

## GSA Agenda

Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 5:15 pm  
DRC2 Room 1002

- Members present: Jamie Arnst, Amanda Lakamp, Ariel Burns, Eric Tom, Krupa Savalia, Danille Fenster Tate, Carly Ninemire, Agnes Constantino, Mike Gleason, Duy Ha, and Erin Rosenbaugh presided.
- September meeting minutes approved(posted on GSA website)
- **Old business**
  - GSA website revisions and updates...contact Amanda for suggestions
    - Will post Ph.D. student forms from Graduate Studies on the website
  - Formation of an issues committee headed by GSA vice president (Jamie Arnst)
- **New business**
  - UNeMED Innovation Week Events October 10-14th
    - October 10<sup>th</sup>: Kick off to Innovation Week Celebration from 9:00-11:00am in DRC 1 Atrium, free food and giveaways
    - October 10th: Science on Tap (for UNMC Post Docs & Graduate Students) 5:30-7:30 pm ~ Castle Barrett (4330 Leavenworth Street)  
“The Transition from Analog: Technology Development and Commercialization Principles on the Other Side of the Great Digital Divide” presented by Chuck Valauskas, JD
    - October 11<sup>th</sup>: Special Seminar 2:00-3:00pm ~ DRC 1 Auditorium  
“The Best of Both Worlds: How Academia & Industry Complete Each Other” presented by Bob Nelson, PhD, Lundbeck Research USA
    - October 13<sup>th</sup>: UNMC Research Innovation Awards Ceremony & Reception 4:00pm ~ DRC 1 Auditorium, reception to follow in Atrium
  - Fall Fest Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 11-1pm Scott Student Plaza, Sorrell 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
    - Will provide free apple cider and kettle corn
  - GSA Halloween Havoc (Krupa Savalia and Eric Tom)
    - 8 pm-1 am on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at McFly’s – Basement (45<sup>th</sup> and Center)
    - Food and drinks: provided by GSA (McFly’s-drinks, Costco-chips, candy, finger foods)
    - Activities: Costume contest (categories: funniest, most unique, best overall), pumpkin carving contest (bring pre-caved pumpkin to party), and potentially a Halloween piñata
    - Admission fee: UNMC students – \$5 w/costume, \$6 w/o costume, Guest – \$6
  - Viewing of the PhD comics movie
    - Date: Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, preferably in DRC auditorium (doors open at 5pm)
    - Will invite a UNO comics scholar to speak (20min) on a humorous topic (at 5:30pm)
    - Cost of first screening is \$700, Blue Ray and DVD format

- Cost supplemented by UNO Biology and/or Psychology Departments and NE INBRE Program (to potentially cover food or screening)
- Admission fee: **pre-sale** \$3-student and \$4-guest, **at the door** \$4-student and \$5-guest
- Date of ticket pre-sale TBA
  
- Student Senate updates
  - Applications in October, elections in November (11 seats)
  - Bowling and zoo (Sunday, October 23) events this semester—details to come
    - Pre-sale of tickets at Sorrell or DRC buildings
  - 2 goals for the year
  
- Discussion of fall and spring seminars (Ariel Burns)
  - Joe Tringali-head hunter, presenter at scientific meetings-potential Spring speaker
  - UNeMED-Fall seminar on opportunities offered through UNeMED-details to come
  - NIH postdoctoral office representative-details to come
  - Michelle Perone of UNO Career Center-Spring resume reviews-maybe a seminar on resume prep
  - Melody Montgomery of UNMC Research Editorial Office-Replaced Jessica Mercer
  
- Issues for graduate students (Jamie Arnst/Erin Rosenbaugh)
  - Computer equipment in DRC classrooms has been replaced
  - UNMC Student Parking issues-Jamie’s looking into medical and maternity parking for students
  - Some students are not on the UNMC Macori insurance list due to People Soft glitch, contact Pat Oberlander if having complications with insurance
    - Maternity leave and private “pumping room” for new moms in DRC
      - Graduate council is meeting on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss a graduate student policy for maternity leave due to no current graduate student maternity leave policy exists and the UNMC maternity policy is only applicable to employees
  
- Graduate Council updates
  - May change eligibility and guidelines of MD/PhD students applying for the UNMC Assistantship competition to the 1<sup>st</sup> year of **PhD** studies
  - As a complication of students supported by UNMC Assistantship who change labs (included with letter of intent information)
  
- Flu shots and PPD skin tests
  - The annual TB skin tests will be Tuesday October 25: 8-12pm with follow up Thursday October 27: 8-12pm. Contact Student Health if you cannot attend
  - Flu shot clinic October 12, 2011 from 8-12pm. Complete the online consent form before attending the free flu vaccination clinic. Visit: <http://newintranet.nebraskamed.com/vaccine/>

- **Other business**
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