



GSA Bill # 3

A bill authorizing the organization of a Coffee Hour for an open discussion on Campus Climate.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) Committee for Diversity and
2 Inclusion, in line with their commitment to support students from throughout the University
3 community including, but not limited to, students from racial and ethnic minorities, international
4 students, women, the LGBTQA+ community, and distance learning students, and to ensure that
5 GSA programming is available and pertinent to the diverse graduate student community,

6 **WHEREAS**, the GSA Committee for Quality of Life successfully organized a monthly
7 coffee hour series during the 2017 – 2018 academic year, providing valuable opportunities for
8 GSA Committees to interact with UNL graduate and professional students.

9 **WHEREAS**, the results of The University of Nebraska System Climate Study were made
10 publicly available on September 13, 2018.

11 **WHEREAS**, in the words of current UNL Chancellor Ronnie Green “It is concerning that
12 (racial climate) ratings from our black students, faculty and staff fell below national averages”,
13 and in the words of current UNL President Hank Bounds “While our racial climate is viewed
14 positively overall, for example, minority groups are less likely to say we’re doing well.”

15 **THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, that the GSA authorizes the Committees of Quality
16 of Life and Diversity and Inclusion to organize and hold the first coffee hour of the 2018-2019
17 academic year on October 25, 2018 in the City Campus Union (Room TBD), to foster an open
18 discussion amongst graduate and professional students on the topic of Diversity and Inclusion:
19 Campus Climate.

20 **THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY ENACTED**, that the GSA allocates up to \$100.00
21 from account 402 (Social and Networking Events) for the purchase of coffee, food, and marketing
22 materials in support of this event.

Submitted by	Chair Diversity and Inclusion Sotelo, Co- chairs Quality of Life Rodene and Sandhu	DATE	09/25/2018
Referred to	Assembly	DATE	09/27/2018
Committee action	Not applicable	DATE	
Floor action		DATE	
Presidential Signature		DATE	