**GSA Monthly Minutes of the Meeting**

**September 3rd, 12-1pm, DRC1 1005**

1. Welcome & President/Vice-President Brief Introductions:
2. Dr. Davies Introduction and Address
* Dr. Davies recommended more student participation at GSA events and symposiums on and off campus.
* He believes more such organizations will dwell on campus and students will have enough opportunities to lead.
* He suggests that participating in such groups can teach life skills outside labs.
* He encourages students participate at UNO’s financial learning sessions for students.
* Spoke admirably about the work on the certificate program and tech transfer program (combined for PhD and MS).
* Asked students about their experiences with CAS (common application system) of application.
* Wants more students to apply for fellowships including NIH ones
* Spoke at length on the umbrella program for basic sciences. (\* got student views and said that UNMC will reveal more details later)
* iEXCEL: he invited students to attend his upcoming talk regarding this.
* He said that the graduate studies is making progress to involve an external advisory board for all graduate students.
1. Danielle Dorhman ~ Household Goods Sale, International Student Week
* Signing sheets for volunteers to help out with the Furniture sale for new international students.

4. GSA Officer Introductions & Committee Projects

 A. Tyler ~ President

 -Graduate Council, Student Senate Executive Committee

 B. Shalis ~ Student Issues

-Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences Committee, Grievance policy, GSA Distinguished Mentor Award, GSA Elections,

 C. Shashank & Rajvi ~ Treasurer and Secretary

 -Event advertising, weekly emails, social media

 D. Simar & Zou ~ International Student Affairs

 -ISA, Multicultural Forum, Holi

 E. Tim, Kristin, Keenan ~ Alumni, Outreach, Interprofessional

-Alumni networking, Leadership Certificate, volunteering, career fair, social media

 F. Margaret & Cheng ~ Social Events

 -Welcome Back Picnic, Halloween Havoc, etc.

6. Upcoming Events (Margaret announced the upcoming ideas)

 A. September/October Volunteer/fundraiser Opportunities?

 B. Halloween Havoc

7. Ricky Fulton ~ Fall Intramurals

* Gave sign in sheets