**GSA Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**December 7TH, 11:30-12:30PM, DRC1 1005**

1. Emily Glenn, Education and Research Services Librarian

Emily discussed about the different initiatives and services like E-learning, writing center that are being offered by the library. She also mentioned that several updates (café, ITS support, better natural lighting) are being implemented in the library.

1. GSA Officer Updates
   1. Interprofessional Education (IPE) (Ethan)
      1. UNMC Outstanding Mentor of Graduate Students Award
   2. Social events (Swagat and Alisha)
2. Holiday Cookie Competition- December 15TH
   1. Alumni Networking Event (Nick)
      1. January 25TH at Corkscrew- Lisa Bilek and Rod Markin

Limited to 25 students. Email Nick if you are interested in attending the event.

Format for the event: Each speaker will have 10 mins to talk about their careers, followed by 30-45 min panel discussion and then networking with students.

* 1. International Events (Insiya)
     1. Return of Breaking Barriers
        1. December-Colombia
        2. January-Gambia
     2. Thanksgiving Table Sharing Recap
  2. Outreach (Eli)

1. Miscellaneous Announcements (Tayla)
2. International Week
   1. Table tennis and badminton tonight if you signed up!
   2. Photo competition.
   3. International Student Association Meeting
      1. F12/8, DRC I, Room 1005, Noon
3. Graduate Studies Strategic Planning Committees
   1. College Level Assessment/Universal Core Competencies
   2. Program Level Evaluation
4. Convocation-December 14TH
5. Student Senate Student Impact Award-Due December 30TH
6. Student Senate Distinguished Mentor Award and Student Senate Distinguished Teacher Award-Due December 30TH
7. Pancake Man- December 13TH 3-6PM
8. Spare Change Wars- Until 12/15. Located in DRC I.
9. Postdoctoral Association- The Application Process for Faculty Jobs
   1. 12/7, DRC I, Room 1006, 12:30-1:30
10. Research Fair, Truhlsen Event Center, 4:30-6:30
11. Holiday Skate Day (Hot Chocolate and Cookies)
    1. 12/8, Ice Rink, 11:30-1PM
12. Holiday Tea with Chancellor Gold
    1. 12/11, DOC Atrium, 2-4PM
13. GOP Tax Plan and Impact on Graduate Students
14. Speakers or events you would like to see in the spring semester?
15. January meeting will be on the 11TH.