

January 8, 2019 | 7:00 p.m.
Nebraska Union | Centennial Room

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Plant Health moved to approve; electrical and computer engineering seconded - unanimous approval

OPEN FORUM

President Reilly moved to add an election for the VP-finance - this has to be an emergency measure and the prospective candidate was out of town until two days ago so we couldn't confirm interest in the position so this needs a simple majority to get put on the agenda

1. Election of VP-finance: President Reilly asked for a candidate of finance - Representatives from Mathematics and Chemistry ran for office
2. Chemistry: wants to run because of the past experiences running organization/being in the position of the treasurer which mimics this position; served in this position as undergrad and has done many of the associated tasks; currently does this for two societies here as well - 26 votes
3. Mathematics: punctual, attentive, makes sure we're on budget; friends with previous VP who would help with the role transition - 4 votes
4. Discussion of candidates: Social Events: did Laura do much? Yes, she created a system of organizing the files online that the president now has access to

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President Reilly

1. Stipend Letter: difficulty scheduling, but there is now a meeting with P, VP, and AA; meeting with Dean Carr to further make the case in the letter on Friday
2. Graduate Report Notifications - 3 workshops
 - a. Jan 31 - East campus - promoting wellness and helping grad students support each other; came out of GSA feedback and grad studies is now putting it on
3. Elections: Pres and VP elected by entire grad student body in the first week of march and all other VP go up for election in the April meeting, as do all the committee chairs; if you're interested in a role, contact Julia so she can help with the process
4. In Feb, we want to present many bylaw amendments to make things run more smoothly - before they come to you, half of the exec committee needs to approve before it comes to GSA; if you have edits to these amendments, send to Julia by the end of the week; agenda: 1) streamline bills getting in front of you all - as of now, there is nothing on this, so our de facto procedure this year is that she won't put it in unless it comes a week before the meeting so she gets the packet on the Wed before Tues, but there's nothing in the bylaws that makes her do it - these changes can be found in article II section 4. Bills 2) Clarify, refine, and redistribute the roles of the executives - Exec, Vice Pres, and 3 VP roles; these changes institute deadlines where there previously was none (president no longer chairs the meetings; VP representation roles spread out); 7 seats in ASUN belong to grad students, but only 3 are occupied, but these amendments stipulate that IF

there is a vacancy in these positions, then the Exec VP and VP SA is required to be a senator only if others are not doing it

- a. Agronomy and Horticulture: If a president were to also want to run as a senator, would this proposed change do anything to modify that? No
- b. Civil Engineering: wording in the beginning addressing department or major stipulation for representatives? We're aware of the issue and we haven't introduced anything because we're not sure what to do yet
- c. Special Education: is it possible to do it on the department level? In the bylaws, you had mentioned that you would send out an email on Tuesday before meeting? Clarification of the bill

Executive Vice President Ratcliff

1. Fee for committee allocation - starting to hear funding requests. If you have any questions or requests, go talk to Shawn

Vice President of Student Affairs Martin - No report

Vice President of Representation Stehle - updating attendance report - she has a handful of departments that have at least one unexcused absence and two excused absences, so if your department was absent for Sep and Oct, it won't count towards absence allocation, but you should have a full tally of how many absences you have

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Chair Juritsch - At next month's meeting, one of the committee members Shahab will present on the Civil Engineering departmental GSA - have build a very successful GSA and they have a powerpoint put together explaining everything they've done so far on their own without assistance and since then have gotten backed from the administration - so we're trying to push for departmental GSAs because it gives you more rights basically; it's like starting any other RSO - email Tony if you have further questions; he's creating an unofficial document to put on the website with this information

Quality of Life Co-Chairs Sandhu and Rodene - helped with December social event; provided pamphlets from health center about mental health resources; hoping to host another coffee hour event

Social Events Chair Perez - December Social Event (same as above)

NEW BUSINESS

Sotelo - introduce motion Bill 12 on Proposed Changed Rules on Title X #HuskerOut 4.0; it was seconded - 36 unanimously approved introduction

1. Introducing this because she wasn't aware of this until recently - it was past the time of submitting the bill for the agenda; there's a time-sensitive matter in this bill if any action needs to be taken regarding this situation, it has to happen before Jan 28

GSA Bill #11 A bill authorizing REACH training for graduate and professional students on suicide prevention

1. Office of student affairs trying increase suicide prevention training and have made two of them specifically targeted to grad students on East Campus; it would approve us to use our methods of social media to publicize events already happened; cosponsor an event on City Campus
2. Unanimously passed

GSA Bill #12 US Department of Education Proposed Changed Rules on Title IX #HuskerOut4.0

1. Issues: redefinition of sexual harassment, limiting schools responsibility to incidents occurring on campus or within school-sponsored programs, requiring schools to hold a cross-examination live hearing when sexual misconduct is reported
2. You can submit your opinion regarding this until Jan 28 and there can be a comment left there; this can be done through an advocacy event hosted through GSA
 - a. Civil Engineering: what was the rationale for these changes? Current verbiage is not clear and leaves much room to interpretation - this is done to make things more clear, transparent, and more clearly defined
 - b. Sociology: The previous Title IX was a suggestion, but the new Title IX becomes a regulation, so if a school violates this, they can lose their federal funding
 - c. Academic Affairs: Thanks for introducing this, this is really important - but I need to play Devil's advocate - proposed to put out computers for people to leave comments, but some people will read the proposed suggestions
 - d. Unanimously passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Take home the extra pizza

ADJOURNMENT