

## GSA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 5:30 pm  
DRCII rm 1002

- Members present: Krupa Savalia, Erin Rosenbaugh, Alicia Schilla, Shalis Ammons, Heather Talbott, Rebecca Wilnusen, Ariel Burns, Raheleh Miralami, Jamie Arnst, Prathamesh Patil, and Amanda Lakamp presided.
- May meeting minutes approved and posted on the GSA website
- New GSA officer elections
  - **Vice President**
    - Elected: Krupa Savalia
  - **Secretary**
    - Elected: Duy Ha
  - **Treasurer**
    - Elected: Ariel Burns
  - **Social Chairs**
    - Elected: Heather Talbott and Prathamesh Patil
- Committee Assignments...**if you want to join a committee, please contact listed officer**
  - Academic Affairs
    - Assist the Secretary (Duy Ha) with updating the GSA webpage, Facebook page, and student survival guide
  - Social Committee
    - Assist the social chairs (Heather Talbott and Prathamesh Patil) with the planning and set up of social events
  - Career Development Committee
    - Assist the Treasurer (Ariel Burns) plan career-related seminars and workshops
  - Issues Committee

- Assist the Vice-President (Krupa Savalia) and address issues and concerns that pertain to graduate students
- Old business
  - Discuss GSA Movie Night and the cupcake/cookie give-away
    - Got a good turn out: 205 movie tickets sold
    - Students enjoyed the cupcake/cookie give-away
- New business
  - New student orientation Thursday, August 16th DRCI rm 1002 from 9:00 am to 12 pm (GSA officers must be present for introductions by 9:30 am)
    - Organizational Fair is August 16<sup>th</sup> in CFHL gym from 11am-1 pm
  - International Student Orientation
    - Danielle Dohrmann – Director of Program Development from the International Health and Medical Education office
    - Specialized event for new students to UNMC, Omaha, or US
    - Provide info for 45 incoming students (ex. survival guide)
    - Asked for GSA involvement Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm
      - Raheleh and Krupa volunteered to represent GSA at event
      - GSA will provide coffee and cookies – est. budget \$50-\$100
  - Welcome Back BBQ
    - Friday, August 24th 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in Swanson Green Space or DRC courtyard/atrium in case of rain
      - Need to reserve DRC atrium just in case
    - Previously catered by Red Zone BBQ, but social chairs will look for a new vendor (Little Piggy BBQ – DRC Vendor)
    - Will not do dessert fundraiser
  - Student health insurance forum
    - Have discussed possible student panel after the forum
    - Student representatives can answer questions regarding medical leave, family leave, pregnancy and maternity/paternity leave, insurance claims, referrals etc....
  - Library Resources Seminar
    - Planning event for this fall

- GSA Halloween Havoc
  - On a Friday...Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> or Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Must avoid overlapping event with Senate Road Rally
- CV/Resume Reviews
  - Planning event for Spring (March – April)
  - Post Grant writing season
  - Will create a critique/review sheet
- Email Amanda with ideas for fall and spring speakers and seminar topics
- Other business
  - UNeMED Blog
    - Posts topics of interest once per week
    - Topics include: *What to do and not to do to ensure patentability of your invention, success stories, news and announcements, etc.*
    - Check GSA Website for link
  - Senate Program BBQ – September
    - Suggested times for the BBQ (Tuesdays 11 am - 2 pm)
    - Senate will plan event and give informal presentations on Senate involvement and positions
    - Need to determine whether graduate student senate representatives will plan event vs. the Senate Social Committee
  - GSA Storage Space
    - Backroom in DRCl rm 1002...large closet for posters and décor
    - Must contact Melanie Stewart for access
    - Move-in day will be after the 'Welcome Back BBQ' on Aug. 24th
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