SNR GSA Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2014

12:00pm

Hardin Hall 2nd floor lobby

Agenda:

1. Chair—Maggi Sliwinski
   1. 3-minute competition update
      1. April 1: First Round and April 3: Final Round and Poster session
         1. GSA: prize money to donate if needed
      2. Amanda Bergeron-Bauer:
         1. Open to all SNR students, March 4 at 12:30 free pizza and soda to discuss how to present an “elevator speech”
            1. RSVP to [abergeron2@unl.edu](mailto:abergeron2@unl.edu)
         2. April 7 at noon: workshop on presenting research (targeted for undergrads) 12:30: mini poster session afterwards with grad students to show undergrads (look for email to follow)
   2. Request for tea kettle in grad student lounge—any other needs?
      1. Agreement to use SNR GSA funds to purchase
   3. Constitution updates
      1. Sent out via email today—have a read over.
      2. Minimum number of graduate students needed, therefore electronic ballot?
2. UNL GSA Rep—Maggi
   1. Healthcare RFP
      1. Six different proposals
      2. Trying to get a UNL wide health care plan
      3. Wanting eye care and better dental included
      4. Under affordable care act health insurance is mandatory- so should UNL require a hard waiver?
   2. March 1st Midwest Research Career Fair
      1. Not sure it will be relevant to SNR grad students
   3. GSC becoming a committee within ASUN—voting rights
      1. Will become an official committee and so graduate students will have a voice
3. Graduate Committee Rep—Shannon Moncure
   1. Attended first meeting last Thursday with Kevin Pope (chair), Elizabeth Walter-Shea(vice)
   2. Updating geography brochure, reworking assistantships (no decision yet)
   3. Specialization updates and changes: some set aside but have potential to be brought back, if there are concerns or questions talk to your advisor
4. Outreach—Katie McCollum
   1. Nothing planned yet
5. Treasurer’s report—Katja
   1. None
6. Social—Jocelyn
   1. Next event: First Friday: March 7
      1. Change time to 4:30-6?
7. Safety and Facilities Committee—Bryce
   1. Not in attendance- no news
8. Open Positions
   1. Treasurer?
9. Announcements
   1. On Friday, February 21 at 9 PM UNL GSA is hosting a graduate student social at Marz Bar near city campus (1140 O St.).
   2. On Saturday, February 22 at 9 PM UNL GSA is hosting a karaoke night at Grandmothers (6940 A St.).