**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 and other members who attended this meeting, bold name of individual filling out report): Tara Young,** Dean Reyes, Eric S., Chris Brown, Linda (Nursing), (Engineering), Phil (Business), Dean Esquibel

**Name of meeting/committee: GA Allocation Meeting**

**Meeting date: 10/23/2017**

**Start time: 10:00am**

**End time: 11:10am**

**Brief summary of committee purpose:**

Discussion about GA Allocation.

**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):**

Dean Reyes mentioned to the Graduate School Council of Deans (UNM, etc.), “What would it look like if we out all of our money together for a better price for all student insurance?”

Tara mentioned that students have been asking why we don’t have insurance and that it is a determent for incoming prospective students

GA Budget was cut by $250,000 last year because of cuts to Graduate School (this cut was because enrollment is down), it did not noticeably affect college/departments as heavily because enrollment is down, however. Any carryover from these budgets will come back to the Grad School after this year. Currently it goes back to Athletics of Arrowhead center.

We had a 3% increase in graduate enrollment this year (2017) and Dean Reyes predicts we will increase professional MA programs.

The state also cut the Graduate School Scholarship budget by $250,000.

Operating budget for Graduate School was also decreased (this year Grad School had no money for graduate student travel scholarships)

Chris discussed how other schools have partnerships with businesses (public-private partnerships), which we do not have. Chris thinks we need to pay tuition (we can get it from real estate, public private partnership, and from philanthropy). The PanAm currently pays thousands, other’s like UNM pay millions which allows us to fund tuition for grad students. There have been discussions about building a Hotel, Assisted living facility, and other facilities on campus to raise and maintain this kind of $ (5-10 years out at least). Chris says Vice President of Research (incoming) could potentially help with this. (Places in NM who build things and make a lot of $: Intel, Sandia Labs, and Agriculture) Craig Holden from Foundation is potentially a person who can be involved in this.

Question on whether or not the bookstore is paying/how much they are paying? No idea.

Discussion about partnerships with Mexico to do research and get philanthropy, and increase those students to come here.

Dean Reyes wants $0.35/$1 of enrollment increase (proposed) come to the Grad School to help build up these programs.

Eric asks-how much would it cost to pay tuition, Dean Reyes says $1million/year for PhD students, $2/million/year for MA students.

People are saying it’s against a state statute to pay people’s tuition with their GA $ (deduct tuition from GA allocation, ex. Instead of students paying $17,000 and being taxed on that, they would get paid $14,000 and receive a tuition stipend and pay taxes only on $14,000) but this is being looked into by Dr. Burke and Paula. Tara said Grad students need an answer on this and we can’t keep getting pushed back because this issue has been going on for 3+ years.

NM Tech and UNM does the above, (~$17,000 is what they get as a GA, ~$5,000/tuition is deducted from their paychecks for their tuition)

Chris Brown suggests that we push some documents of intent/statements of intent about what we want and what we need to do make it happen. We should bring this to Faculty Senate and ASNMSU after we have done some research. We need to look at the IRS and different state/gov’t requirements and put together a report about this. Perhaps this administration can take this on before they leave or we jump on it asap when the new administration comes in.

Taxes must be paid by students on all funds received (on W-4 or 1098) whether that be a scholarship or a GA wage (Linda and Engineering)

Linda discussed how we are not recruiting at adequate levels, asked if we do not have the money for marketing (we got no budget for marketing at the graduate level).

Dean Reyes says we need to support our research mission of the university (currently there is a strong teaching mission, it needs to be both teaching AND research, especially for GAs that do research).

We have a new research officer and the GA employee handbook will be revised. This will also include a “code of conduct” of sorts for GA advisers.

**Action Items:** Dean Reyes and Dean Esquibel will look at GA re-allocation of stipends (tuition waivers and lower wages vs how it is now) and make a report on it to inform students why how taxes works make this not a worthwhile endeavor.

Look into moving GAships to RAships.