**GSA Monthly Meeting Minutes**

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

1. Dr. Dele Davies, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies

**Assessment**: Dr. Davies announced that Graduate Studies will be assessing the students to make sure that they are progressing in the right way through their graduate careers and there will be guidelines and expectations to be met by students at each stage of their graduate school career.

**National Awards**: He urged students to look for opportunities to apply for external awards as securing fellowships and awards provide greater flexibility in terms of career choices.

**Professional Development seminars**: Students should attend these seminars and develop transferrable skills.

1. GSA Officer Updates
   1. Interprofessional Education (IPE) (Ethan)
      1. UNMC Outstanding Mentor of Graduate Students Award-Dr. Justin Mott
      2. Other Nominees: Drs. Pankaj Singh, James Talmadge, Ken Bayles, and David Oupicky
   2. Holi (Saswati)
      1. April 29TH, 11-3
      2. Flash Mob Practices
   3. Breaking Barriers (Saswati)
      1. April: India
   4. Fireside Chat with Convocation Speaker (Nick)

Nick announced that the fireside chat will be held in the COPH and a RSVP email will be sent out next week.

Speaker: Dr. Alek Merrick. He has experience working in the industry and government.

* 1. Spielbound (Alisha and Swagat): April 26th 7:30-11 P.M.

1. Miscellaneous Announcements (Tayla)
2. DRC Lounge
3. Participation in Student Senate Day of Service
4. 2018-2019 Senators
   1. Rajan Bhattarai, Tayla Heavican, Insiya Mukadam, Scott Mulder, Shashank Shrishrimal, Amanda Smith, Tatiana Tchouankam, and Krysten Vance
5. GSA Elections-Opening week of April 16
   1. Review of all positions
6. Lunch and Learn- Thursday, 4/19: Work/Life Balance
7. EMPOWER: Seeking a Graduate Student Representative
8. UNMC|SYNC: Join Graduate Student Association
   1. Badge Program new platform
9. NE SciFest Poster and Career Fair
   1. April 28TH
   2. First Place: $500 and $1500 Travel Award
   3. Second Place: $500
   4. Third Place: $250
   5. Industry Panel Discussion
10. Convocation, Friday May 4TH
11. Final Meeting
    1. Making recommendations for comprehensive exam.
    2. Change of advisor policy.
    3. Thank you for letting me serve as our GS representative!