



Minutes

Submitted February, 6 of 2018 by VP of Student Affairs Reilly

Executive Vice President Clausen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom, City Union.

CALL TO ORDER

We're not going to call roll today, we're just asking you to come up and grab your name tag, and see what name tags are left to see what wasn't here.

Absences were: Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication, Biomedical Engineering
Excused were: Agronomy and Horticulture, Biological Systems Engineering, Business Administration (Master of/Master of Arts in), Child, Youth and Family Studies, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Economics, English, Food Science and Technology, Journalism and Mass Communications (College of), Natural Resources (School of), Plant Health (Doctor of), Psychology, Special Education and Communication Disorders, Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (School of), At-Large Schacht, At-Large Mware, At-Large Smith.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES Minutes from January 9, 2018

At Large Sotelo: during Tami Strickman's speech, during the question and answer section, I asked a section regarding the ways that UNL Title IX has for evaluating how students are serviced. She said that they haven't established a way of validating that, however they do get feedback from students. That's important to note.

President: do you want us to add that to the meeting minutes?

At Large Sotelo: Please add that Tami Stickman stated that the office of ieq currently has no method for evaluating satisfactory performance although they do get feedback from emails.—get full paragraph from her.

APPOINTMENTS

UNL Academic Integrity Committee -Erica Musgrave (Mathematics)

No objections.

At-large position- Caroline Smith (Food Science and Technology)

No objections

OPEN FORUM (10 minutes)

Guests from NUTech (Mauricio Suarez Director of Liscening, Technology Manager): Thank you for inviting us to talk briefly about who we are and what we do. We'll take a few minutes and we'll give a perspective from a student,



an intern, and a technology manager We are a technology transfer office of UNL. We protect the inventions of faculty and staff and look for commercialization partners to put those inventions out in the marketplace. We negotiate a contract and a licensing agreement and get money. One third of the money goes back to the inventor. We're at NIC, set up as a non profit, controlled by the Board of Regents, and they are all employees of the university. Anytime something is invented at the University, it's disclosed to the office. They assess whether it's patentable and marketable. If so, they patent it and help get it on the market and get profit back to the market. Hire graduate student interns for the assessment process. Was a graduate student in chemistry from 2010-2015, looking for internship opportunities. Operates as a private company within the university, to work well with the outside world with companies. Set up so that he could do lab work, do courses, but get real-world experiences. Learned a very complementary skillset to what you learn in courses or lab work. Currently hiring for that internship position. Lauren Segal is currently an intern. Can e-mail Mauricio or current speaker, happy to talk about the internship, you might have friends who want to apply.

Why do we do what we do?

1. University has an impact by creating knowledge, diffusing knowledge, and creating services and products that aren't out there.
2. NU receives 115 million from government, there are regulations on receiving that money.
3. Obligations from federal government and board of regents on how inventions should be handled.

Lauren Segal: I'm currently an intern. One of the best experiences on campus. Intersection of science, law, and business. Great contacts for non-academic jobs. If you're in STEM, go back to your department and tell people that this opportunity exists.

Mathematics: Rather than writing a letter and having everyone edit it for like 2-3 meetings, I'll write a letter and you can sign if you want. Monday, January 22 inclement weather, bad conditions on campus. Math student on campus hit head, tested for concussion, minor car accidents. Really unsafe day, didn't seem like the university took clearing campus that day very seriously, didn't take preventative measures. Waited until 3-4 pm to cancel classes, until the roads were bad. Important for graduate students because TAs don't have authority to cancel class; only faculty can. A lot of colleagues felt like it targeted it.

Academic Affairs Committee Chair Martin: what's the purpose of the letter?

Mathematics: Objective—individual members want to share evidence of unsafe conditions and implore you to err on the side of caution. "Please don't do this again. If there's a blizzard, please go ahead and cancel classes."

Are there any mention of preventative measures that aren't cancelling classes?

Mathematics: phrased as a what the hell kind of question. Were preventative measures taken?

EXECUTIVE REPORTS (10 minutes)

President Da Silva Executive: As you see, I'm not chairing today. Changes internally to make things move smoother. Creating internal documents, making sure that everything will pass smoothly for the people who take over in April. General elections in March coming to elected President and Elected VP for April and the rest of the term. For everyone interested, you can talk to Marlene. We'll need officers within GSA, VP Representation, Finance, Student Affairs—these elections will happen in April.



Academic Planning Committee is now going over next week, Nebraska Legislation is being discussed, from there, we will see the programs that are being cut throughout the rest of the year. If programs are cut, that will likely still be in April, there will be a public hearing, a long public process to make sure that the programs cut ? End report.

Vice President Clausen: Instituted monthly meetings with Dr. Carr, met last Friday. Most important points of discussion is that Grad Studies is looking to institute TA trainings as a mandatory part of getting a teaching assistantship. Might be something that GSA wants to weigh in on. On agenda for Grad Council meeting are changes to business college curriculum for grad students.

Vice President of Student Affairs Reilly: EVC discussion on mental health.

Vice President of Representation Poudel: Mention something about the excuse form. There is a part of the form that asks for the reason for your absence. This is to help us keep track of the number of absences, if you decide not to answer, please be concise about the reason, you don't have to explain everything in detail.

Vice President of Finance Twedt: Daniel reported on his behalf: the ASUN budget will be voted on in committee this Thursday, on the 21st. Will be voted on finally, and the meeting is public, if you feel strongly about where GSA gets money, please attend meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (10 minutes)

Quality of Life Committee report

Committee Chair Judkins: Hope you had a chance to enjoy coffee and cookies with the first coffee hour partnered with Diversity and Inclusion. Working on setting up chair massages for the next one.

Committee Members introduction.

Mission is pretty loosely defined—improving quality of life for UNL graduate and professional students.

Achievements: Successful HuskerOUT campaigns—tax waiver is a quality of life issue

First Coffee Hour with Diversity and Inclusion

Representation on UHC board

Debauch on graduate students not having information available to graduate students

Creating a task force on Health Communication Insurance—there will be a graduate student on that task force. It will begin in June. It's at least a seat at the table.

Next Steps:

Awareness Campaign—ASUN information on academic rights on campus. Grad Students don't always know what resources are available, there were some better mental health services available on campus. Therapy group focusing on graduate students doing research—do better broadcasting.

2 more coffee hours with 2 more committees.



Parking and Safety Climate Survey

- Intent is to assess the climate of the campus right now and if we find issues, then we'll be able to attend to those issues

#HuskerOUT 3.0: #metoo at UNL with VP Reilly

- If this is something you're interested in, reach out to us
- Want to keep the brand focusing on other issues

Diversity and Inclusion Co-Chair Gupta: on behalf of diversity and inclusion, thanks for a successful first coffee hour

Professional Development in March

Academic Affairs in April

BUSINESS (20 minutes)

Bill #21 University State Funding Advocacy

No questions

Debate:

- Depending on the result of the legislative meeting, the budget cuts will be pretty devastating
- Cuts will include personnel cuts

Called the question

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

Bill #22 A Resolution Apologizing to Eric Rodene

Academic Affairs Co-Chair Martin: This is in reference to our first meeting of the year, when there was a special circumstances in an election for EVP. Purpose is to be honest and transparent about what happened as an assembly, now want to focus on the future and do better and create an environment where the political process isn't so damning to individuals. Pass the mike to Eric

Quality of Life Co-Chair Rodene: I've been very emotionally hurt by what I've been told happened in the meeting and I'm disappointed that this happened by the president. Address accusations from the president

- Focus on parking wasn't self-interested—I have never had a parking pass. I take the bus. For the sake.
- Actions in ASUN: nothing someone does as ASUN senator has anything to do with what they do in GSA and isn't part of the GSA process. If I had done something wrong, I would have been disciplined, and I wasn't. It's up to the organization to punish people, not the GSA.
- Last spring, Ignacio ran the Surge campaign invited him to run as Senator and encouraged him to seek a position in CFA.
- Nacho said that I am more reactive than proactive—I was kept out of the loop and not included in discussions. He chose to ignore me and anything I might propose. For example, in the parking survey conducted last spring, and he only grudgingly allowed me to do that because he didn't see any merit to it. He shot down a proposal on the publication of inter-departmental opportunities.
- Anything that benefits graduate students in general can be seen as self-interest.



- Ignacio's actions have taken an enormous emotional toll. I have lived in constant fear that none of my projects will be supported in the future, that some overly zealous assembly member will try to seek impeachment over what was said.
- GSA was like my home. This term, I've felt betrayed, that I'm no longer welcome in my own home, and that I've been excluded from the graduate student community.
- This election's mishandling has resulted in a great deal of miscommunication among the executive committee, and a toxic environment for GSA as a whole.
- We don't want the election to degenerate into a screaming match. We are students, we are not career politicians.
- I'm disturbed at how new GSA members accepted Nacho's statements without question.
- Abuse of his former position as president. If I had done something wrong, why weren't there proceedings against me in the past.
- It stifled the democratic process, it's a bad message to be sending ahead of elections.
- What Ignacio Correas did was morally reprehensible and started the term off on a sour note.
- Ensure that Nacho's actions never occur again.

EVP Clausen: we owe Nacho the courtesy that he didn't show Eric.

Mathematics: What rule are we going to create to make sure this doesn't happen again?

Academic Affairs Co-Chair Martin: In an election, you should be able to say anything you want. The way it's said, and the context in which it's said. Want to promote a better atmosphere in GSA in the future. We're all students, none of us are practiced politicians.

Department Rep: I wasn't there, I hope it's not a sign of disrespect if I abstain.

Academic Affairs Co-Chair Martin: it's not a sign of disrespect to abstain from the bill.

Department Rep: Why now? Didn't this happen in September?

Academic Affairs Co-Chair Martin: A lot of the beginning of the year.

VPSA Reilly: we tried to handle this recently and we just thought of this measure

Sociology: Whose job is it to censure?

Academic Affairs Co-Chair Martin: Chelsea spoke up to censure it, and it should have been the job of the former president.

Quality of Life Co-Chair Rodene: Robert's Rules of order are set up to deal with this. We weren't trying to make the meeting disorderly by your words or actions. Quotes Roberts Rules on disorderly words.

Bill of Rights Co-Chair Segal: for those who weren't here during the first meeting, this bill is to represent the fact that the GSA doesn't condone bad-mouthing other graduate students. We fought for this in our bill of rights. Things got out of hand. It represents more than what's on the bill, but also acknowledging the fact that Nacho isn't here and he isn't currently the president. What happened had to do with the long-standing history of GSA, that meeting



getting out of hand isn't typical of GSA. There were some claims that more than one person had mentioned and agreed with—it's about the tone that we use, we don't want to censor what someone is saying.

Department Rep: what measure are we discussing to make sure that this doesn't happen again?

VPSA Reilly: making sure the people running the meetings are super well-equipped with Robert's Rules, giving people a chance to answer charges against them after the election.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professional Development Co-Chair Stehle: SciComm 2018—communication conference run by the biological science department. Nescicomm.com. Registration is around \$40, that covers the whole thing

VPSA Reilly: If you go to the march tomorrow, please be careful of graduate-undergraduate student dynamics

Sociology: issues with organization of the march

EVP Clausen: fill out election form

Quality of Life Co-Chair Rodene: want e-mail vote next week on survey

Academic Affairs Co-Chair Ziara: sit with someone who knows research methodology and survey methodology

ADJOURNMENT