

## Graduate Student Assembly (GSA)

Notes from November 2, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. | Centennial Ball Room & Zoom

### CALL TO ORDER 7:00pm

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 7:01pm

The minutes approved by the majority.

### OPEN FORUM

Roslyn-Unionize UNL steering committee, here if anyone has questions, has stickers, kicked of commitment drive. From last week until the end of the semester, 3-5 min survey, for as many grad student workers as possible. Both for and against, so they know how to move forward, legally. Information gathering. 95 students have taken it so far- 98% are in favor. Next meeting Monday at 5pm on zoom, look at their social media.

Faiza- If you or another graduate student you know has issues (academic issues or other issues) reach out to academic affairs committee. They are here to help. ([vpacademicaffairsgsa@unl.edu](mailto:vpacademicaffairsgsa@unl.edu))

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS

#### President Rodene ([gsa@unl.edu](mailto:gsa@unl.edu))

- There is a student selling T-shirts for breast cancer awareness. Look at ASUN social media for more information.

#### Executive Vice President Donesky ([vicepresidentgsa@unl.edu](mailto:vicepresidentgsa@unl.edu))

- everyone assigned internal committees, Andrew will send them out again.

- “Develop a strategic plan with measurable goals to assess the success of the Graduate Student Assembly in meetings its goals.” Committees will be announcing their assigned topics. Still figuring out how to assess goals.

-we want to make sure we understand how the systems work and who we need to talk to. That is the goal for this semester and then work on changing things the next semester.

-Microsoft teams, everyone will be added.

#### Vice President of Student Affairs Mowat ([vpstudentaffairsgsa@unl.edu](mailto:vpstudentaffairsgsa@unl.edu))

-If you haven't been contacted by an external committee, please reach out.

-EVC Advisory Board: Concerns about online to in-person, COVID, and the session between Christmas and Spring Semester

#### Vice President of Representation Jemkur ([vprepresentationgsa@unl.edu](mailto:vprepresentationgsa@unl.edu))

- Zoom accommodations available, email Venn
- At-large representatives, also apply to Venn

### **Vice President of Finance Herzfeld ([vpfinancegsa@unl.edu](mailto:vpfinancegsa@unl.edu))**

- Andrew filling in
- only used money for food and events this year so far
- If you have any questions about money email her.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Academic affairs ([academicaffairsgsa@unl.edu](mailto:academicaffairsgsa@unl.edu))

- we have supposed have an ombudsman. Graduate studies is willing to work with us to review the process.

#### Communications ([communicationsgsa@unl.edu](mailto:communicationsgsa@unl.edu))

- fix website, onboarding of people on to teams, emails 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, use the graduate report that goes out every Wednesday if you want it to go to all graduate students

#### D&I ([diversityinclusiongsa@unl.edu](mailto:diversityinclusiongsa@unl.edu))

- Focus on diversity, Title IX, Disability EMAIL???

#### GTAP ([gtap@unl.edu](mailto:gtap@unl.edu))

- Andrew filling in, GTAP coming back this year, Kat got access to the NUramp system, applications open next week, \$400 for interval travel \$600 for external travel, applications due Nov 30th, GTAP will also help with questions about Fees. Question BioChemistry- can the funds be used for online conferences? Answer- don't know, email Kat

#### Pro Dev ([prodev@unl.edu](mailto:prodev@unl.edu), [spgp@unl.edu](mailto:spgp@unl.edu))

- SPGP, making sure people know about it. Pro Dev event in the spring, if you have concerns or ideas reach out.

#### Quality of Life ([qualityoflifegsa@unl.edu](mailto:qualityoflifegsa@unl.edu))

- Still in the research stage of looking at CAPS and health insurance, will meet with committee soon.

#### Social

- event on Nov. 18, 5-7 pm ~~at the mill at innovation campus~~

(Mill was unable to accommodate, waiting for new venue information. -Andrew Donesky, 11/8/2021)

EVP Andrew

- we can all work together on these issues, if you are excited about an issue or know something please reach out. You can serve on more than one committee.

No External Committee reports

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Andrew- We have data!!! For the first time ever we know how many graduate students we have: 6812. There are visiting students, teacher certificates, random people taking classes counted in this. Dentistry, law, and vet are not included. Question- Do we have the retention rate? Answer-need to ask graduate studies.

Still figuring out why the data is not more available.

Question-International vs domestic students, Answer- not sure

Question-Funding source? Answer-No just college, department, program, and degree they are heading into.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm