

UNMC GSA At Large December Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2014
12-1pm
DRC1 4003

1. Approval of the minutes from November 4th At-Large GSA Meeting - **Approved**

2. Announcements:
 - a. **Towing Zone will be enforced 24/7 in DRC1 and DRC2 loading dock area.**
 - b. **Renovation of DRC1 vending area into a self-serve convenience store**
 - c. **Spring 2015 GSA Monthly Meetings – First Wednesday of the month in DRC1 1005**
 - d. **2015 MSBRF Abstracts DUE December 5th**

3. Action Items:
 - a. **Student Termination Policy – Heather**
 - i. Amendment 1**

It was suggested by members of the Graduate Student Association that a committee member from a department outside of the student's program sit on the committee that recommends a student for probation or termination. This suggestion was rejected by the Graduate Council, however, I feel that this is a minimally burdensome requirement which will ensure 1) that students' due process rights are observed throughout the termination process 2) that students are not held to unreasonable program expectations and 3) that graduate committee members are not colluding against students.
Approved 8 for – 6 against
 - ii. Amendment 2**

It has come to our attention that if an international student were to be terminated from a graduate program this would put them in violation of their visa terms and thus making their legal status within the United States questionable (at best). This situation could potentially prevent international students from being able to appeal their termination using the Graduate Student Grievance Resolution Procedure. Therefore, GSA is recommending inclusion of a statement that all international students are placed on probation until the conclusion of the appeal process unless they waive their right to appeal under the Graduate Student Grievance Resolution Procedure.
Approved – Unanimously
 - iii. Amendment 3**

During the termination process the student can provide a written or oral statement at each stage of the termination decision.

Approved – Unanimously

This was brought up with Graduate Council and has been referred back to a subcommittee to work out this and a few other details. This meeting will be held Thursday Feb 12th.

- b. **Dr. Susan Carson** – Heather and Ekta
Contract details are being worked out
 - c. **Career Fair** – Heather
Progress is being made
 - d. **Holi** – Heather and International Student Committee
Our Fall BOSS proposal was denied by Student Senate with the invitation to reapply in the Spring Semester. Diane Wellem's will be in charge of the 2015 Holi committee
 - e. **Graduate Students on Building Listserves** – Heather
 - f. **Professional Photos for Students** Deferred
4. Reports:
- a. **GSA Halloween Havoc** – Social Chairs Deferred
5. Other business:
- a.
6. Reminders:
- a. **Next at large meeting:** Wednesday, January 7th, 12-1pm, DRC1 1005