**GSA Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**February 8TH, 11:30-12:30PM, DRC1 1005**

1. Dr. Travis Adams, Assistant Professor of English and Writing Center Director

Dr. Travis talked about the Writing Center at Library at UNMC. It provides resources for writing. Students may approach consultants for help at any stage, from getting a draft started to editing a written document.

Hours: wed-thru, 2-7 P.M.

Students may schedule an appointment through UNO writing center website. Online appointments are not necessary but are preferred.

1. GSA Officer Updates
   1. Interprofessional Education (IPE) (Ethan)
      1. UNMC Outstanding Mentor of Graduate Students Award-Deadline March 2
         1. Changed to 2-year mentoring requirement
   2. Alumni Networking Event (Nick)

Nick reminded students to fill out the survey regarding Alumni Networking Event

* 1. International Events (Insiya)
     + 1. Breaking Barriers: Atlanta (2/16)
  2. Outreach (Eli)
     1. Pediatric Superhero Party
        1. Wednesday, February 21ST at 2PM
        2. We need volunteers-must have the flu shot!
  3. International Student Association (Saswati)
     1. Monthly Meeting 2/22 at 12PM in DRC 2, Rom 3001
     2. Seeking New Executive Board : Vice President, Secretary, Student ambassador chair
     3. Holi

1. Miscellaneous Announcements (Tayla)
2. Breakfast Meeting with Dr. Davies: 3/6 at 7:30AM. Tayla reminded students that one has to attend 3 professional development seminars for UNMC fellowship renewal.
3. Available Senate BOSS Funding
4. GSA Elections-Opening the End of March
5. The Dos and Don’ts of the Interview Chalk Talk
   1. Thursday, 2/8 at 1PM in DRC I, Room 1005
6. Lunch and Learn- Thursday, 2/15, Interview Skills
7. EMPOWER Valentine’s On Sale Through 2/8
8. UNMC Graduate Studies Fellowship Due March 1ST
9. Graduate Studies will be contacting UNO to discuss the English course.
   1. Held at UNMC one evening per week was the suggestion.
10. Do students feel they have ample opportunities to present orally before their comprehensive exam or defense?
    1. Is an evaluation sheet seen as beneficial? Students discussed the format of presentations in their department. Consensus among students was that evaluation sheet is beneficial.
11. Industries for NE-SciFest Career Fair? Venue: Cancer Center
    1. Register for the poster session! There will be awards for Best poster
    2. Do we think students would participate and attend?
12. Any last minutes ideas for funding are welcome as $2000 in the funds can be allotted for boss proposals.