Graduate Student Association
Legislative Assembly Meeting

Georgian Suite

18 March 2014

Meeting Call to Order: 7:05pm

Executive and Committee Chairs Present:

Executive Chair – Jake Friefeld
Vice-Chair of External Affairs – Chris Gibilisco
Vice-Chair of Internal Affairs – Anh Do
Vice-Chair of Finance – Kat Shultis
Vice-Chair of Representation – Madeline Hoffer
Vice-Chair of Social Events – Curtis Walker

Absent:
Diversity Committee Chair – John Fitzpatrick
Vice-Chair of Legislative Affairs – Brock Rezny
Vice-Chair of Academic Affairs – Jeff Espineli
Vice-Chair of Graduate Student Committee – (vacant)

Minutes

1) Agenda
- Moved and seconded
- Agenda approved

2) Administrative Business:

Graduate Student Appreciation Week
- April 7-11
- Therapy puppy: donations – how do we deal with SOFS?
- How popular are these events last year?
- Free massages were popular
    - 5-10 minutes at the Rec Center: 2 therapists: 3-5pm Thursday

Awards
- Due date: April 15th
- Fill out nomination form

GSA Election
- April 22nd: Brock will handle election

3) Executive and Committee Chair Reports

- **Executive Chair Report – Jacob Friefeld**:
    - The Academic Planning Committee: merger between the Computer & Electrics Engineering (CEEN) (Omaha campus) with Electrical Engineering (UNL) did not occur
    - Chancellor discussed budget deduction process: $4.6 million
        - 3% pay raise for faculty will not occur
        - Administration will also cut down the numbers of staff
        - The Chancellor Strategic Fund
    - Academic Affairs will meet on Thursday (3/20/14)
- **Vice-Chair of External Affairs – Chris Gibilisco:**
    - No new item to report
- **Vice-Chair of Internal Affairs Report – Anh Do:**
    - No new item to report
- **Vice-Chair of Finance – Kat Shultis:**
    - The budget is in good order
- **Vice-Chair of Social Events – Curtis Walker**
    - Trivia at Applebee's today
- **Vice-Chair of Representation Report – Madeline Hoffer:**
    - No new item to report

4) Open Forum

- Question about GSA fund for traveling
    - GSA started a fund to attend conferences, but it is run by Academic Affairs
    - It is limited to Ph.D students & those seeking terminal degrees
    - The department has to request it through Graduate Studies
- Question about the Midwest Career Fair
    - Mainly from Creighton and UNMC
    - 1 pharmaceutical vendor
    - Snow storm, busy schedules, we did not follow up with vendors
    - Need more UNL participation in the future
- August Kick-Off Event for graduate students
    - How to make it more productive?
    - Should we have more events?

5) Adjourn

Meeting ended at 7:22 PM