

GSA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 7th, 2012 at 5:15 pm
DRCII Room 1002

- Members present: Amanda Lakamp, Krupa Savalia, Jyoti Iyer, Saily Moghe, Carly Ninemire, Danialle Tate, Heather Talbott, Caronda Moore, and Erin Rosenbaugh presided
- Meeting minutes from January were approved

- **Old business**
 - Writing seminar given by Melody Montgomery was well attended and helpful
 - Writing groups for graduate students – Contact Christine Gilling or Ted Warren as facilitator
 - Online resources through McGoogan Library – Technology fee or library fee will increase to pay for access to different journals (May impact Med students more than Grad students)
 - Graduate Studies Student Portfolio deadline extended to **March 1st**

- **New business**
 - University of Nebraska's "Building a Healthier Nebraska" legislative proposal, including UNMC Comprehensive Cancer Center (Mark Bowen, UNMC Director of Government and Public Relations)
 - System-wide proposal for the Nebraska Legislature for 2012
 - Good timing to pass bills, 26 of 49 senators are turning over positions
 - 60 day session, will adjourn in mid-April, regarding the passing of 4 bills
 - These bills pertain to the construction of 4 different health/research facilities:
 - LB-1055: UNK Nursing and Allied Health Program, add new building to Bruner Hall, cost: \$9 million
 - LB-1065: UNL Nursing Program at East campus, currently in rented building downtown, cost: \$17 million
 - LB-1066: UNL Vet. Diagnosis Lab, cost: \$ 5 million
 - LB-1089: UNMC Comprehensive Cancer Center, 4 new buildings: replace Swanson Hall, west DOC, and visitor-parking structure. Will create 1200 jobs. Asking: \$50 million or state to pay one portion of one building cost. Total Estimate cost: \$350 million
 - Join UNMC Delegates: will receive electronic updates on state and federal issues that affect UNMC
 - Join at no cost and receive bi-monthly electronic newsletters
 - Go to: www.unmc.edu/unmcdelegates
 - Public Relations is currently planning a 12pm-lunch event that will encourage people to get involved
 - Encourage people to write a letter to the senate
 - Will offer pizza lunch
 - For more information, click link on GSA website.
 - Discussion of career seminars/activities for spring semester
 - Joe Tringali (Managing Director of Tringali & Associates, Inc., a recruitment consulting practice)- March 27th at 11 am in DRCI auditorium 1002 entitled, "How to Get Hired After Grad School"
 - Emphasis on Private Industry
 - Splitting the cost with the Post-Doc Association
 - Will offer a student/speaker lunch following seminar
 - CV/resume reviews on-campus...1-2 sessions. Senior students will get priority
 - Depends on flight schedule...details soon to follow

- NIH postdoctoral office representative- mid-late April
 - Preferably a women, describe her job at the NIH and its perks
 - Describe how to get hired at NIH
- Graduate Council and student senate updates
 - UNMC Assistantship applications due **February 15th** visit Graduate Studies website [<http://www.unmc.edu/gradstudies/assistantshipfellowship.htm>] for detailed instructions and application forms
 - Graduate Council establishing “hardship” leave policy for graduate UNMC students (ex. funeral, maternity, paid time-off) – basing policy from UNL
 - Student Senate-sponsored UNO Maverick Hockey night scheduled for Friday, February 24th vs. Minnesota. Tickets will be sold in DRC Commons February 13-17, 12-1 pm
 - UNMC Library Update from Nancy Woelfl
 - American Red Cross blood drive on February 27th and 28th, 10 AM- 4PM
 - Register online at [www/redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code 0092223
 - USA Today Readership Program trial membership – 2-4 wks trial is at no cost to UNMC
 - Go-live date for e-mail conversion to Outlook is March 6th visit http://www.unmc.edu/its/docs/EmailUpdate_StudentSenate_Feb2012.pdf for conversion details
- Ideas for spring social events (Krupa and Eric)
 - End of the academic year celebration with international potluck? Off-campus?
 - Movie night? Aksarben Cinema with Jones Cupcakes for dessert?
 - Special offer: Tuesday, Student Night, bring ID and see any movie for \$7 plus \$1 small popcorn and \$1 regular soda (free refills)
 - “Like” Jones Cupcakes on facebook...and find out what the flavor of the day is. If you go to Jones cupcake and say the ‘flavor of the day’ you get the cupcake for FREE!! But their supply is limited!!
- **Other business**
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