

GSC General Meeting for 23rd September 2020

***Calls to Order at 4: 41 p.m. ***

1) Reports:

a. **President:** Jonathan Ortiz

i. Research and Creativity week

1. 10 cash awards. Everything will be online

ii. Graduate Council

1. A new committee has formed – UPAC. This committee will focus on streamlining curriculum changes. Also includes students input from representatives from ASNMSU. Prior to the committee forming curriculum changes usually took about 2-3 years. Now with the formation of the new committee, curriculum changes can take anywhere from 6 months to a year.

b. **Vice President:** Ashlerose Francia

i. Diversity Council

1. Diversity council is developing comprehensive diversity training for faculty and staff. Diversity training is provided for student organization, but it is through the Office of Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity.

c. **Vice President of Activities:** -

i. No report

d. **Secretary:** Ashley Wu

i. **LSSAC**

1. The library website now has updated so that students can book/request a research appointment with a librarian. The library database has also added a database for Border and

Migration Studies Online.

2. Budget for LSSAC should be updated by Thanksgiving. There's a possibility that cuts in budget will lead to certain titles not being able to renew until December, which would lead to January and possibly February without articles. Budget had not been kept up along with inflation increases, even if 0% is being cut it would still leave LSSAC at a deficit.

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

- i. No Report

f. **Senators**

- i. No Report

2) Old Business

- a. VP Ashlerose asks GSOs whether there are talks about diversity and inclusion within GSOs and their respective departments. There were no updates from other GSOs since the last General meeting.

3) New Business

- a. None

4) Open Forum

- a. None

Adjournment: 4:55 p.m.