



October 3, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.
City Campus Union, Platte River Room

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes approved.

OPEN FORUM

-UPC NE

Student programming board, RSO receiving student fees, plans events for students. Can get a hold of UPC through their president: UPCNebraska@unl.edu face to face meetings preferred over email. UPC covers Daily Neb, etc.

- Ryan Lahne

Student affairs, presenting broad overview of student affairs, here to help us succeed. Helps by developing curriculum for programs/services: learn, include, lead, engage. Student life and leadership, lists several RSOs. Life in Lincoln, everything is free, hanging out on the turf this weekend for the Illinois game. TRIO programs. Student care and wellbeing. Operations and Auxiliary units: business services, campus rec, children's center, unions, Family Housing, etc. Admin work: DEI student/staff council, marketing + comm, assessments, events.

Emergency financial aid: yes, they can deal with that and help with extensions, financial aid, and more. Student advocacy and support in Pound Hall. Financial support needs to be done with FAFSA filed.

Spousal support? No great answer outside of what is provided for students.

How can we hear more about these events as they don't seem to be known to grad students?

Husker Pantry: how can we help to expand the pantry and how do they get items?

General donations from students and staff as well as some partnerships around the city.

Husker pantry does have the ability to buy more items. If there are specific things needed past typical canned goods that are available, talk to Eva Bachman to have a food drive to help broaden support of the pantry.

- Eva Bachman

Director of grad student support and registrar of grad studies. Deals with grad student issues. Assists grad studies dean with grad council. Was a grad student, understands what that means. Halloween trick or treat hosted by grad studies, both for adults and children, 3:30-5:00 PM at grad studies. Any questions about grad school, send email to general email: graduate@unl.edu, you will get sent to the appropriate person.

Anu: emergency bill to cosponsor the grad studies trick or treat
Passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President Mowat

- Welcome
- Committee Reports
Nothing new, thankfully.

Executive Vice President Jemkur

- Internal Committees
Internal/external committees have been assigned and will all be notified by end of week.
Questions/concerns about committee assignment should be brought to EVP or VPSA.

Vice President of Student Affairs Gee

- External Committees
ditto

Vice President of Representation Rief

- Please grab placard when you come in for attendance. If you haven't received an email, that means you are not on the GSA list. Zoom accommodations 24 hours before, we have excused absences, talk to VP Rep and not the president

Vice President of Finance Rafaei

- Budget Status
Current spent: \$5,939.62 total, 5,276.21 in GTAP, 650 on networking and special events, 13.41 in printing/advertising, left with 24,360.38 until next fiscal year (June 2024)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASUN (if present)

No one present

Academic Affairs Committee

-Update

No updates, excited to have new committee members and excited to have more, and also if you want to come, tell Venn

Diversity and Inclusion Committee

-Update

Just met with former D&I chair to figure out how to wrap things up from their year.

Excited for new committee members!

Graduate Travel Award Program (GTAP) Committee

-Update

Just got new committee also! Just met with Jessie and Marlene at ASUN office, tackling new things to work on this year. Application is being review to make sure instructions are as explicit and direct as possible and updating instructions for winners to include specific receipts and info about international travel. Will email committee soon.

Professional Development Committee

-Update

Committee assignments are made! More SPGP applications waiting to be reviewed, new workshops announced during meeting with graduate studies that will be looked over by prodev.

Workshops may have food but no straight answer lol. Can students access the powerpoint to these workshops if not able to attend? They are available by request

Quality of Life Committee

-Update

Glad to get new committee members and want to work with the committee to determine future directions and meet with old members to complete further QoL changes and has a bill in the making.

Social Events Committee

-Update

First event at Mana Games went well, had about 30 people, looking forward to planning more.

Communications Committee

-Update

We got an Instagram and a LinkedIn! Scan and follow

External Committees

No updates

BREAK (10 minutes)

-Meet with your committees and exchange information

NEW BUSINESS

<https://go.unl.edu/gsavote>



(if needed)

Academic Affairs Co-Chair Nomination (Hafazz)

Questions: None

Discussion: None

Vote of approval: unanimous

Faiza will start as the Academic Affairs co-chair

GSA Bill #3

A bill authorizing GSA to modify the current Special Project Grant Program (SPGP) special rules.

Subsection 2 of Section 7 about applications that applicant has to have not received a refund from Fund A, corrected from the prior statement of Fund B.

Section 10 re: Disbursement and Expense, expense reports include purchased item, where, taxes and shipping, tipping only up to 20% can be reimbursed, and receipts must be itemized. Subsection 4 added, if invoice does not match reward amount, any SPGP fund will not be rewarded but will return to the fund, if the amount does not match, applicant must send in a new application to correct excess use of funds and that may not be approved by the review committee. If rejected, funds must be returned by either the individual or the department. Part 2 covers the department paying for overages.

Questions: For confirmation, if you initial application is accepted and you need more, are you still guaranteed that original amount? Yes.

Board of reagent's bylaws prevent us from being able to directly change this review without committee approval.

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously

GSA Bill #4

A bill authorizing GSA co-sponsorship of a visiting scholar- Nina Flores, from CSU Long Beach, her work examines the targeted harassment of faculty members.

Extends this opportunity to speaking with graduate students and expands the breadth of her talk and workshop for that of graduate students as well. Additionally, will meet with staff, faculty, and grad students that may be targeted due to their work. Will not take funds from the current finances of GSA.

Questions: Who are we co-sponsoring with? Elizabeth Niehaus, a professor at UNL in Free Speech and Civil Engagement.

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously

GSA Bill #5

A bill authorizing GSA co-sponsorship of OGS trick-or-treat event.

No financial support, just promotional.

Questions: None

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shout out to Anu for the event at Mana games, the event was great and very fun and look forward to future events.

This week, the history department is putting on its annual conference in the downtown union, topic is on class, race, and gender in history, Dr. Cahil (sp?) will speak on the 19th amendment. Live in Lincoln Husker watch party on Friday.

Working towards rebranding the Grad report, making it more visually appealing. Tried the first one last week, tomorrow newest addition is coming out. Looking to have more departmental participation and take it to another level. How do you get the graduate report? Ordinarily uses UNL announce system, reason why is that graduate report goes out automatically to sign up, however you can opt-out and are not getting it, except law and dentistry that outside the graduate college. Can sign up on the graduate report website. Are you working with the team? Yes. In the past, ISSO has not received the report, the future should have an increased amount of participation and reach.

ADJOURNMENT