

UNMC GSA September Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 2, 2014 – 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

UNMC, DCR1 4003, Omaha, NE

1. Approval of the minutes from August 16th, GSA Executive Board Meeting.

Corrected minutes were approved.

2. Announcements:

a. Last day to Add/Drop classes without a penalty: September 1st, 2014

b. Last day to waive Student Insurance: September 8th, 2014

3. Action Items:

a. Elect four (4) graduate students to the Grievance Committee – Heather

i. Two (2) students are elected for a half term (1 year) only

1. One male, one female

Kristen Wipfler (GCBA) 3rd year was elected for a term of 1 year.

Aditya Bade (PEN) 5th year was nominated for the position but cannot be elected if Brady Sillman is elected to the grievance committee.

ii. Two (2) students are elected for a full term (2 years)

1. One female, one male

Brady Sillman (PEN) 3rd year was nominated for the position but has not been officially elected.

Zhen “Jennifer” Ye (Pharmaceutical Sciences) 2nd year was elected for a term of 2 years, Brady cannot be elected in Aditya is elected to the Grievance committee.

b. First year student’s Q&A session

GSA represents all 17 graduate departments and 503 currently enrolled graduate students. We contribute to graduate student participation and success at UNMC through career development seminars, social events, Interprofessional development, international student committee, alumni and outreach events.

Our regular meetings are the first Tuesday of each month from 12-1pm in DRC1 4003 for the Fall 2014 semester.

c. **DEFERRED** Approval of Halloween Havoc – Social Chairs **DEFERRED**

i. Approve budget and strategic plan from social chairs

d. Plan for Career Development – Ekta and Heather

i. Susan Carson

There was general support for a more optimistic career development speaker such as Susan Carson, however it remains to be seen if this type of event will be within our budget.

e. Plan Spring 2015 GSA Meetings – Heather

Pathology and Microbiology recently changed their journal club to Tuesdays from 12-1pm, weekly, which conflicts with GSA monthly meetings. There was support for continuing GSA meetings at lunch or near lunch times. There was a potential for extending the meeting to 1.5 hrs.

f. Plan for Career Fair – Heather

April 11th, 2015 Mike and Josie Harper Center Ballroom at Creighton University
Career Fair Volunteers: Jennifer Ye, Brady Sillman, Tyler Scherr, Ekta Agarwal
Need to recruit vendors and student participants.

g. Discuss Student Termination Process – Heather

This policy, in particular points in c) and e) of termination conditions, has a general vagueness and are a subjective value. Ask Graduate Council to clarify the meaning of c) failure to master the methodology and content of one's field and e) lack of professional promise in the academic or scientific field.

Further clarification to guidelines for submission of a termination recommendation needs greater detail to clearly explain the process.

h. DEFERRED Plan for Library Resources – Shalis/Ekta DEFERRED

4. Reports (only discussed if needed):

~~a. International Student Orientation – Sidra Akhter~~

~~b. Interprofessional Education Day – Brian Coburn~~

c. **DEFERRED** ***Graduate Student Orientation*** – Heather Talbott **DEFERRED**

d. Health Forum for Returning Students – Heather Talbott

e. Health Forum for New Students – Heather Talbott

~~f. GSA Welcome Back Party – Social Chairs~~

5. Presentation by Dr. Dele Davies at ~~12:30pm~~12:50 pm

6. Other business:

7. Reminders:

a. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 2014 12-1pm, DRC1 4003