

GSC General Meeting for 14th April 2021

\*\*\*Calls to Order at 4:48p.m. \*\*\*

1) Reports:

a. **President:** Jonathan Ortiz

b. **Vice President:** Ashlerose Francia

- i. Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds II (HEERF II) are now available for students to request using the NMSU HEERF online form. Students' eligibility requirements include: 1) must be Degree-Seeking students, 2) must be enrolled in at least 1 credit hour for Spring 2021, 3) must be a citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- ii. GSC Satisfaction Survey is now available for graduate students to complete. GSC will be giving out a \$25 gift card for participation in the survey. The deadline to complete the GSC Satisfaction Survey is next week Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at midnight.

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

- i. GSC is collaborating with the Grad School and is hosting Grad Talks. Currently there are still 2 openings for Research Rapid Fire and 2 openings for Financial Health and Wellness. Students would give a short 5 minute presentation talk on a topic related to their research to the audience, and the receive feedback and make improvements based on those feedbacks. Students who participate in the Grad Talks will receive \$25 Gift Cards.

d. **Secretary:** Ashley Wu

- i. Reading and approving previous meeting minutes.

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

- i. No Report

f. **Senators**

- i. Senator Jafari reports that ASNMSU is currently holding elections. There are two candidates running for President and two candidates running for Vice President.

## 2) Old Business

### a. Graduate Workers United Updates

- i. Graduate Workers United is hosting their next townhall meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. During this meeting, union insurance experts will provide an overview of insurance plans negotiated by graduate worker unions across the country.
- ii. Health Insurance Task Force Updates
  - 1. Matthew on the Health Insurance Task Force gives update that the last meeting was held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The task force has drafted a proposal to offer health insurance. The next steps are to have health insurance providers bid on the proposal. Will likely see that graduate students have health insurance by Fall 2022.

## 3) New Business

- a. Bylaw Updates: Article VIII Section 1 Part b6, Section 3 Part b6, b7, c6, and Section 5
  - i. Vice President Ashlerose presents bylaw updates per previous GSC General Meeting. No discussion was had, a motion was put forth to approve the bylaw updates and the motion was seconded. After the entire council was polled, the motion was approved.
- b. Graduate Workers United Resolution
  - i. Discussion was had regarding GSC's position to support or not support Graduate Workers United. GSC voted in favor of

supporting GWU and sending out a resolution to graduate students.

c. ASNMSU Elections

i. President Candidates: Mathew Madrid and David De La Cruz

1. Each candidate addressed the council. A discussion was had regarding the council's endorsement of presidential candidate. Council concluded that GSC will be endorsing David De La Cruz.

ii. Vice President Candidates: Ethan Ortiz-Ulibarri and Cam Powers

1. Cam Powers was not present for the meeting.
2. Vice President Candidate Ethan Ortiz-Ulibarri addressed the council. A discussion was had regarding the council's endorsement of presidential candidate. Council concluded that GSC will be abstaining from endorsing any vice president candidate as Cam Powers was not present.

d. GSC Executive Team Elections

i. Nominees: Nominees for each position addressed the council and gave a 3-5 minute speech.

1. Treasurer:

- a. Leora Whiteaker – by acclamation – Won

2. Secretary:

- a. Ashley Wu – by acclamation – Won

3. Webmaster: Ashish Kodam

- a. Discussion was had. Council agreed to abstained from voting Ashish for webmaster as they were unclear with the necessary responsibilities associated with the webmaster position.

4. Vice President of Activities:

- a. Nominees: Katia Vargas De La Cruz, Aditya Ghalsasi, Cynthia Enriquez
  - b. Katia Vargas De La Cruz - Won
- e. Door Prizes for \$25 Gift Cards
  - i. The winners for the door prizes are Kartick Kolachala, Anthony Kennedy, Aksian Tort, Lindsey Cron, Matthew Varakian, Kelsey Phillips, Bryson Stemock, Leah White, Morgan Sinclair, Audrey Dijeu, Farhanul Hasan, Marianna Corkill, Naga Potlapalli, Kamrul Hasan, Harmanpreet Kaur, and Priscilla Holguin Luna.
- 4) Open Forum
  - a. No Report

\*\*\*Adjournment: 6:04 p.m. \*\*\*