CALL TO ORDER 7:00pm

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 7:00pm
The minutes approved by the majority.

OPEN FORUM
Venn-There will be a Graduate Student Social from 5pm-6:30pm in the heritage room. There will be pictures and food and prizes. It is hosted by ISSO.

President Rodene (gsa@unl.edu)
-January 11th will be our first meeting of the new year. There will be zoom options.

Executive Vice President Donesky (vicepresidentgsa@unl.edu)
- Fee allocation survey is due by December 10. Please fill it out.
- There is a new attendance policy. Review it and let Donesky or Rodene know if you have concerns. Taking care of dependents is an okay reason to miss class. And there is a new snow day policy.
- We will try and slow down our meeting proceedings. If you have a question or need us to slow down turn your placard on its side.
- During January faculty and staff will be around but there will not be regular classes. Use this time to get your questions answered!
- Austin will send out fee surveys again this evening.

Vice President of Student Affairs Mowat (vpstudentaffairsgsa@unl.edu)
- no report

Vice President of Representation Jemkur (vprepresentationgsa@unl.edu)
- Zoom accommodations available, email Venn
- At-large representatives, also apply to Venn

Vice President of Finance Herzfeld (vpfinancegsa@unl.edu)
- no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Academic affairs (academicaffairsgsa@unl.edu)
- no report
Communications (communicationsgsa@unl.edu)
- no report
D&I (diversityinclusiongsa@unl.edu)
- Had a meeting last week.
- Disability survey is coming out soon.
GTAP (gtap@unl.edu)
- Applications are open. Please apply soon if this is something you are interested in.
Pro Dev (prodev@unl.edu, spgp@unl.edu)
- Grad studies are willing to support the formation of a workshop hosted by GSA and help find speakers.
- Fill out the survey from Grad Studies on professional develop.
- Grad studies is willing to share the survey results with us when they get them.
Quality of Life (qualityoflifegsa@unl.edu)
- Gathering information on CAPS and health care
- Phillip’s opinion is that the issue with CAPS is an issue with funding and thus a lack of councilors
- Health care: they talking to Amy Grindstaf and Megan Bednar. They are working to make sure UNL is competitive with other universities and our health care matches the money they have.
- The committee is also comparing our health care with other Midwest universities.
Social
- No report
External Committee Reports
- No External Committee reports

NEW BUSINESS
GSA Bill #2- Town Hall bill
Donesky gave background on last year’s town hall. This bill lets us plan a town hall this year. The bill will be about both covid and other concerns. The town hall will be on zoom again this year. Question-What other topics? Answer- any questions you have. No question is off limits. Question-When? Around Spring break. Need to provide the questions to the answering parties ahead of time so they can give us good answers.

Two friendly amendments

GSA Bill #2 Passed 7:19pm

Motion by Talhah, D&I Co-Chair to put Emergency GSA Bill #3 on the agenda Seconded by Special Education and Communications Disorder rep.

Motion Passed 7:21pm

GSA Bill #3-Support of UNL’s Journey for Anti-Racism and Talhah gave background, ASUN also put forward a bill on this topic and it was past.
Questions:
Q-What type of support? A-Just the bill.
Q-How will we let people know we support this beyond just passing the bill? A-Facebook, communications email, Weekly email that goes out.
Q-How could we build upon this bill? Or show support? A- send the email out. One way would be through our external committee reps. We can keep thinking of way in the future.
Suggestion-We could put out a statement on the ASUN Instagram.
Q-Should we email the governor or a newspaper? What can the governor do? A-Andrew is not sure where the governor fits with the board of regents and the board of regents is in charge of the UN system.
Q-Is there a benefit to passing this bill? A-D&I thinks it is important to stand for things and to join ASUN as standing for diversity and inclusion as a united front. Staying silent lets people make up their own minds about what GSA stands for.
Q-management: supports the idea but is worried that people do not know what is in plan that has been put out. A-faculty senate is trying to include D&I in curriculum. Without the plan this may not happen. The plan is a public document and is now on teams.
Statement: ASUN passed a bill last week. This ASUN Bill #12 was read.
Discussion: Amanda supports the bill

Vote: all in favor with one abstain
Bill #3 passed 7:50pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS
   Donesky-Is anyone graduating? Venn is!
   Teams is up and everyone should be added.

ADJOURNMENT
   Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm