

GSC General Meeting for 16th February 2022

\*\*\*Calls to Order at 4:10 p.m. \*\*\*

1) Reports:

a. **President:** Sergio Madrid

- i. Student Fee Review Board Hearings: After a meeting that ran for almost 3 days, the Student Fee Review Board voted for a small increase in the Student Fee paid by all students. This was made keeping in mind that the ASNMSU system was trying to implement several changes, and the additional funds would help in paying for the changes as well as hire new student assistants who would facilitate the change.
- ii. New GSC advisor: Mrs. Melody Munson-Mcgee, Special Assistant to the Vice President of Student Success, has joined the GSC as the new Staff Advisor.

b. **Vice President:** Cynthia Wise

- i. University Administration Council
  1. Dr. Dorothy Campbell has been hired as the new Interim Provost after Dr. Renay Scoot indicated that she did not have the bandwidth to operate both as the VP of Student Success and the

Provost.

2. The Graduate School would continue to report directly to VP Scott until a new Provost and a new dean for the Graduate School had been hired.
3. VP of Student Success Dr. Renay Scott has also submitted a recommendation to Chancellor Arvizu to offer tuition renumeration to Graduate Student Employees starting Fall 2022. VP Scott also remarked that renumeration for health insurance might be harder to implement and she is still looking into that
4. Dr. Carol Flinchbaugh, Interim dean of the Graduate School, provided an update on the Healthcare survey run by the Graduate School.
5. Dr. Flinchbaugh also encourages students to apply for Scholarships on Scholar Dollar as there are several scholarships on offer.

ii. Graduate Council

1. Changes will be implemented in the structure of the Council owing to the change in the structure of NMSU administration
  2. GSC Vice President Wise apprised the attendees about the events that GSC is planning later in the semester
  3. Vice President Wise also discussed the need to review which GSO's dissolved due to the pandemic
- iii. Faculty Senate: The following items were discussed.
1. Lengthen the time students must add classes without instructor permission
  2. Discussion of a proposal to reduce the number of credits required for full-time status for graduate students from 9-to-6.
- c. **Vice President of Activities:** Maryam Sharifi
- i. Announcement of Gradulicious Spring 2022: After last being held in Fall 2019, the GSC is bringing back the graduate student annual cookout and social, Gradulicious and will be held in March 2022. More details would be provided shortly.

- d. **Secretary:** Sarbajit Basu
  - i. Reading and approving meeting minutes
  - ii. Election Boards: ASNMSU elections for President, Vice President and Senators would be held in March-April 2022. Nominations open between Feb 21<sup>st</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup>. Elections will be held on the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. Website Transition from WordPress to Crimson Connection/Cascade: Communication from SILP director Dr. Sarah Edwards apprised the GSC that all student organizations must transition over from WordPress based website to a website on Crimson Connection. Webmaster Huscher and Secretary Basu agree that it would be better if they could have a website on Cascade instead. Communication has already been extended in this regard.
  
- e. **Treasurer:** Shashank Dharba
  - i. No Report
  
- f. **Senators**
  - i. Senator Jafari: ASNMSU President, Vice President and Senate Election will be held between April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## 2) Old Business

### a. Graduate Workers United: No updates

- i. Representative from GWU announces that they are organizing a general membership meeting on Feb 16, 2022, at 5pm to discuss the progress being made and steps that can be taken to further the goals and objective.

### ii. Audrey Dijeu on behalf of the AAPI Initiative:

1. The students currently serving as active members on the initiative had met once with Dr. Scholz, the Vice President of Equity, Inclusion and Diversity, on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and she has agreed to invite the active members to a meeting with the Diversity Directors.
2. The Interim Director of Chicano Programs will make sure that the speakers who are coming in April address anti-Asian xenophobia.
3. Black Programs has extended an offer to use their space if the AAPI students feel the need for a

safe space to be in.

4. Several student organizations, that work with individual sub-groups within students who identify as AAPI have expressed their solidarity and support behind this initiative.

3) New Business

4) Open Forum

- a. No support from ISSS to International Students regarding filing taxes: ISSS of NMSU generally sets up a service with Sprintax for International students, who classify as Non-Resident Alien for tax purposes, to file taxes easily. They also offer to waive the fee for federal tax filing via Sprintax to some students. No communication about such a service has been received from the same.
- b. NMSU International Club is recruiting members for their Executive Team. All students are welcome to submit nominations to contest the elections for the Executive Team.

\*\*\*Adjournment: 4:45 p.m. \*\*\*