

## GSA Legislative Assembly Meeting Minutes 2/9/10

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Graduate Student Association (GSA) met on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, in the City Campus Union. Dinner was served before and during the meeting.

- January minutes were approved.
- Presentation: Neal Bryan, Associate Director of Graduate School and Postdoctoral Development, “Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research”
  - Research ethics training (brief) will likely be required of all undergraduate (UCARE and students working on grants), graduate students and post-docs in departments with NSF funding by Fall, 2010.
  - More information soon to come.
  - Questions? Contact Neal Bryan (nbryan2@unl.edu).
- Presentation: Anil Lodhia, Chair of ASUN Committee for Fee Allocation, “Graduate Student Fees”
  - Fee Users will be changed for next academic year:
    - 1 to 6 credit hours: \$252.70
    - 7 or more credit hours: \$448.10
      - ASUN Government (2 Full Time Attorneys, The Big Event, 475-RIDE)
      - Daily & Daily(ER) Nebraskan
      - Lied Center (50% Discount for All Performances, Arts for All Program)
      - University Program Council (Student oriented programs – movies, forums, concerts)
      - University Facility Fees
        - Campus Rec
        - Nebraska Unions
        - Transit Services
        - University Health Center
        - Debt Service on Facilities
        - Contingency
      - These fees DO NOT cover (separate fees):
        - Library Fees
        - Technology Fees
        - Parking Fees
        - Academic Fees Concerning College/Department
    - ASUN cannot fund travel or research grants/fees
      - However, we are the ONLY Big 12 institution that does not provide campus-wide travel and research grants.
      - Perhaps we should approach administrators responsible for the research money coming into the University.
      - We should continue trying – continue to inform University officials that this is still an issue.
    - ASUN recognizes that ALL students need more information about where student fees are spent.
    - Questions or concerns, contact Anil Lodhia (alodhia@huskers.unl.edu)
- GSA Elections for 2010-2011 Executive Committee Positions:
  - Executive Chair: Laura Lynch
  - VC of Internal Affairs: Emile Salame
  - VC of External Affairs: VACANT
  - VC of Finance: Bethany Murray
  - VC of Representation: Aleksandra Stein
  - VC of Social Events: Katie Wilson
  - VC of GSAW: Ashley Krause
  - VC of Legislative Affairs: Eric Montgomery
  - VC of Information: Paul Breitreutz

- Resolution 2.9.10 on Family and Medical Leave
  - Committee met and discussed what already exists. No mechanism for absence leave for graduate students was found. Will meet with Graduate Studies later this month.
  - Resolution calls for the University to offer graduate students family/medical leave similar to what is offered to other university employees, both full- and part-time.
  - Resolution passed unanimously by LA members.
  
- Announcements:
  - ASUN Elections Debate (Sponsored by GSA)
    - City Campus Union Auditorium on Tuesday, February 16 (5:30-6:30pm)
  - Relay for Life
    - GSA hopes to assemble a team to benefit the American Cancer Association
    - March 27<sup>th</sup> (6am – 6 pm: you don't need to stay for the entire time)
    - Interested? Contact Katie Wilson
  - The Big Event
    - Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>
    - Free Food
    - Interested in Volunteering? Sign up online or contact Katie Wilson
  - GSAW
    - April 12 – 16, 2010
    - Schedule tentatively set (available online)
    - Events for 5 days
    - Please contact Emile with nominations for graduate student of the year, graduate student association of the year, or faculty member of the year.
    - Also contact Emile if you are interested in participating in the talent show or if you have ideas for events or speakers.
  
- Open Forum
  - Free Ice Skating
    - Feb 21, 2010 (9:00 – 11:30 at the Ice Box)
  - ASUN Election
    - Presentation by Fusion Coalition

The next Legislative Assembly meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2010 at 6pm in the City Campus Union. Food will be served. Minutes submitted by Sharon Zumbrunn.