

## Graduate Student Assembly (GSA)

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

### CALL TO ORDER 7:00pm

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 7:00pm

The minutes approved by the majority.

### OPEN FORUM

Venn-There will be a Graduate Student Social from 5pm-6:30pm in the heritage room. There will be pictures and food and prizes. It is hosted by ISSO.

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

-January 11<sup>th</sup> will be our first meeting of the new year. There will be zoom options.

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

-Fee allocation survey is due by December 10. Please fill it out.

-There is a new attendance policy. Review it and let Donesky or Rodene know if you have concerns. Taking care of dependents is an okay reason to miss class. And there is a new snow day policy.

-We will try and slow down our meeting proceedings. If you have a question or need us to slow down turn your placard on its side.

-during January faculty and staff will be around but there will not be regular classes. Use this time to get your questions answered!

-Austin will send out fee surveys again this evening.

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

-no report

### 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))

-no report

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

-no report

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

-no report

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

- Had a meeting last week.
- Disability survey is coming out soon.

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

- Applications are open. Please apply soon if this is something you are interested in.

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

- Grad studies are willing to support the formation of a workshop hosted by GSA and help find speakers.

- fill out the survey from Grad Studies on professional develop.

- Grad studies is willing to share the survey results with us when they get them.

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

- Gathering information on CAPS and health care

- Phillip's opinion is that the issue with CAPS is an issue with funding and thus a lack of councilors

- Health care: they talking to Amy Grindstaf and Megan Bednar. They are working to make sure UNL is competitive with other universities and our health care matches the money they have.

- The committee is also comparing our health care with other Midwest universities.

Social

- no report

External Committee Reports

- No External Committee reports

## **NEW BUSINESS**

GSA Bill #2- Town Hall bill

Donesky gave background on last year's town hall. This bill lets us plan a town hall this year. The bill will be about both covid and other concerns. The town hall will be on zoom again this year. Question-What other topics? Answer- any questions you have. No question is off limits. Question-When? Around Spring break. Need to provide the questions to the answering parties ahead of time so they can give us good answers.

Two friendly amendments

GSA Bill #2 Passed 7:19pm

Motion by Talhah, D&I Co-Chair to put Emergency GSA Bill #3 on the agenda  
Seconded by Special Education and Communications Disorder rep.

Motion Passed 7:21pm

GSA Bill #3-Support of UNL's Journey for Anti-Racism and

Talhah gave background, ASUN also put forward a bill on this topic and it was past.

Questions:

Q-What type of support? A-Just the bill.

Q-How will we let people know we support this beyond just passing the bill? A-Facebook, communications email, Weekly email that goes out.

Q-How could we build upon this bill? Or show support? A- send the email out. One way would be through our external committee reps. We can keep thinking of way in the future.

Suggestion-We could put out a statement on the ASUN Instagram.

Q-Should we email the governor or a newspaper? What can the governor do? A-Andrew is not sure where the governor fits with the board of regents and the board of regents is in charge of the UN system.

Q-Is there a benefit to passing this bill? A-D&I thinks it is important to stand for things and to join ASUN as standing for diversity and inclusion as a united front. Staying silent lets people make up their own minds about what GSA stands for.

Q-management: supports the idea but is worried that people do not know what is in plan that has been put out. A-faculty senate is trying to include D&I in curriculum. Without the plan this may not happen. The plan is a public document and is now on teams.

Statement: ASUN passed a bill last week. This ASUN Bill #12 was read.

Discussion: Amanda supports the bill

Vote: all in favor with one abstain

Bill #3 passed 7:50pm

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Donesky-Is anyone graduating? Venn is!

Teams is up and everyone should be added.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm