

GSC General Meeting for 03rd March 2021

***Calls to Order at 5: 06 p.m. ***

1) Reports:

a. **President:** Jonathan Ortiz

- i. LSSAC External Review will be happening. LSSAC and Grad Council will both be participating. Currently, the library does not have enough funding to provide

b. **Vice President:** Ashlerose Francia

- i. Tuition remission task force: After the meeting to discuss policy change, the task force will be bringing in an administrator to join the task force.
- ii. Message from GOVT relations: More college students are now eligible for SNAP food benefits through the coronavirus relief. Students can apply for SNAP food benefits through <https://www.yes.state.nm.us/>

c. **Vice President of Activities:** Katia Vargas De La Cruz

- i. GSC is partnering with the Grad School and organizing Grad Talk. There will be paid opportunities for students who participate. More information will be found on the GSC website. Below are the following areas that students will be able to talk about:

- 1. Managing Imposter Phenomenon, financial health and wellness, and research rapid fire

d. **Secretary:** Ashley Wu

- i. Reading and approving previous meeting minutes.

e. **Treasurer:** Angela-Faith Thomas

- i. No Report

f. Senators

- i. No Report
- 2) Old Business
 - a. None
- 3) New Business
- 4) Open Forum
 - i. Treasurer Angela asks GSO for updates or interests in forming a committee within GSC. Currently the GSC diversity committee discussions have been informal.
 - 1. Fish and Wildlife Science Department will be starting an informal educational series that will last 5 weeks. Each week they will be talking about different areas related to diversity. For example: How discrimination manifests in their field, black natural history month, traditional ecological meeting, etc.
 - 2. Treasurer Angela gives update that she recently joined the Anti-Racism Task Force. Currently, there are a lot of groups at NMSU that focuses on the issue of diversity. Their task force will be trying to find how they fit in at NMSU. They are currently discussing making a Canvas page that will provide information (i.e., research articles) on diversity.
 - ii. Graduate Workers United Updates
 - 1. NMSU Graduate Workers United gives information about the formation of a NMSU Graduate Student Union. Currently, there are almost 300 students who have signed the union card. The majority of grad student workers, 51% or around 550 students, will need to sign the union cards

in order for grad student workers to be able unionize.

- a. For Graduate Workers at NMSU, who have any allocation of GA/TA/RA hours. Students working on grants can still join union. International students are allowed to join the union.

- b. NMSU Graduate Workers United Contact Information:

- i. Nmsugrad.ueunion.org
- ii. <https://nmsugrads.ueunion.org/>
- iii. https://www.pdfFiller.com/en/link_to_fill/634825353.htm

***Adjournment: 5:39 p.m. ***