

March 5, 2019 | 7:00 p.m.
Nebraska Union | Ballroom

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- January Minutes - unanimously approved
- February Minutes - unanimously approved

OPEN FORUM

- Social chair: add a bill # 15 to agenda - moved to add to agenda; introducing bill about allocating funds for a social networking event next Thursday at HopCat for GSA; seconded by Music
 - No questions/comments
 - Unanimously approved
- Chemistry: NUTech Ventures - one year internships starting in June and during summertime, you work 35 hours per week; in this internship, you have access to all UNL inventors. Your job is to see if any others have a similar invention or have a patent; you need to present every couple weeks when done with project as well as search skills; if you're interested in this opportunity, the flier is in an email Julia sent previously - send CV to manager and it's due March 15 - also, send this flier to your departments

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President Reilly - Elections for student government - most of the GSA elections are elected internally, but president and EVP are open for voting right now. The polls close tomorrow night. Two grad senate seats are also open for voting. VOTE. Go to MyRED, hit student tab, and then there's a big button that says vote here. The next update is on advocacy for mental health provision. Shawn and Julia have been in many meetings since last month with people from student affairs, people responsible for negotiating contract with UHC, and this is what we have learned - the people in student affairs who are responsible for running CAPS have acknowledged that the transitions of some grad students off their long term relationships with CAPS advisors into community providers should go more smoothly, so they're making a project for this transition to make a protocol for this during an appointment instead of on the phone; on the UHC side, the university is actively negotiating to add more community providers of mental health care to the united network, so hopefully going forward, the options will be less limited. The # of providers in network for any service are constantly in flux and so if you log in to United and check the number providers for a given service, don't assume that that number is fixed - keep logging in and checking and spread that word to grad students. The final point to emphasize in this is that since CAPS is switching to a short-term model of care they are doubling down on their commitment to provide immediate care for students in crisis situations - if you know of a student who needs immediate mental health care, still call CAPS. Just because grad students are being transitioned away from long-term health care with CAPS, that doesn't mean that someone in crisis mode shouldn't go there, it should still be the first option. Final update: Julia has been asked to serve on the N2025 graduate commission and is the only graduate representative who are responsible for figuring out how the strategic vision for the next 25 years of UNL will be implemented over the next 5 years. It will meet through Spring and Julia will beat the drum on compensation and access to resources and clarity of roles.

Executive Vice President Ratcliff - serves on committee for fee allocations; spent the last two months reading through reports with a few increases in peoples' salaries. Reports went through ASUN and have been approved.

Vice President of Student Affairs Martin - No report

Vice President of Representation Stehle - If you emailed her last month, she did get it and is sorry she hasn't responded. What she is going to do is by the end of the month, contact departments who haven't reached out to her at all first. Since we've had some departments fall in representation, what she'll likely do is sent a list out to all the departments who have been chronically absent for one reason or another to both the department chairs and GTAP and professional development committee.

Vice President of Finance Bhinderwala - No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Chair Juritsch - asked committee members to stay for a few minutes after the meeting

Quality of Life Co-Chairs Rodene and Sandhu - first major event was the coffee hours before the meeting - the committee collaborated with professional development for the coffee hour event

Social Events Chair Perez - social event in December at crescent moon and had them cater and had a great turn out (60-75 people); next Thursday trivia night at hopcat - office themed trivia; Grad student appreciation week coming up - look for it.

NEW BUSINESS

GSA Bill #14 A bill authorizing the organization of migrant farm workers awareness events

- Raising awareness of migrant farm workers role in history and development; they plan to work with ASUN's diversity and inclusion committee and other organizations on campus to host this event. There will be speakers and a movie screening - we're doing this in the framework of (sorry I could not hear this, I have no clue - something about Caesar Chavez)
- Social chair: what movie will be screened? Don't know yet
- Academic affairs: what is the breakdown of the budget? Most of the funds are in case they have to pay for a movie screening license, otherwise most of it won't actually be spent; in terms of marketing materials, we don't have a budget breakdown but it wouldn't amount to \$500. It's around \$300 for a movie license alone. Is the GSA the only group paying? The other big contributor economically would be ASUN.
- Mathematics: is this one event or multiple? It's multiple technically because of handing out materials and screening, so two events.
 - Friendly amendment to move a from line 18
- VOTE: unanimously approved

GSA Bill # 15 A bill allocating funds for a spring social and networking event

- Perez: requesting funds for next Thursday's event at HopCat; can attach budget and send it out, but money is going to food and reservations at hopcat
- Natural Resources: is there a reserved area at hopcat? Yes there's a reserved room
- Chemi and Bio Engineering: Will there be social media? Yes he'll send it to the assembly and send an email to department secretaries

- Discussion: Architectural Engineering and Construction: Friendly amendment to submitted by and referred to date should be 03/05/2019
- VOTE: unanimously approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Diversity and Inclusion: announcing an important study on sexual misconduct and the reporting on campus - if you, or anyone you know, or just spread the information as much as possible to the department - this will be the first systematic study on grad students experiences with sexual misconduct on campus
- Shawn - any NE residents, LB627 which is the LGBT discrimination law, was taken off the floor but it could be brought back. There was a recommendation to reach out to those who oppose or are against of the bill - contact Shawn for more information.
- Diversity and Inclusion - if you're interested in helping with the migrant worker event, see them right after the meeting
- Tony - Graduate STEM education for 21st century - hosted by national academies of science, engineering, and medicine - there will be speakers and a speaker for the american association for the advancement of science - April 16 - will send out flier through email

ADJOURNMENT