**Notes from SNRGSA Meeting-November 17, 2010**

* Safety Committee Rep. position accepted by Sarah Becker
	+ Working on protocol for using volunteers in field work
	+ Issue with past thefts in graduate student offices
		- Doors to stay closed rather than left open being discussed
	+ Problem with fire doors being propped open
	+ Subcommittee on sustainability – grad student should serve on –January 2011
	+ Health insurance offered for over-seas travel
	+ Please no smoking at Hardin Hall loading docks, turn off vehicles when loading
	+ Hall doors to grad student offices do not lock during evening events
		- Could doors only relevant to the event be unlocked after-hours rather than having all doors unlocked?
	+ Talk to Patty about not having access to doors with NCard when you should (mostly new students)
	+ Things not being done/ having problems resolved when help is sought (emails, doors, etc.) Should be an issue brought up at Grad Committee meeting
* Website Admin.- Mark Mesarch to help with set-up
* Meeting Structure Discussion
	+ Suggestion to open with brief introductions of people attending meetings to build better sense of community helps people feel more comfortable with talking at meetings
	+ Have open house in a more intimate setting than having everyone spread out in the auditorium
	+ Activity to help introduce people to each other
	+ Still need to keep some business to meetings
	+ Officers and chairs make it an initiative to know everyone, introduce ourselves, make them feel more welcome
	+ Change of venue from small rooms (HH 207/209) to 2nd floor lobby- more social, more people attended in the past, more relaxed and informal (at least in a bigger classroom)
		- Vote on this idea as organization or have chairs decide?
		- Maybe do an informal poll to get opinions?
	+ Consider doing an open house with wine and cheese- A social for new grads in the spring semester
	+ Critical for older students to encourage and bring new students to opening events and social events
* UNL GSA Rep.
	+ Ethics seminar next week- Monday 12:30-1:30
	+ Facebook group-SNR-GSA- JOIN!!!
	+ Partnership with international students to help adjust, practice english, etc.- being discussed in Diversity Comm.
* Travel Grants
	+ Send to Karen Jensen
	+ Will award 2, up to $250
	+ DUE: November 29
	+ Turn in itemized receipts, etc. after trip
* Treasurer
	+ Balance=$1409.68
* Fundraising
	+ $71.09 from daily fruit and granola bar sales
	+ $53.80 from October bake sale
	+ $124.89 total for semester
	+ Bake sale- Friday, December 10th
* Social
	+ Thanksgiving- volunteering at City Mission- Help is not needed on Thanksgiving but they do need help for lunches/dinners that Friday/Saturday/Sunday- Interested?
		- Possible plans at Becky Puta’s on Thanksgiving- sign-up in 2nd floor lounge or send email
		- Holiday pot-luck in December instead of meeting, Wednesday, December 8th, 11:30-1:30- 2nd floor lobby
* Outreach
	+ 6 in-class and 7 afterschool successful so far- 1 left this semester
	+ 5-6 in-class for spring
	+ Re-organize planning skills for afterschool programming this spring
	+ Re-evaluating goals of outreach for SNRGSA, etc.