

UNL-GSA Legislative Assembly Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2010

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of September Meeting Minutes
3. Summary of Committee Reports
 - a) Open Access week, October 18-24 brought to you by GSA, ASUN, and Libraries. Contest with emails (cc openaccess@unl.edu for entries) to professors asking that they participate in Open Access by putting their research on the Digital Commons. Anyone can put their articles up on Digital Commons—professors, graduate students, even undergraduates! Doing so makes your work freely available online to anyone in the world it's even indexed by google!
 - b) T-shirts! We are going to make and sell “graduate student” t-shirts. We'll be holding a design contest in the future—watch out for it.
 - c) PLEASE JOIN/LIKE OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!!! It does all the same stuff as our group, inc. discussions about carpooling, etc., but now allows access to UNL students who are not (or not yet) part of the UNL network on facebook. (Duplicate info in GSA website, working on Next@NE and other UNL information dissemination routes, but many are tied to MyRed so may be experiencing similar issues.) We encourage everyone to join our page and help us publicize it! The name of our facebook page is “University of Nebraksa - Lincoln Graduate Student Association (UNL-GSA)”. The link is: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/University-of-Nebraksa-Lincoln-Graduate-Student-Association-UNL-GSA/115633095159438>
 - d) Fall Fest on October 16th at Roca Berry Farm! noon-5pm
 - e) October's ethics meeting is the 25th and will be on responsible research—a very timely subject given the new requirements in coursework for graduate students.
 - f) Looking for more committee members for 4 committees: Constitution, Elections, Finance, and GSAW.
 - g) Please fill out the Travel Funding Survey (you received a link to it in a recent email) by October 20. For more information, contact Emile Salame (emile_jsalame@hotmail.com).
4. Special Elections
 - a) Vice Chair of Information
 - i. Candidate: Jared Leighton, History
Candidate: Jared McEntaffer, Economics
 - ii. Questions for the candidates, followed by closed discussion.
 - iii. New Vice-Chair of Information is Jared McEntaffer, Economics.
 - b) City Campus Representative
 - i. Candidate: Brandon Locke, History

- ii. Candidate was not present. Discussion ensued regarding LA responsibilities and voting rights regarding presence during business meetings.
 - iii. Motion to postpone this vote by Andrew Brown. Vote seconded and passed with plurality.
 - iv. More information to be gathered (qualifications & any questions re: scheduling) before next meeting.
- 5. New Business
 - a) Motion passed to table Campus Wellness Resolution until after the Campus Wellness Presentation
- 6. Announcements
 - a) Fall Festival at Roca Berry Farms: Saturday, October 16, 12-5pm
 - b) Open Access Week: October 18-24
 - c) Ethics Discussion Lunch on “Encouraging Responsible Conduct of Research” at City Campus Union: Monday, October 25, 12:30-1:30pm
 - d) Fullbright Scholars Dinner: Friday, October 22, please contact Sylvia Jons (sylvia.jons@gmail.com) to sign up to host or for more information
- 7. Open Forum
 - a) LJ McElravy, Campus Wellness Committee
 - i. Presentation on need for upcoming referendum to increase student fees (eventually by \$59 per year) to rebuild/renovate the east/city campus rec centers.
 - ii. Use of UNL rec centers
 - iii. Problems with East “Activities Center” (by code cannot be called rec center) including no air/heat regulation, asbestos, and non-ADA-accessible/compliant
 - iv. Problems with City Rec Center including long lines, no space for people and equipment, and nowhere to go as outside is surrounded
 - v. Historically: 2nd largest, now LOW on the list of Big 12
 - vi. March 2009 ref failed by 4 votes, 2010 ref proposal cuts estimated cost
 - vii. Presentation on proposed layouts, emphasis on future expansion if trends and Big 10 go as planned, Outdoor O & Bikeshop, etc.
 - viii. Projected Timelines, 3 phases, Fall 2011- Spring 2014
 - ix. Proposed Costs—total and per student fee increases
- 8. New Business Revisited
 - a) Resolution 10.12.10 on Campus Wellness to show GSA support of the campus wellness referendum passed with 13 for, 3 against, 3 abstained.
- 9. Adjourn