

GSA Legislative Assembly Meeting Minutes 4/13/10

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Graduate Student Association (GSA) met on Tuesday, April 13th, 2010, in the East Campus Union. Pasta and salad was served before and during the meeting.

- Minutes from the October LA Meeting were approved.
- Elections for 2010-2011 Campus Representatives
 - East Campus Representatives: Eric Hunt, Jane Okalebo, Jillian McCarthy, Trisha Funk and Kelly Schussler
 - City Campus Representatives: Ela Celikbas and Saadla Bihmidine (3 positions remain open – those interested should contact a GSA officer)
- Presentation of Resolution 04.12.10 (Fee Deferment Resolution) stating GSA's support for a policy allowing graduate students on all assistantships and fellowships to have the same one month fee deferment. Questions were answered and all members unanimously voted to pass the resolution.
- Presentation on Regional NAGPS/Big XII Student Leaders Conference: Emile Salame's report to come soon.
 - Highlights:
 - Ahead of the game: celebrating Graduate Student Appreciation Week
 - "Middle" of the game: childcare for graduate students and career services
 - "Behind" the game: student travel funds (we're one of the only Big XII schools that doesn't get travel funds from fees), and library hours and services
- Awards
 - Outstanding GSA Committee Chair: Emile Salame
 - Outstanding GSA Member: Aleksandra Stein and Katie Cook-Wilson
 - Laura Lynch recognized for her tremendous efforts in the success of the Graduate Student Association this year.
- Graduate Student Appreciation Week
 - Events planned for the entire week
- Book Drive
 - Earned approximately \$400 from last year's book drive
 - Idea from Exec Committee: Keep a portion of the books to sell ourselves (e.g., on Amazon, etc.), and send the rest to charity. No objections from LA members.
- GSA Flyers: to raise awareness about GSA and ask for graduate student questions and suggestions.
 - We're asking graduate students to post flyers throughout the grad departments on campus.
- Announcements
 - Michelle Howell-Smith thanked LA members for their help in recruiting for the Grad Student Research Fair
 - Aleksandra Stein asks all LA members to let her know potential LA member department vacancies/new members, etc.

This was the final Legislative Assembly meeting scheduled for the 2009-2010 academic year. Minutes submitted by Sharon Zumbrunn.