

GSA Legislative Assembly Meeting Minutes 11/13/07

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Graduate Student Association (GSA) met on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, in the City Campus Union's Heritage Room. Refreshments were served before the meeting. Attendance included ___ departmental representatives, 7 executive committee members, 1 sponsor, and 0 guests.

Minutes were e-mailed and presented to the LA. Brenda Pracheil, Natural Resources Sciences, moved to approve the minutes, Tami Burnett, English, seconded, and the motion passed. All officer and committee reports were presented; there was no discussion.

Department of Graduate Studies Presentation

- Graduate Studies Representative Michelle Howell Smith spoke to the group about resources available to graduate students, specifically Graduate Student Connections.
- Graduate Studies Representative Erin Paseka updated the Graduate Studies Website and briefly reviewed its new capabilities: www.unl.edu/gradstudies.
- Graduate students should submit requests and suggestions concerning information available for graduate students through newsletters and the website to the Department of Graduate Studies.

New Business

- Confirmation of new Vice Chair of Information Avery Paulson
 - Ashley Barnett, Anthropology & Geology, moved to approve Paulson as the new Vice Chair of Information. Aubrey Fowler, Marketing, seconded the motion, and discussion was opened. Aubrey Fowler requested Paulson brief the group on his qualifications. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Proposal 11.1.07: GSA Calls to Initiate Campus-Level, Competitive Travel and Research Grants
 - Brenda Pracheil, Natural Resource Sciences, moved to approve the Proposal, Tamy Burnett, English, seconded the motion, and discussion was opened. Executive Chair Amber Epp, Proposal Co-writer, overviewed the description.
 - Tamy Burnett, English, moved to amend the motion by adding the phrase – “Whereas many disciplines require conference travel associated with the academic job search and funds are limited or unavailable, and”
 - Melissa Samuelson, Political Science, moved to approve the amendment, Erica Larsen, Art & Art History, seconded the amendment, and the it unanimously passed amongst the LA.
 - Aubrey Fowler, Marketing, moved to amend the motion by adding the phrase – “At a minimum of two representatives”
 - Tamy Burnett, English, moved to approve the amendment, Sarah Vanness, Animal Science, seconded the amendment, and the motion passed.
 - The amended motion was passed unanimously by the LA.

Announcements

- Leslie Martinez, Diversity Committee Chair, discussed potential events to hold to advocate diversity issues.
 - Film nights, discussions at various venues, potluck meals
 - Collaborative – brown bag series with Women Studies, Ethnic Studies, current events, etc.
- Erica Larsen, Art & Art History – open studio on Friday
- Psychology – graduate student Dec 5th, Burnett 107 – PhD candidate speaking
- Sunita Gupta, Social Committee Interim Chair – events planned through March 2008; please distribute flyers and attend events!
- Lindsay Buford – meeting with committee chairs after meeting
- Tamy Burnett, English, moved to adjourn, _____, seconded, and the motion passed. Executive Chair Amber Epp closed the meeting at 7:02 pm. The next Legislative Assembly meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2007, at 6pm in the City Campus Union.

Minutes submitted by Karaline Poovey & Avery Paulson, VC's of Information.