



September 11, 2018 | 7:00 p.m.  
Nebraska Union | Ballroom

## CALL TO ORDER

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes from April 3, 2018 -- PASSED

## ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Election of Standing Committee Chairs

Quality of Life Co-Chair –

Eric Rodene nominated and elected via majority.

## OPEN FORUM

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President Reilly

-Report moved to end of meeting.

-President Reilly welcomed representatives new and old to the ASUN-GSA and thanked everyone for being here to represent the graduate and professional students of UNL. She defined the purpose of ASUN-GSA as a vehicle to learn what graduate and professional students need and want and to address those concerns. President Reilly also gave an overview of the role of representatives, committees, and executive committee in fulfilling that purpose.

-In order to give the public a better understanding of the presidential position, President Reilly started a blog to keep people up to date on what she is doing and all meetings with administration.

-President Reilly put emphasis on wanting to move the full Assembly to completing most of the work outside of the monthly meetings in an effort to better manage time and to be more productive as a whole.

Executive Vice President Ratcliff

-No report.

Vice President of Student Affairs Martin

-2<sup>nd</sup> report

-VP Martin reported that as the previous Chair for Academic Affairs, she led the development of the ASUN-GSA Welcome Packet, included in the materials for this meeting. She wanted to give thanks to the people who helped with this packet. VP Martin stated that she is available via email for any questions or concerns and to please send suggestions on bettering the welcome packet to Academic Affairs.

-VP Martin will act as the graduate student member of the Student Advisor Board. The first



introductory meeting will be held soon.

-VP Martin announced the upcoming ASUN Student Leadership Summit. This event is targeted toward leaders and wishes to address important topics including but not limited to an organized workshop to address mental health, husker concerns, talking despite differences, and sexual misconduct. Send email to VP Martin to get more information.

Vice President of Representation Stehle

-3<sup>rd</sup> report

-VP Stehle stated that the main goals of her position will concern updating and revamping how communications are sent to representatives and departments/program, working with Graduate Studies for better advertisement of events, and developing a monthly newsletter that summarizes important information from GSA meetings to be released to the public.

-Per the first goal, VP Stehle reported difficulty in receiving adequate response from departments and programs on changes to representative roster. One concern is that the contact emails for the current person(s) in charge of departmental GSAs are not included in the listserve. Additionally, finding contact information is difficult for some department in general.

-VP Stehle requested that all representatives send her the current contact information for 1) all representatives with appropriate rank, 2) person who is in charge of representatives (usually Graduate Chair), and 3) person who is in charge of forwarding communications to all graduate and professional students.

Vice President of Finance Ismert

-4<sup>th</sup> Report

-VP Ismert introduced herself to the Assembly. She states that her primary role as VP of Finance will be to keep track of the ASUN-GSA budget for the year.

-VP Ismert also offered to take questions about committee funding before writing a bill to aid in planning for future events hosted by the committee.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Chair Juritsch

-No report.

Diversity and Inclusion Chair Sotelo

-Chair Sotelo provided a brief description of last year's activities including the transition from using our funds to attend events to the organization of our own events, including two D&I Coffee Hours (city campus in collaboration with Quality of Life, and East Campus), and #HuskerOut3.0.

-Chair Sotelo is interested to collaborate with Dr. Holland from Women's and Gender Studies to study how well are campus reporting resources serving the UNL graduate student body She commented that she and other graduate students have heard that reports from graduate and professional students may not be properly evaluated or handled. Chair Sotelo is interested in



conducting a survey investigating these services provided to students, especially services concerning on sexual violence.

Graduate Travel Awards Program Chair Dahdolan

-No report.

Professional Development Co-Chairs Thompson and Mware

-Both Chair Thompson and Chair Mware were absent and could not provide a report.

Quality of Life Chair Sandhu (and Rodene)

- Chair Sandhu stated that she was interested in continuing several events hosted by the QoL committee last year, including Husker Out and Coffee Hours.

- Chair Rodene described the Coffee Hour format in further detail. The Coffee Hour is hosted the hour before the general assembly meeting and the QoL committee pairs with another GSA committee in order to address issues important to graduate students, host mini workshops, or to generally socialize to inform the public about the work done by each of the GSA committees. Chair Sandhu wishes to start up the Coffee Hours later this semester.

-Chair Rodene also updated the assembly about the development of the on-going quality of life survey. He wants the survey to cover a variety of topics including, parking, safety, quality of life, etc. Chair Rodene will continue to work on the survey and determine the best way to send it out to the public.

Social Events Chair Perez

-Chair Perez updated the assembly on two events that were hosted by the GSA before the first official meeting: the Welcome Back Social and a workshop on Career Coaching. Both events had good turnout and everyone seemed to have lots of fun participating.

-Chair Perez aims to draft a full plan for events hosted by the Social committee later in semester.

## BUSINESS

GSA Bill #1 A bill authorizing a Grad Student Stipend Listening Session.

-Introduced by VP Martin.

-Questions followed. No debate.

-Passed by majority.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Law Rep – Student Leadership summit approval. Created when he was ASUN VP. Excited to be a part of GSA. Confirmed

-SNR Rep – Hiring University-level Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion (managerial). SNR Rep is the only grad student on committee. The committee has picked candidates who will be interviewed starting next week. Available after meeting if people have suggestions of questions to be asked to the candidates.



-Chair Sotelo – UNL hosting conference for undergrad women in physical sciences. Oct 11-13. Limited spots for talks and posters. Grad student can do posters (maybe talks?). Anyone can participate and free event.

ADJOURNEMENT