



MINUTES

January 10, 2017

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 January 10, 2017 in the Nebraska Union. President Correas chaired the meeting and Executive Vice President Da Silva recorded the minutes.

Excused were: Actuarial Science (Master of Science in); Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication; Anthropology; Art, Art History and Design (School of); Child, Youth and Family Studies; Theater and Film (Johnny Carson School of); Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (School of); Colin McGinnis (Educational Psychology).

Absent were: Agricultural Economics.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Vice President of Representation Poudel nominated Wahiduz Zaman (Mechanical and Materials Engineering) to serve as At-Large Representative. The motion to approve the nomination unanimously carried by voice vote.

OPEN FORUM

Morgan Rezac, External Vice President and member of the ASUN Electoral Commission, informed that the ASUN elections are on March 8, 2017. Seven graduate Senate positions will be elected, as well as the President and Executive Vice President of GSA. There is the option to run independently or to become part of Student Election Group. The application forms must be completed, received and notarized by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. More information can be found in the ASUN Office.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President Correas reported on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee was granted \$500 from the UNL Diversity Council.

Executive Vice President Da Silva had no report.

Vice President of Student Affairs Rodene reported on the decrease of budget request of Parking and Transit services at the CFA meeting.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS



The Co-Chairs of the Committee for Academic Affairs Clausen and Hassanzadeh reported on the goals of this committee. The committee would like to develop a survey related to graduate stipends across the University and make sure to have a better understanding of the factors involved on financial issues related to current funding for graduate students, responsibilities and tasks of graduate student work, stipend sources, personal finances, and demographics with the goal to gather data and provide to the public as an informative statement. The committee compiled this information from other U.S. universities and how it could be compared with UNL. Questions and debate followed.

BUSINESS

GSA Bill #18 “A bill approving the organization of a soft skills workshop” was introduced by Executive Vice President Da Silva. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

GSA Bill #19 “A bill allocating funds for a spring social and networking event” was introduced 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.

GSA Bill #20 “A bill supporting the appointment of Dr. Donde Plowman as Executive Vice Chancellor” was introduced by 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 #21 “A bill suggesting an allocation for 2017-2018 GSA operations” was introduced by 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 #22 “A bill endorsing and allocating funds for the 2017 Spring Career Fair” was introduced by Representative Thompson (Environmental Engineering) on behalf of Professional Development Chair Sliwinski. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The Graduate Student Assembly meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM by President Correas. The next regular meeting will be at 7:00 PM on February 7, 2017 in the Nebraska Union.