1. Call to Order / Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes
   1. Approved by acclamation
3. Office of Graduate Studies Liaison Elizabeth Edwards – not present
4. Appointments
   1. East Campus Representative Kofi Britwum – approved, arrived late
5. Old Business
   1. Election of Campus Representatives
      1. Still need 4 for City Campus
6. Executive Reports
   1. President – Curtis Walker
      1. Encourage folks to participate with elections
      2. Remain in close talks with ASUN and Grad Studies regarding GSA Funding
      3. Working to renew our involvement with NAGPS
      4. Mention affordable health care tax prep
   2. Internal Vice President – Greg Degirolamo - not present
   3. External Vice President – Maggi Sliwinski
      1. Monthly parking pass for graduate students
      2. No parking advisory increase from student fees
      3. Bystander intervention for student organizations
      4. Free tax prep at Center for Civic Engagement
   4. Vice President of Finance – Kat Shultis
      1. Approx. $3200 remaining for budget
   5. Vice President of Representation – Joe Reed
      1. Let us know if you will be returning to the LA as a Rep
   6. Graduate Chief of Staff to ASUN – Max Twedt
      1. ASUN beginning transition period; apply to be a Graduate Senator
      2. Application due next week!
      3. Voting on how to spend student fees money tomorrow night
7. Committee Reports
   1. Quality of Life and Diversity Chair – Ircik Homstad
      1. Samantha Martens – LGBTQA+ Resource Center; week of March 13th cosponsoring a social event
      2. April 18th or 19th Kids on Campus event, renting out the Rec Center
      3. Felipe – Women’s Center, Men’s Outreach Coordinator; hoping to have some more and bigger events in store for us
   2. Social Events Chair - Eric Rodene
      1. Brewsky’s January 2015 kickoff event well attended approx. 75 people
      2. This Friday, February 6th First Friday Art Walk – informal social
      3. Next Week, February 12th Thursday Night Trivia at Applebee’s 9pm
   3. Academic Affairs Co-Chairs – Abdelbaset Hamza and Lynn Phillips
      1. New business, opportunity for internal research, anyone interested please hit us up
8. New Business
   1. Resolution SP2014-15-02 – Introduced by President Walker
      1. Question for clarification on what Graduate Student Appreciation Week is?
      2. Question for where events occur, City Campus only?
      3. Moved to pass by acclamation, no objection
   2. Resolution SP2014-15-03 – Introduced by President Walker
      1. Question of whether or not this will be any additional increase on student fees: NO
      2. Question of the process?
      3. Ignacio provided insight into the ASUN Committee for Fee Allocation and vocalized support for this resolution
      4. Concern was raised regarding potential pushback; As of now these concerns have not been realized, we will see what the future holds
      5. We require more participation from the GSA and graduate students for the purposes of improving our standing!
      6. Passed unanimously
   3. Resolution SP2014-15-04 – Introduced by External VP Sliwinski
      1. Question of why people wouldn’t be aware of the existing grievance policy: Issue of wording and need for clarification
      2. Internal Research committee will be working on survey
      3. Question of whether or not there is an undergraduate version: The student code of conduct is more the issue here; graduate students are students and employees
      4. Question of whether or not Bill of Rights exists: NO
      5. Question as to what the goal is: Passing something through Faculty Senate to be University recognized
      6. Question of whether or not LA Reps can provide feedback: Yes
      7. Also passed unanimously
   4. Resolution SP2014-15-05 – Introduced by External VP Sliwinski
      1. Question as to how this compares with other peer institutions: We do not know at present
      2. Clarification of what we would seek to be including: Simply an additional line about where to find this
      3. Question about why this information should be included: The letter of offer is the contract between the graduate student and the institution
      4. Ignacio voiced support the importance of the inclusion of such information on the offer letters; it is a contract especially if you feel rights are being violated
      5. Joey Dante voiced concern that it does not seem beneficial, does seem bizarre
      6. Ignacio countered that increasing the knowledge gap is what is important; similar to the policies stated within the syllabus (i.e., non-discrimination and students with disabilities)
      7. Kofi Britwum suggested Bill of Rights and grievance policy need to be a seamless document and effort: Agree
      8. Max Twedt inquired if this information also covered students with disabilities
      9. Jane Stentz inquired if there were minimum requirements across departments: The reality is there are; We are trying to solidify more concrete understanding of the resources out there for all, put this information in letter front and center
      10. Passed with 1 vote of opposition
9. Open Discussion
   1. Latino/a Graduate Student Association: President Janice Castro
      1. LGSA seeks to provide a community of Latino/a graduate students
      2. Goals include increasing recruitment and overall retention of Latino graduate students; thus providing academic enrichment to UNL
      3. Networking reception on February 20th in the Ubuntu Room at 5pm to learn more about LGSA
      4. If interested, contact President Walker who will get you in contact with LGSA President Castro
   2. Nebraska Educator – A Student-Led Journal: Jeff Beavers
      1. Peer-reviewed journal for all students on campus; only 1 year old
      2. Seeks to bring in articles and publications from students; even from other institutions; desirable it would be education-related and graduate students are prime audience
      3. Jeff Beavers sent out handout
      4. If you have a paper or people within your graduate network with some work related to the field of education; encourage them / you all to apply
      5. “Education-related” is quite a diverse topic and feel free to interpret it as you will
      6. Question as to whether or not it is indexed and searchable database: YES, UNL digital commons is accessible from various platforms; entirely online journal
      7. It is an annual, yearly publication; keep in mind for every February
      8. Question regarding the incentive for publication and what are the author rights: The incentive for this journal is especially if you want publication experience, a large component is the practice of the publication process, “Get your feet wet”
      9. Question as to who is reviewing this journal: It is graduate student, truly a journal of your peers; anyone is welcome to be an external reviewer; totally blind process and Blackboard certification for reviewer
      10. Question as to how long papers will be available for: Unlimited duration
      11. Deadline is Friday, February 13th
   3. ASUN Student Government Elections
      1. Stick around after the meeting to support those graduate students who are running for ASUN Senate positions to help enact some of the change we have discussed – they require signatures to run
   4. Fee Installment Plan Issue – Ignacio Correas
      1. UNL has contracted with Nelnet (3rd party)
      2. $20 initiation fee (just like late payment, except only 1 time and not each month); this is each semester – still a benefit over the current monthly penalty
      3. Full balance must be paid within 3 months
      4. Contact the office individually for a payment plan or financial aid in the Canfield Administration building
      5. We might be able to work on a 4 month installment plan down the road in the future but it is something to be discussed later
   5. ASUN Voting on Fund A Tomorrow Evening at 6:30pm in Nebraska Heritage Room – Ignacio Correas
      1. Technology fee asked for an increase; large in his opinion
      2. Speak to him about opposing this or learning more about it
   6. Maternity and Paternity Leave Issues – Maggi Sliwinski
      1. It’s something GSA can look into in the future; we’ve received numerous issues recently
      2. Jane Stentz suggested considering short‑term disability for graduate students
10. Announcements
11. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd @ 7pm in Nebraska Union Colonial Room**