

**GSA Legislative Assembly Meeting
Minutes 1/19/10**

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Graduate Student Association (GSA) met on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, in the City Campus Union. Pizza was served before and during the meeting.

- Minutes from our last meeting were approved by the LA members.
- The GSA Constitution and By-Laws were ratified.
 - Major changes included:
 - The date of officer elections was changed from the third to the second LA meeting of the spring semester.
 - Due to the current impractical procedures, the way in which the constitution can be amended was changed.
 - Three new Vice Chair positions were created:
 - Vice Chair of Social Events
 - Vice Chair of Representation
 - Vice Chair of the Graduate Student Appreciation Week
 - Positions of Campus Representatives were created (5 for City and 5 for East Campuses):
 - Campus Reps will be required to serve on a committee. Reps will also be asked to help recruit more LA members from campus departments.
- Officer elections took place.
 - Vice Chair of Representation: Aleksandra Stein
 - Vice Chair of Social Events: Katie Cook-Wilson
 - Vice Chair of the Graduate Student Appreciation Week: Emile Salame
- Steve Swartzter, Assistant Director of the Center for the Teaching and Study of Applied Ethics at UNL spoke to LA members.
 - Opportunity for graduate students: Brown-Bag Lunch Sessions covering unique ethical challenges that graduate students face.
 - Avery Hall 345 (Lounge): Monday, January 25th, from 12:30-1:30 “Facebook Privacy and Whistle Blowing”
- Leslie Martinez presented the survey results from the 2009 Graduate Student Needs Assessment Survey:
 - Concerns:
 - Fees (Rec Center, etc.)
 - Distance Education Concerns (advisor relationships, access to GSA, fees)
 - Parking (safety, pricing, availability after hours)
 - Graduate Student Rights (workload, advisor relationships, wages)
 - Family & Women’s Health Concerns (annual exams, pregnancy, maternity leave, childcare, health insurance)
 - International Student Concerns (web site, working off-campus, family concerns)
 - GSA Committee (events and achievements)
 - GSA Events (more networking and collaboration opportunities)
 - ASUN (representation, fees, and awareness of services)
 - Addressing the Concerns
 - Use GSA committees to continue discussions with the Health Center
 - Continue participation in university-wide committees (e.g., parking: evening/weekend only passes)
 - Make a greater effort to recognize graduate student diversity (program, location, family status, nationality, age, campus, etc.)
 - Widely advertise GSA achievements (e.g., LA REPS!!!)
 - GSA Workshops
 - Opting out of fees or reorganizing programs to be more applicable (e.g., car escorts, etc.)
- Better World Books were packed and shipped with the help of LA members!