

GSC General Meeting for 29th September 2021

***Calls to Order at 4:11 p.m. ***

1) Reports:

a. **President:** Sergio Madrid

- i. Research and Creativity Week: November 2nd – 5th
 1. The deadline to submit abstracts for posters, talks, etc. is on October 1st
- ii. COVID-19 at NMSU
 1. Currently there are 15 new COVID-19 cases at NMSU: 4 at DACC, and 11 on NMSU campus
 2. VaxTrax is now live. Students will need to submit their vaccination information by the end of September.
- iii. GSC Monthly Meetings with Graduate School Deans
 1. Hispanic Heritage Month is this month from September 15th – October 15th. There are many events happening around campus.
 2. College Skate Night will be free to students for first 15 minutes. This is happening on October 15th
 3. Diversity Programs is now collaborating with Aggie Cupboard to offer food boxed in the offices
 4. Diversity Programs Wellness Walks are

happening on Mondays and Thursdays at 5pm

5. American Indian Program (AIP) Hiking Series will continue in October

b. **Vice President:** Amador Gonzales

i. Student leader advisory council

1. NMSU LEADS 2025

a. As part of LEADS 2025, student leaders will be asked to hand out chips if they witness students doing good deeds. Chips will allow student to receive free meals.

2. VaxTrax document – VaxTrax violation protocol document has been drafted and will be published soon.

a. Violation and sanctions for COVID-19

Vaccination & Testing requirement

i. 1st missed test – written warning, 2nd missed test – conduct probation through end of current semester, 3rd missed test – deferred suspension through end of current semester, 4th missed test – suspension through end of the current semester

c. **Vice President of Activities:** Maryam Sharifi

i. No Updates

d. **Secretary:** Ashley Wu

- i. Reading and approving meeting minutes
- ii. Reminds council to recharter GSOs/GSAs by the end of September. GSOs/GSAs will also need to complete the ASNMSU Financial Procedures Workshop

e. **Treasurer:** Leora Whiteaker

- i. No Report

f. **Senators**

- i. Senator Potlapalli reports there are no updates
- ii. Senator Jafari asks council for opinions on buying a foosball table for \$1000 to be placed in the graduate student lounge in Corbett Center
 1. Council voices that this seems like frivolous spending since there are already other foosball tables in Corbett Center

2) Old Business

- a. HEERF III (Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds) Fall funds are now available for students to apply. Students must have been enrolled in at least 1 credit hour for the 2021 Fall semester
 - i. <https://fa.nmsu.edu/heerf/>
- b. Graduate Workers United
 - i. Representative from GWU announces that there will be another social event in October. Representative also

reminds graduate students to inform new graduate students to sign union cards

3) New Business

4) Open Forum

- a. Srijana Dura from Environmental and Plant Sciences GSO announces that next week Friday (October 8th) from 10am-1pm, there will be an organic pumpkin sale at Skeen Hall

***Adjournment: 4:34 p.m. ***