

## **GSA Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2012 at 5:15 pm  
DRCII Room 1002

- Members present: Jamie Arnst, Amanda Lakamp, Eric Tom, Krupa Savalia, Ariel Burns, Carly Ninemire, Prathamesh Patil, Heather Talbott, Alex Moffitt, and Erin Rosenbaugh presided.
- March meeting minutes approved
- **Old business**
  - Address any food handling concerns for the UNMC Nebraska Cafeteria food with Thomas Hoffman, Director of Culinary Operations for Sodexo
  - Appropriations Committee of NE Legislature gave first-round approval for proposed Comprehensive Cancer Tower and 2 other projects for “Building a Healthier Nebraska” initiative (but not nursing building at UNL-East campus)
  - Spring career development seminar: “The Industrial Hiring Process: Learn the Nuances, Get the Offer” presented by Joe Tringali, Managing Director of Tringali & Associates, Inc.
    - His presentation is posted on the website (on ‘home page’ and on ‘past events’)
    - The event was well attended and received positive feedback
    - Please share your feedback by commenting on the GSA facebook page!
  - CV/resume review and job application advice sessions facilitated by Joe Tringali
    - Students and Post-Docs said these sessions were very helpful
    - Many felt Joe was approachable and very knowledgeable
  - Contact Dr. Daniel Monaghan if interested in UNO/UNMC Business for Bioscientists Certificate Program <http://www.unmc.edu/media/gsa/Biobusiness.pdf>
- **New business**
  - Graduate Council and Student Senate updates
    - UNMC Fellowships/Assistantships: 25-30 assistantships for 2012-2013 academic year
      - Due to an increase in enrollment, over 120 people applied
      - Lower percentage of UNMC assistantships awarded
      - Percentage of new awards and renewals are the same as previous years
    - If student is dependent upon funding, Dean of Graduate Studies may permit 6-month UNMC Fellowship extension beyond the 5<sup>th</sup> year per request
      - Applies if student has not been funded for 3 years
      - Student must be awarded the fellowship for their 5<sup>th</sup> year of study
      - Instructions should be in application package
    - For existing Graduate Studies courses, a five-year review of syllabi will occur
    - August 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> International Student Forum, UNMC hosting
      - Associated with the Pacific Rim Program
      - Accepting >20 UNMC students (Abstract deadline has passed)
      - Countries participating: USA, China, Japan, and Australia
      - Program/event looking to expand to Russia and India
    - **Student Senate-sponsored Luau** party Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 9 PM to 2 AM at Castle Barrett (4330 Leavenworth Street)
      - \$5 advanced tickets (sold at Sorrell) or \$10 tickets at the door
      - Costumes encouraged, food and beverages provided, limbo contest, and prize giveaways

- Email with details from Faisal Ahmad (Senate President), soon to follow
- Movie night at Aksarben Cinema
  - Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> (*The Avengers* in theaters)
  - Pre-sale ~100 tickets/VIP passes only
  - Ticket sales will begin at the May 1<sup>st</sup> GSA meeting and at 12 PM through May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Tickets \$3 ea. for grad students and 1 non-student guest; additional non-student guests \$6 ea.
  - Social hour with soda and popcorn in cinema lounge before evening shows begin
- Other spring social events
  - Cupcakes giveaway during finals week to celebrate graduations (Early May)
    - Extent will depend on the funds remaining after Joe Tringali and Movie Night expenses
  - International potluck moved to fall semester
- Curriculum vitae review sessions with UNMC professors and Human Resources staff
  - Moved to fall semester,
  - Looking into HR rep. to give a mini-workshop/lecture on proper CV/Resume format
    - Open to students of all years if study
  - Asking for the involvement of PIs and faculty to perform 1-on-1 CV reviews
    - Open to students 3<sup>rd</sup> years and higher
- **Other business**
  - April Senate Meeting: will discuss the feedback from the USA Today readership
    - Meeting at 5:30pm in Sorrell
    - Grad student feedback: “Waste of money...”, “Kiosks are in poor locations and they’re not very accessible...”, “Why waste paper and not use the current technology on campus...”, “Readership was not well received by grad students...”
    - If readership approved, then the cost to maintain the kiosks will be covered by student fees...this includes grad students
  - “Public Speaking for Scientists,” Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 11 AM
    - In Epley Science Hall Amphitheater room 3010
    - Presented by ‘Polished and Professional,’ see website: [www.polishednprofessional.com](http://www.polishednprofessional.com)
    - Free continental breakfast for the first 40 attendees
    - Offered by Department of Pathology and Microbiology
  - 44<sup>th</sup> Pharmaceuticals Graduate Student Research Meeting (PSGRM), June 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>
    - Hosted by UNMC Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Program
    - In the College of Pharmacy
    - Oral and Poster competition (Abstracts due May 15<sup>th</sup>)
    - Research theme: Translational Drug Delivery
    - See website for details: [http://www.unmc.edu/pharmacy/PGSRM\\_2012.htm](http://www.unmc.edu/pharmacy/PGSRM_2012.htm)
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