

## UNL GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of October 10, 2013

The UNL Graduate Council convened at 3:30 p.m. in Room 206 of Seaton Hall. Present were: Professors Shannon Bartelt-Hunt, Rhonda Fuelberth, Rita Kean, Jon Pedersen, Jody Redepenning, David Smith, Melanie Simpson, and Mark van Roojen; student representatives Anh Do and Jacob Friefeld; Ex-officio members: Dean Lance Pérez and Associate Dean Laurie Bellows; Jane Schneider, Office of Graduate Studies. Dean Lance Pérez presided.

### Approval of September 21, 2013 Minutes

Jacob Friefeld noted that the date for Open Access Week was incorrect; it is October 21-25 and not October 24-26 as stated in the minutes.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

### Academic Leave Policy Update

One clarification and change was made in the policy document under paragraph five, second sentence, Students granted an approved Academic Leave of Absence are not required to register for any credit hours for the period covered by the approved Academic Leave of Absence. For PhD students in candidacy, an approved Academic Leave of Absence substitutes for the continuous enrollment requirement. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Academic Leave Policy as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

### GSA Report

Jacob Friefeld, GSA President reported on current activities:

- Getting ready for UNL Open Access Week October 21-25
- Working on greater collaboration with ASUN graduate senators.

### Other

Rhonda Fuelberth reported that the Glenn Korff School of Music will be hosting the 2013 CIC Conference on Music Education, October 16-18, 2013 <http://music.unl.edu/cic2013>

Dean Pérez reported on changes taking place at Love Library. He also mentioned that there are discussions taking place about doing background checks on applicants for undergraduate and graduate admissions and will inform Graduate Council of progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.