Graduate Student Association
Legislative Assembly Meeting

Georgian Suite

18 March 2014

Meeting Call to Order: 7:05pm

Executive and Committee Chairs Present:

Executive Chair – Jake Friefeld
Vice-Chair of External Affairs – Chris Gibilisco
Vice-Chair of Internal Affairs – Anh Do
Vice-Chair of Finance – Kat Shultis
Vice-Chair of Representation – Madeline Hoffer
Vice-Chair of Social Events – Curtis Walker

Absent:
Diversity Committee Chair – John Fitzpatrick
Vice-Chair of Legislative Affairs – Brock Rezny
Vice-Chair of Academic Affairs – Jeff Espineli
Vice-Chair of Graduate Student Committee – (vacant)

Minutes

1) Agenda
   • Moved and seconded
   • Agenda approved

2) Administrative Business:
   Graduate Student Appreciation Week
   • April 7-11
   • Therapy puppy: donations – how do we deal with SOFS?
   • How popular are these events last year?
   • Free massages were popular
     o 5-10 minutes at the Rec Center: 2 therapists: 3-5pm Thursday

   Awards
   • Due date: April 15th
   • Fill out nomination form

   GSA Election
   • April 22nd: Brock will handle election
3) Executive and Committee Chair Reports

- **Executive Chair Report – Jacob Friefeld:**
  - The Academic Planning Committee: merger between the Computer & Electrics Engineering (CEEN) (Omaha campus) with Electrical Engineering (UNL) did not occur
  - Chancellor discussed budget deduction process: $4.6 million
    - 3% pay raise for faculty will not occur
    - Administration will also cut down the numbers of staff
  - The Chancellor Strategic Fund
    - Academic Affairs will meet on Thursday (3/20/14)

- **Vice-Chair of External Affairs – Chris Gibilisco:**
  - No new item to report

- **Vice-Chair of Internal Affairs Report – Anh Do:**
  - No new item to report

- **Vice-Chair of Finance – Kat Shultis:**
  - The budget is in good order

- **Vice-Chair of Social Events – Curtis Walker**
  - Trivia at Applebee’s today

- **Vice-Chair of Representation Report – Madeline Hoffer:**
  - No new item to report

4) Open Forum

- **Question about GSA fund for traveling**
  - GSA started a fund to attend conferences, but it is run by Academic Affairs
  - It is limited to Ph.D students & those seeking terminal degrees
  - The department has to request it through Graduate Studies

- **Question about the Midwest Career Fair**
  - Mainly from Creighton and UNMC
  - 1 pharmaceutical vendor
  - Snow storm, busy schedules, we did not follow up with vendors
  - Need more UNL participation in the future

- **August Kick-Off Event for graduate students**
  - How to make it more productive?
  - Should we have more events?

5) Adjourn
Meeting ended at 7:22 PM