**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): Tara Young,** Jack McCoy

**Name of meeting/committee:** Graduate Council

**Meeting date:** 09/07/2017

**Start time:** 11:30 am

**End time:** 1:00 pm

**Brief summary of committee purpose:** Graduate Council includes Dean Reyes, deans and members from most/all colleges, and discusses issues involving graduate student life and policy.

**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):**

* Discussion of proposed electronic thesis/dissertation through the library
  + Would replace hard copy in library
  + According to Dean Reyes, model is ready to go, simply needs funding and a person to do it, Dean Reyes has been working on this for 5 years
  + Nursing Dept already does this (Dr. Linda Summers)
  + One issue is publications don’t allow your article to be available elsewhere (copyright issues) so having the dissertation available at NMSU and under consideration for publication could cause copyright infringement
* Timeline/necessity of Qualifying exams
  + Currently near the end of the first semester
  + Dr. Brown does not believe we need an oral qualifying exam
  + Dean Reyes-Purpose is to determine where student is strong and where student is weak, faculty senate mandates this, standards committee should discuss this
* Tracking GA levels of involvement and quality
  + Want to ensure that we are:
    - Being fair to GAs
    - Utilizing GAs effectively
      * Should GAs self-report what they are doing/timesheets?
    - GA assignments discussion (are they fair, standardized?)
* Graduate School Announcements
  + Working on an external review (HLC accreditation)
  + Graduate handbook monitor report
  + Currently 13 appeals
    - plagiarism, adviser-student complaints, mistreatment of GAs
  + Graduate enrollment is down by 3%
    - Money is tight for offering assistantships and is hurting enrollment
    - “Keeping Aggies Aggies” (accelerated master’s program) hoping to combat this
    - 40% drop out rate 1st year masters, 20% drop out rate 2nd year masters
    - Graduate faculty guidelines needs to be discussed by committee
  + Discussion of admissions deadline for all programs to admit students so that we are not admitting students in August, it’s causing many problems for the university
* Graduate Student Council Update
  + Introduce new VP Jack McCoy
  + Gradulicious will be 9/29 next to O’Donnell (Picnic format)
  + Issues with International Student Health Insurance
  + Distance Ed. Students can waive Health and Wellness Fee (but who do they go to for this?) (Dr. Berg, fee board?)
* Faculty Senate Update
  + Meeting this afternoon
  + Merging 2.5 departments (school of teaching and leadership?)
  + Experiential learning rule
  + Proposal for reduction of teacher ed programs
  + Proposal for revising the student academic code of conduct
    - Would standardize misconduct consequences university-wide
  + Search committee for new chancellor discussion
* International boarder programs
  + Health insurance is $106/month (Geo-blue, provides excellent coverage for the price according to Michael)
  + Being forced to buy two insurances-mandate by ACA-after 5 years F1 status, students can be considered taxable and may need insurance
  + It appears Dept. of homeland security is advising students to re-apply for study on an annual basis, not much is known about this