

GSC General Meeting for 28th April 2021

***Calls to Order at 4:46p.m. ***

1) Reports:

a. **President:** Jonathan Ortiz

- i. No Updates

b. **Vice President:** Ashlerose Francia

- i. Monthly Meeting with Dean Vazquez

1. 1.5% raises will be applied to all GAs. This will be through NMSU and through New Mexico State.
2. Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds II (HEERF II) are still 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.
 - a. The next HEERF disbursement may go out before the semester end, however it may not. This depends on guidance from the federal department.
3. Dean Vazquez will be pursuing tuition reimbursement funding for GAs/TAs/RAs for Fall 2021. This will most likely be a one time tuition reimbursement situation.

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 openings for Research Rapid Fire (4/30/2021). 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 Shareef reports:

1. Starting Fall 2021 ASNMSU will be reimbursing 100% of travel funding (particularly for presentation and research travel). ASNMSU reimbursements will be capped at \$2500.
 - a. Dean of Students is still restricting traveling, as such reimbursement for travel funding will not be allocated until restrictions are lifted. The restrictions may be lifted during the second half of summer, however graduate students should speak with Senators first if they want receive reimbursement for travel funding.
2. ASNMSU has approved of funding for the Academic Year of Fall 2021 – Spring 2022. ASNMSU has approved of \$36,000 for GSC and \$10,000 for GRAS.
3. ASNMSU election results:
 - a. President: Matthew Madrid
 - b. Vice President: Ethan Ortiz-Ulibarri
 - c. Graduate Senators:

2) Old Business

3) New Business

- a. GSC Executive Team Elections

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

- 1. Webmaster:

- a. Nominees: Noor Mamlook, Sarabajit Basu

- i. Sarabajit Basu - Won

- b. Door Prizes for \$25 Gift Cards

- i. The winners for the door prizes are Muchu Zhou, Hengameh Bayat, Sarabajit Basu, Noor Mamlook, Lauren MacDonald

- 4) Open Forum

- a. No Report

Adjournment: 5:20 p.m.