

## **Graduate Student Assembly (GSA)**

**Notes from October 4, 2022 | 7:00 p.m. | In-person & Zoom**

City Campus Union, Regency Suite

### **CALL TO ORDER 7:00 pm**

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 7:01 pm**

The minutes approved by the majority.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Aimee Grindstaff (University health center) and Joy Hirst (UnitedHealthcare Student Resources University of Nebraska advocate)

Brief overview of student health insurance 101, enrollment & premiums, grad assistant rates, list of medical services, copay, urgent care and emergency service, dental benefits, find external providers at website, presentation available online

Representative: Libraries are denying basic book requests, faculty and TAs wondering why is this happening, budget cuts?

Will get you connected to the faculty senate libraries committee rep to get answers

Asking for status report on housing issue!

Coming soon

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

- Flu Shot
- Insurance 101 Recording
- Connected with GSA UNMC president last month
- Connected with UNK Senate Grad Student this month
- Dr. Hope has been working with BOSR on the survey – for any student who is required to use UNL health insurance
- Stipends: Presentation about updates and progress till date
  - Met with a lot of deans, faculty, and staff members, a few meetings coming up
  - Andrew Donesky and Venn Jemkur will meet Chancellor Green in November
  - Still trying to understand minimum for tuition remission, its challenging to find bylaws! Nebraska's is lowest in the region!

- Current understanding (not complete): minimum comes from board of regents to grad studies to colleges and departments, stipend and minimum varies depending on how colleges and departments handle budget
- External reputation matters and good stipends are a framework for student success
- GSA does not have authority so as your advisor, we need allies, we need a coalition of support, we need to talk to the right people in the right way! Please exercise caution in discussions!
- Next steps: meeting with the Chancellor to voice student concerns and make him an ally
- Please fill out the survey to help us prepare for the meeting, feel free to share ideas with president and executive vice president!
- Go to Husker Pantry if you need help or want to help/donate, current stats of users by student groups

**Executive Vice President Jemkur** ([vicepresidentgsa@unl.edu](mailto:vicepresidentgsa@unl.edu))

- internal committee assignments

**Vice President of Student Affairs Hafeez** ([vpstudentaffairgsa@unl.edu](mailto:vpstudentaffairgsa@unl.edu))

- external committee assignments

- NAVIGATE workshop: thanks for spreading the word, need volunteers

**Vice President of Representation Mowat** ([vprepresentationgsa@unl.edu](mailto:vprepresentationgsa@unl.edu))

- added people to listserv, please use huskers email ID only

- added people to Microsoft teams

- please leave placards on the table for attendance

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

- Budget update

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ASUN Senate

- No report

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

- no report

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

Co-chairs Amanda Brand and Lukasz Niparko

-We need volunteers for training:

- A is for Accessibility

○ B is for Barriers

- Potential for pilot Title IX trainings – waiting for new updates from Biden Admin. to see what changes need to be made to policies, etc.
- Meeting with the Vice Chancellor's Commission for the Prevention of Sexual Assault tomorrow afternoon—more on that next time.
- Meeting with Dean Hope in Grad Studies tomorrow afternoon about developing a climate survey. If there are specific concerns you would like for us to raise/share, please let me know
- Looking forward to meeting with our new committee members

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

Chair Kat Jordan at conference

- awarded \$7800 in travel awards (for conference, competition, artistic showcase), \$600 for domestic and \$800 for international travel now
- not all awards are being claimed
- this year's goal is to update the grading rubrics for assigning awards
- Spring awards coming out soon!

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

Chair Hector Palala Martinez

- by Andrew: Oct 5 workshop on CV/resume development
- contact professional development team in OGS to request specific workshops in your department
- CIRTL certification – reach out to them if you need feedback on teaching

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

Chair Connor Gee

- family housing update:
- the hold on moving into the family housing units stays while the task force creates recommendations
- they are unwilling to lift the hold to add people to housing currently but that isn't indicative of their decision
- the report by task force will be sent to the concerned parties at the university (grad studies, ISSO, etc.)
- the report is coming along well and opinions from students in family housing that are also grad students can be sent to me (via email) or any three of the other student representatives

Social Events ([socailgsa@unl.edu](mailto:socailgsa@unl.edu))

Chair Kayla Ney

- will brainstorm on how to fundraise for departmental GSAs
- will be working on more community events for graduate students
- setting up WhatsApp group chat to share information about social events for graduate students

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

Co-chairs Christa Rahl and Austin Eide

- no report

External Committee Reports

- no report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Zach Renshaw – ASUN Senate member from Law College,

Appointed as at-large member of GSA by unanimous vote

Heydi resigned as chair of academic affairs committee due to workload, GSA thanks her for her services

Nominations for new academic affairs chair

Venn nominated Jerome Okojokwu-Idu, accepted

Khalid nominated Meredith, rejected

Faiza nominated Carlie Antes, accepted

Jerome and Carlie chose to be co-chairs and gave speeches in reverse order of nomination

Voted by majority as co-chairs of the academic affairs committee

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kayla Ney: to join graduate student soccer team, contact me!

GTAP-Kat: getting ready to give spring awards, looking for faculty reviewers

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm