**GSC Committee Meeting Form**

**Name (GSC members who attended this meeting, bold name of individual filling out report): Tara Young,** Jack McCoy

Graduate school admins, deans, college reps, ASNMSU president, HLC board (outside NMSU)

**Name of meeting/committee:** Higher Learning Committee (HLC)

**Meeting date:** 11/14/2017

**Start time:** 9:00am

**End time:** 10:15 am

**Brief summary of committee purpose:** Discussion about higher learning at NMSU.

**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):**

* + Centralized advising
    - Concerns about accelerated master’s program being advised upon and taken advantage of as it should, and about honors student advising
  + Graduate student retention
    - What are we doing to retain grad students?
      * Dean Reyes spoke about his study
      * Dean Esquibel spoke about the graduate student tracking system, how to monitor students (this is a newer system that should be ready for the dept.’s as an ‘advising assistant’ by January 1st, 2018)
      * We are at ~80% retention (national average is at ~50%)
  + Discussion about student life (academic, research, RAships, financial aid, etc.)
    - Note: It is a state statute that we cannot do graduate tuition waivers (somebody has to pay tuition)
    - Pay for grad students
      * ~$17,200 Level 3
      * ~$16,694 Level 1
  + Rule 6.16-Absence from class
  + Relationship with community colleges
    - No formal structure for communication, etc. but relations are still good
  + Technological support (do we have the proper support technologically?)
    - Mostly everything goes through banner
    - Nursing labs need more technology
    - Some platforms do not communicate well with each other
    - Systematically, how do we integrate new support or technology?
      * The deans articulate technological needs to ‘central’ (provost office, budget office)
      * Central then determines the priority of needs