

GSA Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 8th, 2011 at 5:15 pm
DRC2 Room 1002

- Members Present: Jamie Arnst, Eric Tom, Amanda Lakamp, Jyoti Iyer, Saili Moghe, Meghan Mendick, Alex Moffitt, and Erin Rosenbaugh presided.
- October meeting minutes approved (posted on GSA website)
- **Old business**
 - Screening of PhD comics movie Comments:
 - Well organized, 180 people attended
 - UNMC Student Senate election results: will post grad. senators
 - UNeMED career seminar:
 - Informative, would like women on the panel in future seminars
 - Current budget: spent \$2,000 of our \$6,000
- **New business**
 - High School Alliance looking for mentors and possibly graduate students to teach (Jamie)
 - March 12th informal panel discussion (1 to 2 of Grad. and MD/PhD students)
 - Issues for graduate students
 - IT concerns – DRC1
 - UNMC Student Parking issues
 - DRC2 private room for pumping room breast milk
 - Concerns regarding cafeteria:
 - Mixing of meat & vegg. while serving
 - Servers lack knowledge on food service for non-meat eaters
 - But servers are respectful when asked
 - UNMC Discounts for Verizon Wireless
 - Take in your pay-stubs to apply
 - Senate updates
 - More recycling bins
 - Readership on campus (read in USA today)
 - Discussion of career seminars for spring semester
 - Joe Tringali-head hunter, presenter at scientific meetings
 - Topic of interest: how to get a job
 - March seminar?
 - Involve the Post Doc association
 - NIH postdoctoral office representative

- April seminar?
 - May need to contact multiple schools
 - Wait to contact after we hear from Joe Tringali
- Melody Montgomery of UNMC Research Editorial Office
 - End of January seminar? Or early February?
 - Send Erin or Ariel with your seminar topic ideas
- Graduate Council updates
 - Graduation December 16th, at 2pm
 - UNMC Assistantship resubmission process revised:
 - New form, resubmission, and eligibility
 - Visit assistantship/fellowship competition link on Grad. Studies site
 - Maternity and extended leave issues
 - Current policy: Up to the PI, paid 6wks maternity & 3wks paternity
 - Other Universities have written policies
 - Fairness, Chinese exchange students handled differently
- Ideas for spring social events
 - International potluck or other cultural event? – couple event with Food Bank
 - End of the academic year celebration?
 - Bowling?
 - Marcus Theater (Diner & Movie) – need to pre-pay
- Ideas for next year social events:
 - Adopt-A-Family (contact UNMC PR department)
 - Sept./Oct. do panel for 1hr seminar (Mon. 1-3pm)
- **Other business**
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