

GSC General Meeting for 13th October 2021

***Calls to Order at 4:06 p.m. ***

1) Reports:

a. **President:** Sergio Madrid

i. University Administrative Council (UAC)

1. NMSU COVID-19 Updates

a. The Vax Trax portal is

<https://vaxtrax.nmsu.edu>. If students are having trouble with the website, they should contact help@nmsu.edu.

- i. If you have tested positive, then you are exempt from testing for 90 days
- ii. Students who are completely online (and don't come to campus) are considered as exempted from COVID-19 testing.
- iii. Students who do not follow vaccination protocol will be handled according to the Student Conduct Code.
- iv. Employees (this includes graduate students who are TAs/GAS) who do not follow vaccination protocol may

get fired.

- v. COVID-19 testing is now available on the Las Cruces campus in Lot 27, which is near Pinon Hall, and at DACC. This is free to students. You can register for COVID-19 testing at curative.com.

ii. Faculty Senate

1. Faculty senate is thinking of bringing back Faculty Talks. These will be weekly events with faculty and may be in the form of Q and A.
2. Faculty senate had proposed A Resolution of No-Confidence in the President and Provost of NMSU

iii. Research and Creativity Week

1. Research and Creativity Week will take place from November 2nd -5th.
2. Provost Parker and the office of the Vice President of Research are investing \$250,000 into this event.
3. Students who participate in-person will be eligible for cash rewards.
4. The first Research and Creativity after hours event will happen on November 1st.
5. Senator William Soules will also be present

b. **Vice President:** Amador Gonzales

i. Student Advocacy Board

1. The 2022 legislative session will be focusing on presenting a bill that focuses on improving the infrastructure of NMSU using Capital Outlay Funds

- a. Vice President Amador asks for recommendations for infrastructure improvement from the council.

c. **Vice President of Activities:** Maryam Sharifi

- i. No Updates

d. **Secretary:** Ashley Wu

- i. Reading approving and approving previous meeting minutes

e. **Treasurer:** Leora Whiteaker

- i. No Report

f. **Senators**

- i. Senator Jim Fatoki reports that a new website is now up for graduate students, YOU@nmsu. This website is a resource for graduate students to help manage their stress and anxiety.

2) Old Business

- a. HEERF III (Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds) Fall funds are now available for students to apply. Students must

have been enrolled in at least 1 credit hour for the 2021 Fall semester

i. <https://fa.nmsu.edu/heerf/>

b. NMSU Graduate Workers United Updates

i. Representative reports that there will probably not be a social event in October. However, there is plans for a large townhall meeting in November. The plan is to have members from the faculty, government, etc. present.

ii. The NMSU Labor Board is delaying the process of recognizing whether NMSU graduate workers are employees of NMSU until December. GWU will be putting forward a petition to call on administration to recognize and bargain with GWU.

iii. Representative reminds graduate students to inform new graduate students to sign union cards

3) New Business

a. Guest Speaker Renay Scott VP of Student School – NMSU
Conversation to speak on COVID 19 and VaxTrax

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b. Petition to form Ethnic Studies Department:

c. ASNMSU nominations is ongoing for senators currently.
Nominations will end on 10/15/2021 at 5pm.

4) Open Forum

- a. Kelsie Field reports that new and incoming graduate students have not been receiving emails from GSC.
 - i. Secretary Ashley states that GSC has no jurisdictions over the Graduate School graduate student listserv. Ashley will email Kari (the grad school administrator) to let her know.

***Adjournment: 4:38 p.m. ***