutes in the section**  **B) Community outreach event as an annual event.**  **Graduate Student Strategic planning committee**  **Many universities offer a science outreach certificates. Going to area schools and teaching science as a mode of community service. Students who have these certificates are more competitive. Proposal for the 18hr certificate course.**  **-**  **Meeting Annual Nebraska Physiological Society meeting on Friday and has**   * **Science policy speakers**   **Money from Board of regents till June**   * **6 months in lab** * **1 year in lab for new grad student** * **Feedback from the proposal**   **C)**  **D) Tabled until next meeting.** |
| **#3) Discussion Forum (20 min)**  At a previous meeting students voiced their opinions and concerns on these topics that the Executive Board warranted further discussion:   1. UNMC Fellowship Process   -Application Process  -Scoring/Comments  -Timeline for Notification  -Announcements of Awardees   1. International Student Research Forum   -Timeline of Advertisement  -Application Process  -Notification Process  -Announcements of Awardees | | **A)**  **A)** Summary of this discussion mentioned in the next section  **B)**  **-** More advertisement is needed for this research forum.  - Possibly send out emails in well in advance advance for this research forum.  - Students mentioned that they would like to know that their abstract or entry has been received for the selection process of the international Student research forum.  - Students expressed that the list of students selected to present at this forum need to be announced on either website or via email. |
| **GSA Executive Meeting 090313 11:00AM-12:00PM DRC II 1002** | | |
| **TOPIC** | **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS** | |
| **#1) Debriefing (All)**   1. Matriculation / Orientations 2. Welcome Back BBQ 3. Health Forum 4. International Fun Night / Updates 5. Senate Executive Meeting Update | 1. Matriculation went well however some of the students failed to RSVP to the event hence their names were not announced during the ceremony. **Has all the student information and handbook. The information is encrypted so it is kept safe.**   **UNMC Orientation**: Teri: The general student orientation went well. Dr. Carver’s talk got went more than the scheduled time. For next year, a student senator or another student officer can talk to Dr. Carver regarding the content he wishes to be introduced. The Blackboard presentation was not well done. Note to next year president: Next year we should invite Sheryl Thompson. Ariel participated with the scavenger hunt, which went well. GSA provided cookies for the event. For next year we should try and bring together Blackboard presentation and Campus Security presentation. RCR Ethic’s course presentation should be done.  **B) Welcome bag BBQ: 190 students**. We had a good turnout. Spend the extra money for the servers or get some help. We saved 200 $ than last year. The food was very good quality. We would want to cut down on cold slaw and beans.  For all future GSA events we should have a hierarchy  Senate Exec meeting: Senate BBQ September 20th in the evening. Sodexo is catering this event. They are planning to get a live band for this event. It will be $5 per plate. They are also going to rent a huge movie screen to play a movie.  10% discount for students. Duy ha is working with Senate to push the deal through. A tentative deadline for this is the end of school year.  Whoever is planning an event must create a Facebook event and get a hold of Heather so she can help you out with that and she can also add it to the Calendar.  Officers need to make notes of their duties for their Office they hold.  For Halloween havoc: We have decided on October 27th, as it does not clash with the road rally.   * Piniatas are good. * Games and activities for increasing interaction. * Suggestions tabled until next meeting  1. Approximately 26 students attended the Health forum. Molly (from CPH) and Lee are going to help out Ariel in organizing the seminars. We should try to get more speakers who are willing to present the talks for free (without Memmorium) We should try to get our invited speaker for November. Once we have a list of speakers we could do a facebook poll to finalze the speaker.   **D) Aditya** was unavailable to present the details for the UNMC International Fun Night  **E)** | |
| **#2) Logistics (All)**   1. Busy Schedules / Missing Events 2. GSA Strategic Planning Committee 3. Utilizing Social Media – Prathamesh | **A)**  **B)**  **C)** | |
| **#3) Finalize Activities (Hollie, Yinnong, Aditya)**   1. Halloween Havoc 2. Future Seminars / Social Events (VOTE) 3. Community / Outreach Efforts (VOTE) 4. Library Resource Program 5. Calendar of Informal Activities | **A)** Same as above  **B)** Discussion tabled till next meeting.  **C)** Further discussion tabled till next meeting.  **D)** Detailed discussion tabled till next meeting.  **E)** Detailed discussion tabled till next meeting. | |
| **#4) Discussion of Major Topics (Duy)**   1. Library Resources / IT 2. Teach Certificate 3. UNMC Fellowship / ISEF 4. Recruiting for Committees | 1. Alicia Diener will talk more about the Teaching certificate and the minimum criteria needed to complete the teaching certification.The points discussed:  * The students need to have completed a certain number of hours of teaching students (graduate/undergraduate/highschool) inorder to be able to get this certification. * More specific details for completing the Teaching certificate program will be discussed in the upcoming meetings  1. Students will discuss their expectations from the UNMC Fellowship process.  * Having a scoring rubric for the different sections of the UNMC fellowship * Informing the students the exact dates when the list of recipients for the fellowships will be declared. * Informing the students about all the recipients of the fellowships and possibly advertising about the research projects, which have been awarded the fellowships.   **D)** Discussion tabled till next meeting. | |
| **#6) Goals for Next Month (All)**   1. GSA Alumni Chair vs. Committee Rep 2. Dr. Davies Presentation Topics 3. Career Fair Updates 4. Sodexo Discount | **A)** Discussion tabled till next meeting.  **B)** Discussion tabled till next meeting.  **C)** Discussion tabled till next meeting.  **D)** Duy Ha and other members of the Senate are in discussions with Sodexo to push for student discount. | |