

GSA Legislative Assembly Meeting Minutes 10/9/07

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Graduate Student Association (GSA) met on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, in the City Campus Union's Regency Room A. Refreshments were served before the meeting. Attendance included 37 departmental representatives, 5 executive committee members, 1 sponsor, and 2 guests.

Minutes were presented and approved by the group. All officer and committee reports were presented; there was no discussion. VC Finance Frank Moore presented and discussed the proposed 2007-2008 Budget. Tamy Burnett, English, moved to approve the presented budget, Charles Gilkey, Philosophy, seconded the motion, and the floor was opened for discussion. Charles Gilkey, Philosophy, moved to close discussion, Sarah Vanness, Animal Science, seconded, and discussion was closed. Motion to approve the budget passed unanimously.

Announcements

VC of Information Karaline Poovey announced her resignation in November. She briefly covered her duties, and encouraged members to begin nominations. VC of Legislative Affairs Lee Dunham discussed procedures for elections. Nominations will be open until the November LA meeting, at which time the election will take place.

Amber Epp asked for discussion to vote on NAGPS issues. Discussion was held, and the consensus was for the Executive Committee to vote on issues and if there are any discrepancies, the issue will be brought to the LA.

There are currently three open slots for LA members to attend the national NAGPS conference. Dean Ellen Weissinger will fund three LA members for the conference, pending they are members that will be a member of the LA through at least May 2009.

The campus-wide Parking Committee currently has a position opening. GSA Sponsor Milford Hanna, who is also the head of this committee, covered the duties of the position and the committee.

VC of Internal Affairs Lindsay Burford notified committee chairs of a mandatory meeting after LA meeting tonight.

VC of Public Relations Sunita Gupta is currently updating the website and listservs. All members should check with her tonight to ensure all LA members are listed on the website and both listservs. She also requested LA members to post flyers for events & send information to their appropriate departments via departmental listservs.

Aubrey Fowler, Marketing, requested the group begin giving kudos, as was done at the end of LA meetings in the spring. The first kudos went to Amber Epp, who recently had an article accepted by a major marketing journal.

Sarah Vanness, Animal Science, suggested the LA continue with the graduate student yellow pages idea. Her landlord offered to pay \$75-100 for a listing!

Dean Ellen Weissinger reported on a recent Dean's meeting over family issues. She suggested working further on affordable child care, spouse/dependent health insurance, family/university housing, and medical leave issues. She will continue to work with the Quality of Life committee on family issues.

Sunita Gupta reported for the Social events committee. Upcoming events include: dance lessons at Sur Tango, Valentino's subsidized dinner, volleyball with subs & Pepsi, coordinated departmental/GSA Happy Hours. Members of departments with Happy Hours should e-mail Tim Husen, Entomology, with that information.

Brenda Pracheil, Natural Resource Sciences, moved to adjourn, Charles Gilkey, Philosophy, seconded, and the motion passed. Executive Chair Amber Epp closed the meeting at 7pm. The next Legislative Assembly meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2007, at 6pm in the City Campus Union.

Minutes submitted by Karaline Poovey, VC of Information.