

## GSA Legislative Assembly Meeting Minutes 9/15/09

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Graduate Student Association (GSA) met on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, in the City Campus Union. Pizza was served before and during the meeting.

Orientation packets were given to all Legislative Assembly (LA) members as a guide for joining GSA. Packets included various items: Robert's Rules of Order, meeting times, officer roles, and a welcome letter.

- Executive Chair, Avery Paulson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 pm.
  - Avery started with brief introductions of GSA organizations and the importance of LA representatives to UNL departments. In addition, the group quickly discussed the format of the meetings, times, dates, and place.
- Executive Officers introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their role.
  - Executive Chair- Avery Paulson, PhD Student, Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences
  - Vice Chair of Internal Affairs- Candice Behrmann, Graduate Student, School of Music
  - Vice Chair of Public Relations- Laura Lynch, PhD Student, Mathematics
  - Vice Chair of External Affairs- Tareq Tawaiha, PhD Student, Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education
  - Vice Chair of Legislative Affairs- Eric Hung, PhD Student, Natural Resources
  - Vice Chair of Finance- Shannon Cummins, PhD Student, Marketing
  - Vice Chair of Information- Sharon Zumbrunn, PhD Student, Educational Psychology
- Sign-up sheets were passed around the group for committee chairs and members. The final lists will be available on the web as soon as possible.
- Old Business-
  - Changes to be made to the GSA Constitution:
    - How the constitution is amended
    - How the constitution is ratified
    - Addition of GSAW Committee and Historian Executive Committee Chairs
    - Possibility of changing the number of representatives each department holds
      - Possibility: # Representatives = # Degree Programs
    - By-laws: there are currently unlisted committees
  - LA Reps were asked to review the constitution and come up with other ideas or changes.
- New Business-
  - Open Access Week with the Library
    - Needs representatives that will likely come from the Academic Affairs Committee
  - Campus Wellness Committee
    - ASUN Representative will join us at the October LA meeting to provide more information.
  - NAGPS National Conference: "Building a Strong GSA"
    - November 15 – 18<sup>th</sup> (11/14 Pre-Conference Workshop)
    - Venues for the conference are set.
    - Avery will make the calendar of events available soon.
    - Several volunteers are needed for the events. Volunteers will receive free T-shirts.
    - \$500 available to spend. We would like to allow the first 5 people to go to events in return for volunteering.
- Katie Wilson motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Tim Rieke.

The next Legislative Assembly meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2008, at 6pm in the City Campus Union. Food will be served. Minutes submitted by Sharon Zumbrunn.