SNR GSA Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2014

1. Chair—Maggi Sliwinski
   1. Poster symposium in conjunction with Elevator speech contest (April 17th)
      1. Prizes—4 at $250 each (PhD, MS/MA, Undergrad, Popular)
      2. If in finals of speech contest, not eligible to win poster money
      3. Need a couple volunteers to help during the event
   2. Tea kettle purchased for lounge, thanks to grad students who cleaned out fridge and posted new guidelines, and to student who purchased dish soap!
   3. **ELECTIONS**! Happen at **April meeting.** Voting will take place at the meeting. Nominate and vote for Chair, Co-chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. UNL GSA Rep—Maggi
   1. If you’re interested in a position for next year, elections are coming up April 22, you can nominate yourself or someone else for a position. Contact me for a list of positions and descriptions.
   2. We will have an updated healthcare plan started next year.
3. Grad Committee Rep—Shannon Moncure
   1. New class on scientific writing offered by Amy Burgin
4. Outreach—Katie McCollum
   1. Volunteers for Weatherfest (April 5th) needed—contact Ken Dewey/Karen Jensen
   2. Sunday with a scientist? <http://museum.unl.edu/sundaywithascientist/mar2014.html>
   3. Astronomy Day April 26th (Saturday)
   4. Event on September 26th—keep date open!
5. Treasurer’s report—Katja Koehler-Cole
   1. Update on account—$657.23
6. Social—Jocelyn Olney (out of town now)
   1. Next event: First Friday, April 4th 4-6pm room 901
7. Safety and Facilities Committee—Bryce
   1. There will be an effort to clean out some storage spaces and unused offices (mostly a faculty level discussion).
   2. There are some concerns for safety when people are dropped off at the bus stop on 34th and crossing the street. Could use some student feedback on that.
8. Other issues
   1. E-mailed Grad Studies about adding information to the form page for part-time hours/full-time status.
   2. Fundraising ideas: Sundae Bar, bake sale, Brick Oven pizza, any of these could happen before events or at First Friday, or during the FFA event that happens on East Campus (Kaycee Reynolds was going to take this one)
   3. Who to talk to about offering more classes in R—John Carroll (Kaycee Reynolds was going to take this on)
   4. Communicating with SNR Alums better—collect contact info from recent graduates, plus a secondary contact. Talk with Karen and Patty. (Maggi)