Name of Committee: **UNH Alumni Association**

Date of Meeting: 09/26/2015

Name of Grad. student attending meeting: Jovana Milosavljevic

At the UNHAA Board meeting on Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, 2015, I had an opportunity to meet and talk to many of the members, and hear about their achievements in the past, as well as the future goals regarding the promotion and support of UNH. The whole association and its members have been doing a great job representing UNH in their respective professional fields and communities, as well as among parents of future college students. Apart from that, they have contributed tremendously through financial support and through personal connections.

On the first day of the meeting, University President Mark W. Huddelston and Board President, Robert McGrath signed a joint-partnership agreement, which speaks about the board’s mission, as well as what the University’s expectations from the board are, and what the board expects from the University. After this, the board attended a presentation on Gallup report which showed data on how faculty engagement with students affects the likelihood of being satisfied and happy later on in life.

On the second day of the meeting, the board discussed what else they could do in order to promote UNH better. The necessity of higher engagement of alumni was supported by a presentation given by Victoria Dutcher, Vice President of Enrollment Management who shared data on acceptance and enrollment rates. She pointed out that UNH needs to work on a process of improving the student profile, working on higher selectivity in popular colleges such as Paul College, and stopping the decreasing trend in COLA. The alumni board then had a discussion how they can help in the process that Ms. Dutcher talked about.

Suggested topic for GSS to consider in a future meeting: This was my first time to sit on this committee, so I am learning about UNHAA board, and I might be under a wrong impression that the Alumni board focuses mostly on undergrads. Regardless of whether it is like that or not, what is it that GSS would like alumni to consider and do in regard to graduate students. The board meets again on January 8, 2016.