**GSC Committee Meeting Form**

**Instructions:** Please complete this form and send it to the GSC president and web master/VP of communication no later than 48 hours after you attend any committee meetings or other meetings on campus where you represent GSC. This form will be made public on the GSC website for graduate students to review.

**Name (GSC members who attended this meeting, bold name of individual filling out report): Trevor Harris**

**Name of meeting/committee: ASNMSU Election Board Committee**

**Meeting date: 3/16/2017**

**Start time: 7:00 PM**

**End time: 8:35 PM**

**Brief summary of committee purpose:**

2 election violation hearings were conducted, discussed, and voted upon.

**Meeting Summary/Main points of interest (include a bullet point list of any announcements for upcoming events, topics discussed, changes made, and relevant points here):**

Election candidacy violation- student turned in election packet past due date.

Prospective candidate for ASNMSU senate was told it was “okay” to turn packet in late. Candidate felt that they were following the rules of ASNMSU. Candidate originally brought packet in with not enough signatures. Candidate was aware of the fact that they needed 25 signatures before they went in to turn in their election packet.

Election Board voted to have candidate be a “Write-in” candidate and not an official candidate.

Election candidacy violation #2- Candidate for ASNMSU President sent out email before beginning of campaigning was allowed, in which the email contained words strongly endorsing for his or herself.

Prospective candidate, prior to violation, approached Chief Elections Officer to ask for permission to request meeting times with presidents of student organizations to discuss Presidential platform. Student looked up names and contact information of all student organization Presidents and contacted them to request meeting times during campaign week. Candidate feels that the violation filed against them is fair, but that they felt the conversation they had with the CEO gave the candidate the right to send an email that contained verbiage that could be inferred as the candidate’s platform. The content of candidate’s email stated current issues at New Mexico State and requesting students “If you would like to hear more about my platform,” which inferred that part of the candidate’s platform had been introduced in the email. Stating a candidate’s platform with the consent of the candidate under ASNMSU Lawbook section 2-8-1 would mean that the candidate was campaigning before the allowed campaign time. Candidate has received 2 responses from organizations so far in regards to meeting with the organizations.

Election Board voted that candidate would send a retroactive statement by Tuesday, March 21st by 5:00 PM stating the boundaries the candidate crossed, and asking the organizations that responded to the candidate to give the same opportunity to the other Presidential candidates. The email will contain the contact information of the other Presidential candidates and be forwarded to the CEO to confirm that the email was sent.