



October 2, 2018 | 7:00 p.m.
Nebraska Union | Centennial Room

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes from September 11, 2018

- Approved after edits.

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Election of Standing Committee Chairs

Professional Development Co-Chair

- Nominated by floor: Jessica Walnut (Plant Path)
- Elected by majority

OPEN FORUM

Professor John Lenich (College of Law)

- Presentation -- Some Thoughts on Proposed Student Code of Conduct
- Dr Lenich has volunteered to be in charge of updating the Student Code of Conduct.
- Student Code of Conduct in current form is unacceptable due to many issues including but not limited to: difficult to decipher language, lack of clear notice of what is expected of students, cumbersome procedures, lack of distinction between different categories of students, etc.
- Dr. Lenich highlighted some of the provisions for graduate students comparing and contrasting the current code to his changes for the new proposed code, including:
 - o Proposed = Standards do not apply if you hold lecture position (academic integrity applies to course work), but does apply if you have a grad teaching assistantship. Standard should not limit academic freedom in the classroom.
 - o Proposed = Written in clearer language with explicit examples and links to important policy documents that are related to the examples (disrupting university operations policy pg 6)
 - o Current = Any state, federal, or local law violations (cover conduct that won't be prosecuted and not fair to student cause they need to know what will be a big deal → too broad) / Proposed = Narrow down so that there is a clear indicator of prosecutable things
- Dr. Lenich reported that the Proposed Code of Conduct has cleared the Faculty Senate Selection Committee. It will be going to Full Faculty Senate next, followed by the Board of Regents.
- Contact information if you have more questions/concerns

Eva Bachman



- Eva Bachman introduced herself, stated that she can be an important source of information and is willing to take any questions from the Assembly.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President Reilly

- No objection to push to end
- Need graduate member for fee allocation.
- President Reilly reported that the Listening Session on Graduate Student Stipends went well. There was a productive discussion on how to live on grad student stipend. President Reilly's current plan is to write a letter to upper administration expressing the GSA's concern about our low stipends and requesting an increase in the minimum stipend across campus. A rough draft will be created by Executives and then forwarded to Representatives to get commentary. Feedback will be gathered by President Reilly over the month, then a final letter drafted and forwarded to Representatives near end of October. We plan on voted on letter in November.
- Academic Planning Committee: Academic program reviews (external evaluation) are currently underway. If there's something that's off in your program, use those review procedures so outside evaluators know what's happening related to those in charge of department and university.

Executive Vice President Ratcliff

- No report.

Vice President of Student Affairs Martin

- First Parking Advisory Committee meeting
- University Police Advisory Committee (new)

Vice President of Representation Stehle

- VP Stehle created new listserv for representative list, along with a new Public listserv.
- Please email if you have not been receiving GSA communications with name, email and department to get added to new listserv
- Created a GSA Twitter → please follow when we send it out.

Vice President of Finance Ismert

- Absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Graduate Travel Awards Program Chair Dahdolan

- Fall 2018 GTAP application is available! Expect email soon.

Professional Development Chair Atieno

- Posted International Career Event – speak to benefit for planning for your career (coordinated with social events)



Diversity and Inclusion Chair Sotelo

- Attended ASUN leadership summit (concerning hot topics)
- Attended disability and accessibility talks.

BUSINESS

GSA Bill #2 A bill providing for NAGPS organizational membership

- Introduced by VP Shawn
- Send around info about benefits afterward
- Two friendly amendments from Mechanical and Materials Engineering + Civil Engineering
- Passed by majority.

GSA Bill #3 A bill authorizing the organization of a Coffee Hour for an open discussion on Campus Climate.

- Introduced by Chair Rodene and Chair Sotelo.
- Questions followed.
- No discussion
- Passed by majority,

GSA Bill #4 A bill expressing support for those impacted by Hurricane Florence

- Introduced by Chair Rodene
- Questions followed.
- Discussion –
 - o Sociology anonymous letter. Previous residents. Irreparably damage. Only provides allocations and support (equivalent thoughts and prayers). Can appreciate support, but desire more action from assembly. Provide information about why storms are worsening. Is this the correct approach?
 - o We can do more → just need people to contact committees and organize bills
 - o Add sentence how GSA is expressing support.
 - o Post bills on website and have a discussion forum for public to react to
 - o Outline what committees do on the Facebook + website
 - o Continued call for action/ongoing process → ongoing need for next year.
- Motion from English to add “Therefore be it further resolved, that long term disaster response will be an ongoing process for the foreseeable future and continued support of red cross and other advocacy groups will continue to support the long term recovery of those affected by hurricanes.” To Bill.
- Passed by majority.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NA

ADJOURNMENT