



MINUTES

December 6, 2016
Submitted by Executive Vice President Da Silva

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Graduate Student Assembly was called to order at 7:00 PM on December 6, 2016 in the Nebraska Union. President Correas chaired the meeting and Executive Vice President Da Silva recorded the minutes.

Excused were: Animal Science, Biochemistry, Community and Regional Planning (Master of), Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Matthew Guzman.

Absent were: Actuarial Science (Master of Science in), Agricultural Economics, Applied Science (Master of), Business Administration (Master of/Master of Arts in), Computer Science and Engineering, Natural Resources.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the November 1, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

There were no elections or appointments.

OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers at open forum.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President Correas reported on the success of Special Projects Grants Program and the Graduate Travel Awards Program, as well as the appointment of Dr. Michael Boehm as Vice Chancellor for the IANR.

Executive Vice President Da Silva reported the professional development workshop planned for early 2017, and the success of the GSA Bowling Social.

Vice President of Student Affairs Rodene reported on his work in the Parking Advisory Committee, including the proposed raise of parking fees for home games, as well as the Student Affairs Advisory Council.

Vice President of Representation Poudel was excused. An attendance report was provided with the meeting materials.

Vice President of Finance Twedt had no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



Committee for Diversity and Inclusion Co-Chairs Hyman and Segal started by presenting the core values of the Committee. They reported on the importance of diversity and inclusion at UNL for graduate students and on increasing representation, equality and equity for students on campus. They further reported on the activities organized or supported by the Committee in the past months, including: graduate student surveys, a social justice workshop, a candlelight vigil for the Orlando shooting victims, the Black Lives Matter rally at UNL, and the LGBTQA+ History Month. They reported on their participation in the UNL Diversity Council.

The Committee will work on upcoming events such as the DIY (Diversity, Inclusion, and You) Workshop in the spring, the graduate student/non-traditional student mixer and the What Now: Know Your Rights & Responsibilities workshop. They will also expand on their outreach activities by collaborating with Office of Academic Success and Intercultural Services (OASIS) and the UNL Disability Club.

BUSINESS

GSA Bill #14 “A bill supporting the What Now: Know Your Rights & Responsibilities forum” was introduced by Diversity and Inclusion Chairs Hyman and Segal. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

GSA Bill #15 “A bill endorsing the consensus statement on science informed leadership” was introduced by the President Correas. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

GSA Bill #16 “A bill supporting the appointment of Dr. Michael Boehm as Vice Chancellor for the IANR” was introduced by President Correas. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and carried by voice vote.

GSA Bill #17 “A bill thanking graduate faculty reviewers for the GTAP” was introduced by GTAP Co-Chairs Britwum and Reilly. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The Graduate Student Assembly meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM by President Correas. The next regular meeting will be at 7:00 PM on January 10, 2017 in the Nebraska Union.