1. Call to Order / Roll Call
   a. Curtis Walker - Called to order.
   b. Maggi Sliwinski - Announced outline of agenda.
   c. Joe Reed - Roll call: Entered into minutes separately.

2. Approval of the Minutes
   a. Approved by acclamation.

3. Appointments
   Maggi Sliwinski - Introduced and led vote on these appointments.
   a. GSA Executive Committee and Committee Chairs
      i. Chair of Legislative Affairs – Rana Young
         1. Withdrawn from consideration.
      ii. Chair of Academic Affairs – Abdelhasset Hamza
          1. No objections from LA representatives.
   b. Campus Representatives
      i. Salvador Ramirez (East Campus)
         1. Approved by acclamation.
      ii. Negin Kananizade (City Campus)
         1. Approved by acclamation.
   c. New Advisor: Avery Paulson
      i. Former officer several years previously and current staff member. Would like to contribute and provide an additional liaison.
      ii. Q: Can we have many advisors?
         A (Curtis Walker): We can have many. We are getting additional advisors to allow greater faculty contact.
      iii. New advisor approved by acclamation.

4. Old Business
   a. Election of Campus Representatives
      i. Maggi Sliwinski - Still need 2 for East Campus and 4 for City Campus
   b. MSRCF Planning Committee Members
      i. President Walker: Emphasized the importance of this event in terms of accessibility for graduate students due to timing and location (in Omaha).
      ii. Joe Reed - Suggests this is an opportunity for greater involvement by LA reps.
   c. Committee Membership
      i. Joe Reed - Emphasized that this committee assignments are an excellent opportunity for LA representatives to get involved and only require a
single meeting per semester. A great chance to become more familiar with the organization. Please contact Joe Reed for current opportunities.

5. New Business – For Information
   a. Changes to Bylaws and Constitution
      i. Curtis Walker - Debate and vote will be at the next meeting. Please review the proposed changes and be prepared to discuss them at the next meeting.

6. Executive Reports
   a. President – Curtis Walker
      i. Report
         1. Will be meeting with Graduate Council. Additional information in VP Degirolamo’s report.
         2. Please see notes from advisor’s meeting. Entered into record separately.
   b. Internal Vice President – Greg Degirolamo
      i. Report
         1. President Walker and VP Degirolamo will be meeting with the Graduate Council on Thursday.
         2. Graduate Studies Office is proposing a change in how research hours are graded. Currently receive I(ncomplete) for research and writing credits. However, due to federal Department of Education requirements, in-progress credits need to indicate that students are making satisfactory academic progress. GSO would like to faculty to award IP (in-progress) or XP (inadequate progress) for those same hours. Upon completion of project, will be converted.
         3. Please provide President Walker or VP Degirolamo your feedback to improve feedback to GSO.
   c. External Vice President – Maggi Sliwinski
      i. Report
         1. Student Affairs Advisor Council - Will be doing bystander intervention training for sexual assault and harassment.
         2. Tip line for reporting issues with faculty or TAs for inappropriate conduct. Exercise caution and avoid questionable behavior or statements.
3. Parking Advisor Committee - 24/25 will only be stopping at designated stops in the near-future. Please advise your departments about this change.

d. Vice President of Finance – **Kat Shultis**
   i. Report
      1. Statement - Balance is lower than expected. GSO is behind on payment. Yesterday’s balance was $1200 and tomorrow should be ~$3700.
      2. Panera Fundraiser - Big success. 87 tickets and raised a few hundred dollars. Able to repeat this at some point in the near future. Look for an announcement.

e. Vice President of Representation – **Joe Reed**
   i. Report
      1. Increased membership, see a few new faces.
      2. Try to involve new departments or departments which do not have an active representative.

f. Vice President of Information – **Clayton Hanson**
   i. Report
      1. Nothing to report. Minutes will be sent within a couple of days.

g. Chair of Legislative Affairs
   i. Future meetings will follow Roberts Rules.

7. Committee Reports
   a. Quality of Life and Diversity Chair – **Ircik Homstad**
      i. Report
         1. Please add GSA if you use Facebook.
         2. Working to integrate programs into GSA website.

   b. Social Events Chair - **Eric Rodene**
      i. Report
         1. Not in attendance. **Curtis Walker** - Looking to run a mixer in the Haymarket and an outdoor event before the end of October. If you have any interest, please contact Eric.

   c. Graduate Committee Chair – **Taylor Spangler**
      i. Report
         1. Nothing to report.

   d. Academic Affairs Chair
      i. Report
1. No new report.

8. Open Discussion
   a. Q&A
      i. **Q:** Why did the College of Architecture oppose the merger with the College of Art?
         **A:** Opposed primarily due to the different experiences of the deans. Dean of Art does not share an academic background with the Dean of Architecture.
      ii. **Q:** What arguments is the university making in favor of this merger?
          **A:** Primarily a fiscal argument though there was some interest in program consolidation (a super-merger following on the heels of the UNO merger).
   b. Discussion on merger between different colleges and the costs and benefits. No clear resolution, though did discuss some of the connections between engineering departments.
   c. Discussion of I -> IP/XP change. Student consensus seems to reflect that the proposed resolution will benefit students and allow more flexible course scheduling.
      i. **Q:** What about professors who have unrealistic expectations for research credit (publication?)?
         **A:** Suggestion that this be taken to GSO by President Walker about whether we have recourse aside from Student Affairs and our research committees.
      ii. **Maggi Sliwinski** - What do you want out of the GSA? Be ready to answer this next month.

9. Announcements
   a. **Ireik Homstad** - Proposal from the lgbtqa+ center to share a meeting with us.

10. Next Meeting: **Tuesday, November 4th @ 7pm in Nebraska Union Heritage Room**
    a. Adjourned by acclamation.