



# MINUTES

November 1, 2016

Submitted by Executive Vice President Da Silva

## CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Graduate Student Assembly was called to order at 7:01PM on November 1, 2016 in the Nebraska Union. President Correas chaired the meeting and Executive Vice President Da Silva recorded the minutes.

Excused were: Agricultural Economics, Applied Science (Master of), Art, Art, History and Design (School of), Business Administration (Master of/Master of Arts in), Chemistry, Community and Regional Planning (Master of).

Absent were: Actuarial Science (Master of Science in), Anthropology, Applied Science (Master of), Chemistry, Law (College of), Management, Statistics.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the October 4, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

## ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Vice President of Representation Poudel nominated Matthew Guzman (English), Colin McGinnis (Educational Psychology), and Joseph Reed (Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences) to serve as At-Large Representatives. The motion to approve all nominations unanimously carried by voice vote.

## OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers at open forum.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President Correas reported on the reaccreditation meeting he attended during the Higher Learning Commission site visit, provided updates from Graduate Council meetings focusing on the grade appeals process.

Executive Vice President Da Silva further reported on the grade appeals process discussion in the Graduate Council.

Vice President of Student Affairs Rodene reported on his attendance to the Parking Advisory Committee and the Student Affairs Advisory Council meeting. A question followed on the possibility of a parking and transit student fee increased.

Vice President of Representation Poudel provided an attendance report with the meeting materials.

Vice President of Finance Twedt provided a financial statement with the meeting materials.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS



Committee for Professional Development Chair Sliwinski reported on the progress of the Special Projects Grants Program (SPGP) and the upcoming application periods. Chair Sliwinski further reported on GSA participation on NE SciComm, the organization of a student money management seminar, and the ongoing plans for the Midwest Graduate Career Fair. Chair Sliwinski finally reported on her ongoing efforts to distribute a survey to graduate student to assess well-being and professional development. Questions from the floor followed.

## BUSINESS

GSA Bill #13 “A bill allocating funds for a social and networking event” was introduced by Social Events Chair Montanari. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

## STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Standing committee meetings were convened.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

## ADJOURNEMENT

The Graduate Student Assembly meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM by President Correas. The next regular meeting will be at 7:00 PM on December 6, 2016 in the Nebraska Union.