**GSA Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**January 11TH, 11:30-12:30PM, DRC1 1005**

1. Alec Carstens, Intramural Coordinator, Center for Healthy Living

Alec described the new facilities available at the Center for Healthy Living. A student inquired if UNMC students will have access to rock climbing facility at UNO and Alec said that he will be looking into that.

1. GSA Officer Updates
   1. Interprofessional Education (IPE) (Ethan)
      1. UNMC Outstanding Mentor of Graduate Students Award-Application Open Through February
   2. Alumni Networking Event (Nick)
      1. January 25TH at Corkscrew- Lisa Bilek and Chris Connelly
         1. RSVP 1/15-1/19
   3. International Events (Insiya)

Saswati announced that the next ISA meeting will be held on 25th January 18

* + 1. Return of Breaking Barriers
       1. January-Gambia; Date TBD.
  1. Wellness (Aneesha)
     1. Mind your Mind Week
        1. Friday, 01/12 at 12PM in MSC 2010
        2. Dr. Wengel, Chair of the Psychiatry Department at UNMC
        3. Tips and tricks to help healthcare students better handle stress.
        4. Food will be provided from Global Gatherings for the first 75 people!
  2. Outreach (Eli)
     1. Pediatric Superhero Party
        1. Wednesday, February 21ST at 2PM

1. Miscellaneous Announcements (Tayla)
2. Aging Interprofessional Group (AIG)-Applications Due 1/12

Tayla mentioned that AIG is seeking more graduate representation

1. International Student Association
   1. Monthly Meeting
   2. Seeking New Executive Board
2. Lunch and Learn- Thursday, 1/18; Networking Skills
3. Look for information on the UNMC Graduate Studies Fellowship
4. Recent Floods-Any Concerns?
5. Partnering with UNO to offer English as a second language course?
6. Providing a course on grant writing?
   1. Structure, time of day, year in program?

Consensus among graduate students was that they would like an evening course with classes held once a week and that it should not be mandatory.

1. Course on preparing seminar presentations or conference presentations?
2. Comprehensive exam update: Discussion focused on the format and duration of the comprehensive exam. Students felt that they shouldn’t be forced to attend other student’s comprehensive exam defense.