



MINUTES

September 5, 2017
Submitted by President Da Silva

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Graduate Student Assembly was called to order at 7:02 PM on September 5, 2017 in the Nebraska Union. President Da Silva chaired the meeting and recorded the minutes.

Excused were: Actuarial Science, Community and Regional Planning, Educational Administration, History and Philosophy.

Absent were: Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication, Applied Science (Master of), Architecture (College of), Economics, Management, Physics and Astronomy, Statistics, Textiles Merchandising and Fashion Design.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

OPEN FORUM

President Da Silva requested to move open forum to first order of business. There were no objections for the request.

Ignacio Correas, Past President and Advisor discussed about his past experience as President of GSA. Maggi Sliwinski, Past Professional Development Chair was in an electronic communication and reported on her committee survey entitled Graduate Student Professional Development and Well Being. Due to the lack of time, questions could be sent to Maggi's email: maggi.sliwinski@gmail.com.

ELECTIONS /APPOINTMENTS

President Da Silva recognized both nominations received from Daniel Clausen (Co-Chair Student Affairs) and Eric Rodene (Computer Science Engineerign) for Executive Vice President. Both candidates gave speeches and responded to questions from the floor. The assembly discussed about both candidates while they remained outside of the room. After this, both candidates returned to the room and a hand vote was taken. The results were: 40 votes for Clausen, 9 votes for Rodene, and 1 abstention. Daniel Clausen, was elected as Executive Vice President.

President Da Silva recognized from the floor the self-nomination from Brandy Judkins (Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education) for Chair of Quality of Life Committee and asked for more nominations from the floor. Eric Rodene (Computer Sciences and Engineering) nominated himself to be a Co-Chair. Brandy accepted his nomination. President Da Silva moved to elect both Co-Chairs by acclamation.

President Da Silva opened nominations from the floor for the Chair of Committee for Academic Affairs after this position became vacant with the election of Vice President Clausen. President Da Silva recognized from the floor self-nominations from Alexandra Martin and Rami Ziara. President Da Silva moved to elect both Co-Chairs by acclamation.

BUSINESS (10 minutes)

The GSA Bill #1 "A bill providing for NAGPS membership" was introduced by President Da Silva. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by roll call vote.



The GSA Bill #2 “A bill approving New Graduate Student Welcome and “Back to School Social” expenditures” was introduced by President Da Silva. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by roll call vote.

The GSA Bill #3 “A bill rolling over funds into the Graduate Travel Awards Program” was introduced by GTAP Co-Chairs Brown and Vorhees. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plant Pathology representative Segal announced the need for volunteers to help to write the Graduate Student Bills of Rights.

Vice President of Student Affairs Reilly mentioned about the UHC Town Hall organized by GSA and recruited students to voice their concerns regarding University wide issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The Graduate Student Assembly meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM by President Da Silva. The next regular meeting will be at 7:00 PM on October 3, 2017 in the Nebraska Union.