

GSC General Meeting for 02nd December 2020

***Calls to Order at 5:01 p.m. ***

1) Reports:

- a. **President:** Jonathan Ortiz
- b. **Vice President:** Ashlerose Francia
 - i. Regents Student Success
 1. Current graduate students that are in high cost degree programs have been paying additional fees. These fees can be upward to \$50. Regents Student Success is currently still considering raising tuition fees.
 - ii. Tuition Task Force
 1. The task force is currently looking at ways that will allow extending employee status to GAs so that tuition will be offered to Graduate Students without costs.
 - iii. Student Advocacy Board
 1. SAB is currently working on the Crown Act. SAB is also working on reducing credit hours to 12 hours for Lottery scholarship eligibility.
- c. **Vice President of Activities:** Katia Vargas De La Cruz
 - i. No report
- d. **Secretary:** Ashley Wu
 - i. Reading and approving previous meeting minutes.
- e. **Treasurer:** Angela-Faith Thomas
 - i. No Report
- f. **Senators**
 - i. Senator Shareef reports that the Senators had expressed their disappointments to ASNMSU regarding the schedule change for

Spring Break being reduced to 1 day.

- ii. ASNMSU will be reforming the rule book during winter break.

Additionally, future ASNMSU meetings will be held virtually.

2) Old Business

- a. None

3) New Business

4) Open Forum

- a. Exploring Diversity Committee

- i. Treasurer Angela asks GSO for updates or interests in forming a committee within GSC. Currently the GSC diversity committee discussions have been informal. In order to make the GSC Diversity Committee a formal committee, there needs to be a president, secretary, and regular meeting times.

- ii. The Psychology Department's Diversity Committee did a safe zone workshop. This was done through the LGBTQ+ Center at NMSU.

- iii. Social Work GSO

- 1. Social Work GSO reports that their Diversity Committee is within the faculty, and not student led. They are hoping that next semester it will be more student led and have more students involved.

- b. FIGHT

- i. FIGHT is currently looking at ways to unionize graduate students. Unionizing graduate students would allow students to receive tuition and health insurance without costs. It would also allow graduate students to bargain their wage.

- c. Events for next semester

- i. GSC asks for recommendations from graduate students in what

they would like to see from GSC and ways in which funds can be used.

1. Graduate students would like to see Professional development workshops. These workshops would help to develop skills or leadership skills as a group.
 2. Graduate students would like to see potentially research talks in the style and format of TED Talk.
- ii. Presentation Series (Mini- GRAS).
1. GSC proposes having mini GRAS talks every month and give out prizes to the best speaker.
- iii. Addressing Student Needs
1. No Comment
- d. Issues with thesis/dissertation committees
- i. No comment

***Adjournment: 5:35 p.m. ***