



MINUTES

February 7, 2017

Submitted by Executive Vice President Da Silva

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Graduate Student Assembly was called to order at 7:01 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: Agronomy and Horticulture, Business Administration (Master of/Master of Arts in), Economics, Educational Administration, History, Nutrition and Health Sciences, Survey Research and Methodology (Program in), Textiles, Fashion and Merchandising Design, Joe Reed.

Absent were: Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication, Child, Youth and Family Studies, Community and Regional Planning (Master of), Psychology.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the January 10, 2017 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 that next meeting there will be an open forum for the candidates running for GSA President and Executive Vice President for 2017-2018.

Executive Vice President Da Silva reported on the organization of the Soft Skills Workshop.

Vice President of Student Affairs Rodene reported on the Parking Advisory Committee meeting where the budget for next year was approved by CFA and ASUN. A survey was passed around the GSA meeting with the purpose of assessing how many graduate students are currently using on-campus parking, and whether they would be willing to pay for a faculty/staff lot if they could purchase one. The Student Affairs Advisory Council meeting discussed a budget of approximately \$6.5 million for UNL, which could lead to increased tuition in future years, as President Bounds informed at the Legislature. Interviews are currently being conducted for a new Director of the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities. There is also the new Huskers Helping Huskers food pantry, and ASUN President Spencer Hartman requests feedback on the 475-RIDE service and whether students thought it should continue. Questions and debate followed.

Vice President of Representation Poudel announced the attendance statement within the meeting materials.

Vice President of Finance Twedt had no report.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee for Quality of Life reported on the committee's goals related to issues relevant to graduate student. The Committee's projects were: 1) Housing: creating a Web page with housing near City and East Campus; 2) Child care: creating an online resource of child care providers; 3) Health care, transportation, and parking; 4) Expanding the collaboration with the UNL Disability Club and the Student Money Management Center. Questions and debate followed.

BUSINESS

GSA Bill #23 "A bill amending the Special Rules for the Graduate Travel Awards Program" was introduced by Julia Reilly. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

GSA Bill #24 "A bill amending the Special Rules for the Special Projects Grants" was introduced by Chelsea Stehle. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

GSA Bill #25 "A bill approving the Survey on Stipends" was introduced by Daniel Clausen. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

GSA Bill #26 "A bill supporting a rally by the Iranian Student Association" was introduced by Academic Affairs Committee. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

GSA Bill #27 "A bill supporting the event "A Night of Listening" was introduced by Ratcliff. Questions and debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Correas announced the following events organized and/or supported by the GSA: Career Fair Prep Night on February 9, A Night of Listening on February 21, Career Fair Morning Mingle on February 23, Soft Skills Workshop on March 2 and 3. He further announced that he's on the planning committee for the March for Science Lincoln and encouraged everyone to get involved.

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 March 7, 2017 in the Nebraska Union.