School of Natural Resources Graduate Student Association

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 1/15/16 at 12pm**

**Items of Business:**

1. Professional Development
   * CV/Resume Workshop
     + February 5th 1pm Hardin 228
     + Bring your CV and Resume to get it looked over by fellow graduate students and a Natural Resource professional.
   * TA Discussions
     + SNR GSA review class – to allow students the opportunity to TA courses they want to/have to.
     + Preference for courses would be given to grad students that have appointments in their scholarships/fellowships.
   * Look at UNL GSA Workshops
     + CV/Resume last week in January

* AWIS Mentor Workshop
  + Women in Science workshop will be given to undergraduate, graduate, faculty, and staff.
* Women in Science Meeting: Feb 4, 1-2, HH 901

1. UNL GSA
   * New Budget approved
   * Voting will occur via myRed
   * Talk to Maggi if interested in open positions
2. Volunteer Opportunities
   * Afterschool STEM “Science Club” Program at Lakeview Elementary.
     + Friday 2:50-4:00
     + Lesson Plans wanted and volunteers
     + Email [snrgsa@unl.edu](mailto:snrgsa@unl.edu) if interested
   * Morrill Hall events need volunteers
     + Events like “Investigate, Science café, Discovery Center…”
     + Events on Feb 27th need volunteers
     + March 12- Museum Day. Free admission.
   * Elevator Speech contest (more info below)
3. Social Ideas
   * Ice Skating Night
   * Bike Kitchen Repair night – bring bikes and have repairs and basic maintenance demonstrations.
   * First Friday- meetups downtown
   * Paint and Wine nights
   * Wine/Beer and Cheese night (location TBD)
   * Board game night
   * Lincoln Youth Professionals Social and Networking Event
     + Thursday Feb 4th 4:30-7pm at Born in a Barn. $5
   * Look for events, scholarships, and publications on the bulletin board in the cubicle hallway. Email the SNR GSA if interested in contributing to the board : [snrgsa@unl.edu](mailto:snrgsa@unl.edu)
   * Find us on Facebook to learn more about social events at **UNL SNR GSA**
4. Field Trips
   * Sandhills Crane Field trip—if interested in organizing, e-mail [snrgsa@unl.edu](mailto:snrgsa@unl.edu)
     + Mid-March
     + Doodle poll will be going out
5. Fundraising
   * Coffee- Wednesdays.
     + Faculty enjoyed
     + Made $35 the first time.
     + Mark Kuzila donated a percolator
   * April 20th – Chipotle or Panera
   * Lake Clean Ups
     + Raised over $319 last year for GSA
     + Got rid of 1.1 tons of waste community-wide
   * Elevator Speech Contest
     + Feb. 25th (Thursday evening)
     + Silent Auction
       1. Volunteer to work silent auction
       2. Volunteer to donate items or collect items from businesses
       3. Volunteer to set up posters for poster contest
     + We’ll get items donated to us from local businesses and have a silent auction to benefit the GSA at the poster session and Elevator Speech Contest in February.
6. Faculty Advisory Committee
   * Johnica will send out report
   * Changing policies.
   * Evaluating the teaching of SNR.
   * Students to serve on committees in the mission areas of SNR.
     + Application info has been mailed to the grad student listserv
     + Subject: “Call for Graduate Mission Area Representatives”
     + Due date: Feb 5, 2015

Upcoming Events:

1. Nature Conservancy Volunteer Opportunities Talk-January 26th 2-2:50, HH 901
2. Women in Science Meeting – Feb 4, 1-2, HH 901
3. CV/Resume Workshop – Feb 5th 1-2pm, HH 228
4. **SNR GSA Ice Skating – Feb 6th 2:30-4:00, The Ice Box (Please RSVP:** [**http://doodle.com/poll/qfinnn5zke3xa4dk**](http://doodle.com/poll/qfinnn5zke3xa4dk) **)**
5. **Next GSA Meeting – Feb 12th @ Noon, HH 2nd floor lobby\***

*-Important planning time for Elevator Speech Contest*

1. Elevator Speech contest – Feb. 25th
2. Staff Appreciation Brunch - April

***\*Volunteers Needed***

The **Elevator Speech Competition/Poster Contest** is the biggest event SNR GSA hosts and will be an important fundraising opportunity for our organization. To make it a success, we ask that you consider volunteering for one or more of the following (more details soon to come):

1. Collecting Donation Items from Local Businesses for Silent Auction

2. Donating Items to Silent Auction (We’d like to show off grad student talents—nature photographs, baked goods, woodworking, etc.!)

3. Set up and/or Take-down (or manning something like our popcorn booth—shifts are available)

Please e-mail [snrgsa@unl.edu](mailto:snrgsa@unl.edu) if you are able to help out in any capacity. Thank You!