GSA Legislative Assembly Meeting

Minutes 3/8/11

What follows are the official minutes of the March meeting of the UNL GSA LA. The meeting was held March 8th 2011 in the city campus union.

Call to order 6:38 pm

The minutes from last month’s meeting were approved unanimously.

Grant moved to change the order of agenda moving the open forum to the first part of the meeting. the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

1. Eric Eager the grad student ASUN rep to the CFA announced fees have been reduced by $11.80 per semester. Services will not be reduced for example summer transit services will continue. Given the $22 increase in fees voted for by students for health center fees net increase $10.20. There is another open grad student position. Elections for grad student senate tomorrow. Eric advised that there are five open seats in student senate for grad students.

2. Prabhakar Shrestha – grad student recycling coordinator for university
   a. Chancellors commission on sustainability. Weeklong event April 18-22 for Earth Week. final day plant almost 50 trees. Monday and Tuesday a documentary about science and climate change. Thursday panel on sustainability.
   b. Prabhakar spoke on behalf of a resolution that the LA would consider later that would encourage the University to institute an Office of Sustainability to coordinate recycling efforts on campus.
   c. Prabhakar spoke to the LA about recycling efforts surrounding UNL football games. The spring game is approaching. ASUN wants to do it a plastic recycling drive but the university is resisting. Maggi Thorne the facilities coordinator for the university is not on board. Currently ROTC comes in and cleans up the arena but does not recycle any materials Prabhakar says that they are approaching ROTC to see if it is possible to encourage them to change their practices.

3. Quality of Life committee – Brainstorming session for student rights bill of rights and responsibilities. A signup sheet was passed around so that those who wished to participate could get involved in influencing the drafting process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. Chair - outlined meeting with Ellen Wiessinger
   a. travel funds – meeting with deans council will present findings. Potentially get deans to form campus wide fund for travel.
2. GSAW – outlined events. check Blackboard and Facebook for most recent info
3. Social events – Thursday free dance lessons (swing) at Del Ray. Ethics seminar (job market ethics) end month on east campus. Chipotle bike ride last day of month grads students only REGISTER EARLY. register on the website unl.edu\gsa

OLD BUSINESS

• Resolution 12.15.10
  o The Resolution has been reworked since December with stronger wording. The resolution shows GSA support for recycling at department level and also for encouraging the Office of the Chancellor to institute an office of sustainability
  o L J moved that the first Therefore statement include “, including the athletic department,” Seconded … motion Passed unanimously
  o lj moved that we vote. Seconded. Passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

• resolution 3.8.11
  o Resolution to form a committee to explore how GSA might evolve given that we are joining the big ten. The committee would look at our internal structure and also look at campus wide committees and departmental relationships that might need to be reevaluated.
  o ASUN has shown some interest in participating in this as well so that both organizations move together
  o Motion to approve. Seconded. passed unanimously

ELECTIONS

• campus reps for rest of this year
• reps for next year
• show of hands … unanimously elected for this year and next

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed unanimously