MINUTES

Nov. 7, 2017
Submitted by VP Clausen

CALL TO ORDER

President Karen Da Silva called the meeting to order at 7:01pm on Oct. 3rd in the Centennial Room of the Nebraska Union.

Absent were Master of Applied Science, College of Architecture, Finance, Management, Natural Resources, and Statistics.

ALEC, Educational Administration, Law, and Special Education, Communication Disorders and MS Environmental Engineering were excused.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes from September 5 and 19, 2017 were unanimously approved as distributed.

OPEN FORUM (15 minutes)

IT Services and Student Information Systems spoke to the GSA about a new initiative to require all students including graduate students to use university email addresses.
Counseling and Psychological Services (University Health Center)
Dr. Stephen Baenziger (Professor and CASNR Interim Associate Dean for Graduate Education) requested Graduate Students contact him with any ideas to improve graduate education at Nebraska, saying that CASNR is an experiment—they want grad school at Nebraska to be second to none and have resources available that other units may not have.
Marlene Beyke (ASUN Advisor) provided the GSA with a primer on Parliamentary procedure.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President Da Silva
Executive Vice President Clausen reported that he would be attending the Graduate Council and asked for anyone with announcements or concerns to share them with him.
Vice President of Student Affairs Reilly reported that Donde Plowman is meeting with students in an effort to respect the existing and wide diversity of the student body and help all students feel respected.
Vice President of Representation Poudel reported that there several open representative positions remain open, and encouraged graduate students to apply.
Vice President of Finance Twedt had nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (10 minutes)

Graduate Travel Awards Program Co-Chairs Brown and Vorhees reported that the GTAP application period was open, and encouraged graduate students to apply or volunteer to be reviewers. They asked representatives to distribute the call for reviewers in their own department.
Vet Medicine asked if GTAP funds could be used to travel to conferences not involving presentation of original research, GTAP answered that this was not possible at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (10 minutes)

Pursuant to GSA Bill #6: The draft of a letter to be conveyed to the administration regarding graduate student rights was presented to the Assembly. Technical and procedural difficulties prevented all representatives from being able to see or productively debate the final draft, or agree on its language. Sarah Erwin (Child Youth and Family Studies) moved that

"Any GSA representative interested in editing the letter can submit their edits until Tuesday, October 10. After that week, a final version of the letter will be sent out to be voted on. This vote will take place over email, instead of at the November meeting." This motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. The final draft was approved by email on Oct. 13th, and sent to the administration on Oct. 16th. Voting results were:

- 41 departments voted YES;
- 1 department voted NO;
- 1 department voted ABSTAIN;
- 20 departments did not vote;

BUSINESS (10 minutes)

GSA Bill #7 A bill amending the Special Rules for the Graduate Travel Awards Program passed unanimously.

GSA Bill #8 A bill reallocating GSA reserve funds for the NAGPS National Conference

GSA Bill #9 A bill supporting LGBTQA+ History Month and expenses related to the History Month

Dinner passed by voice vote.

GSA Bill #10 A bill supporting "Life in Academia: An LGBTQA+ Panel Discussion" and related expenses passed by voice vote.

GSA Bill #11 A bill to support the ongoing recovery efforts in assisting the victims of the hurricanes passed with amendments by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

President DeSilva adjourned the Assembly at 8:42pm.

Appendix: Results from Roll Call Vote on Letter as specified in GSA Bill #6, with amendments.

Voted YES:
1. Art, Art History and Design (School of)
2. Finance
3. Mathematics
4. Educational Administration
5. Biological System Engineering
6. English
7. Child, Youth and Family Studies
8. Special Education and Communication Disorders
9. Architecture (Master of Science in)
10. Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
11. Architectural Engineering and Construction (Durham School of
12. Anthropology
13. Animal Sciences
14. History
15. Natural Resources (School of)
16. Accountancy (School of)
17. Communication Studies
18. Agricultural Economics
19. Materials Engineering (Program in)
20. Law (College of)
21. Marketing
22. Economics
23. Teaching, Learning and Teaching Education
24. Physics and Astronomy
25. Theater and Film (Johnny Carson School of)
26. Sociology
27. Psychology
28. Computer Science and Engineering
29. Biomedical Engineering
30. Environmental Engineering
31. Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication
32. Journalism and Mass Communication (College of)
33. Plant Health (Doctor of)
34. Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
35. Food Science and Technology
36. Business Administration (Master of/Master of Arts in)
37. Biochemistry
38. Biological Sciences
39. Educational Psychology
40. Nutrition and Health Sciences
41. Actuarial Science (Master of Science in)

Voted No:
1. Entomology

Voted abstain:
1. Veterinary Medicine (Doctor of)– Abstain

Did not vote:
1. Agronomy and Horticulture
2. Audiology (Clinical Doctor of)/Speech –Language Pathology (Master of Science in)
3. Chemistry
4. Civil Engineering
5. Community and Regional Planning (Master of)
6. Electrical and Computer Engineering
7. Interdepartmental Nutrition (Program)
8. Mechanical and Materials Engineering
9. Modern Languages and Literatures
10. Music (Glenn Korff School of)
11. Philosophy
12. Plant Pathology
13. Political Science
14. Survey Research and Methodology (Program in)
15. Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design
16. Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (School of)
17. Statistics
18. Management
19. Applied Science (Master of)
20. Architecture (Master of)