



MINUTES

September 6, 2016

Submitted by Executive Vice President Da Silva

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Graduate Student Assembly was called to order at 7:02 PM on September 6, 2016 in the Nebraska Union. President Correas chaired the meeting and Executive Vice President Da Silva recorded the minutes.

Excused were: Applied Sciences, Chemistry, Community and Regional Planning, Mechanical and Materials Engineering.

Absent were: Biochemistry, Journalism and Mass Communication (College of), Law (College of), Management, Theater and Film (Johnny Carson School of).

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the April 5, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Vice President of Finance. No nominations were received.

The floor was open for nominations for the positions of Standing Committee Chairs of: Academic Affairs, Diversity and Inclusion (Multicultural and International Affairs), Social Events, Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW), and Midwest Scientific Career Fair (MSCF). No nominations were received.

President Correas nominated Dr. Melanie Simpson, Willa Cather Professor of Biochemistry as GSA Advisor. The motion for the appointment of Dr. Melanie Simpson, Willa Cather Professor of Biochemistry as GSA was seconded and carried unanimously by voice vote.

OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers at open forum.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President Correas reported he met with Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Franco to discuss Student Blue dental co-pays, and with Acting Dean of Graduate Studies Bellows to promote collaboration between GSA and her office.

Executive Vice President Da Silva reported she is working together with President Correas and VP of Representation Poudel on GSA committee assignments.

Vice President of Student Affairs Rodene reported that he will be a member of the Student Affairs Advisory Council and Parking Advisory Committee this year.



Vice President of Representation Poudel reported she is working on the GSA and University-wide committee assignments.

Vice President of Finance c/o President Correas provided a financial statement with the meeting materials.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quality of Life Chair Zulfiqar, Diversity and Inclusion Chair Segal, Social Events Chair c/o Executive Vice President Da Silva, Graduate Travel Awards Program (GTAP) Co-Chairs Britwum and Reilly, and Professional Development Chair Sliwinski provided a short description of their respective committee aims for the upcoming year.

President Correas read a statement from former Vice President of Representation Reed regarding the Midwest Graduate Career Fair.

BUSINESS

GSA Bill #1 “A bill providing support and allocating funds for NE SciComm 2016” was introduced by Professional Development Chair Sliwinski. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

GSA Bill #2 “A bill allocating funds for a GTAP promotional event was unanimously approved” was introduced GTAP Co-Chair Reilly. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

GSA Bill #3 “A bill providing for NAGPS membership” was introduced by President Correas. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

GSA Bill #4 “A bill approving New Graduate Student Welcome and ‘Back to School Social’ expenditures” was introduced by President Correas. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

GSA Bill #5 “A bill supporting LGBTQA+ History Month and a social justice workshop” was introduced by Diversity and Inclusion Chair Segal. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chelse Stehle (School of Biological Sciences) announced that Nerd Nite is scheduled for every last Thursday of the month at the Cottonwood Café Bistro Bar.

ADJOURNEMENT

The Graduate Student Assembly meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM by President Correas. The next regular meeting will be at 7:00 PM on October 4, 2016 in the Nebraska Union.