

GSA Legislative Assembly Meeting Minutes 9/14/10

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Graduate Student Association (GSA) met on Tuesday, September 14th, 2010, in the Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center. Dinner was served before and during the meeting.

- Representatives were given folders and placards as they arrived. Laura Lynch explained how to use the placards before the meeting officially began (Representatives are to raise their placards when voting).
- Minutes from the April LA Meeting were approved, after a correction submitted by Ashley Barnett.
- Introductory Presentation to GSA and the GSA Legislative Assembly by Executive Committee and Committee Chairs. Powerpoint Presentation available on Blackboard.
 - Laura Lynch details the GSA mission, recent accomplishments, how the GSA operates, when the LA meets, and what the standing committees are. Laura also presented the rest of the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs throughout the rest of the presentation as those members were asked to speak.
 - Each Committee Chair briefly introduced themselves and their committees, detailing their committee's purpose and current tasks.
 - As Vice Chair of Internal Affairs, Emile Salame passed around a sign-up sheet for committees and also a sheet for representatives to explain the current situation for graduate student travel support within their department.
 - Sylvia Jons described her position as Vice Chair of External Affairs and listed some university committee GSA has seats on.
- Explanation and approval of the GSA Budget, presented by Vice Chair of Finance Bethany Murray. The LA voted to approve the budget with no changes.
- Discussion and Vote on Constitutional Amendment, presented by Vice Chair of Legislative Affairs Eric Montgomery.
 - The amendment approved by the LA in January 2010 did not meet the requirements for an RSO by ASUN. This constitutional amendment would make the necessary changes to meet ASUN requirements.
 - This amendment does the following:
 - Rewords Article 9
 - Adds Article 10 as "Process for Dissolution"
 - Renumbers Articles 10-12 as 11-13
 - Article 13 (previously Article 12) reworded
 - The LA voted to approve the constitutional amendment.
- Special Election for 2010-2011 City Campus Representatives, overseen by Eric Montgomery
 - Original list of candidates: Micah Leamer, Mathematics; Grant Forssberg, History; Maimaitituerxun Pazilijiang (Paz), Computer Science
 - At the start of these elections, Shant Karakashian (Computer Science Department Representative) pointed out that Paz must be the Computer Science Department Representative in order to comply with the Computer Science GSA's constitution. Thus Paz was removed from the election and Shant took his place.
 - The LA voted to elect Micah, Grant, and Shant for City Campus Representatives.
- Announcements
 - Please attend the Executive Social immediately following the meeting tonight. All GSA representatives, as well as Presidents (or other officers) from departmental GSAs are invited.
- Open Forum
 - Prabhakar Shrestha, head of UNL Recycling and a graduate student, gave a presentation on the UNL Recycling Center and what GSA can do to help.

As the Vice Chair of Information has not submitted any minutes, these minutes are submitted by the Executive Committee.