

GSC General Meeting for 31st March 2021

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

1) Reports:

a. **President:** Jonathan Ortiz

- 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. GSO Monthly Meeting with Dean Vazquez on March 23rd
 - In the Monthly Meeting with Dean Vazquez, the 1.5% increase in pay raises for employees were discussed. Depending on the instruction from the state, graduate students may be included in this pay increase. If the state decides that it is merit based, then grad students will not get raised. If it is across the board, then all grad students will get raises.

b. **Vice President:** Ashlerose Francia

- i. No Report

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 the Research Rapid Fire. 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 hold elections. Senate Candidate Fairs will take place on April 9th, 2021 at 6pm. Campaigning will officially begin on April 12th, 2021 at 8am.
 - ii. ASNMSU Law Book is still reviewing the law book. The election sections have passed, but the other sections in the law books are still ongoing.
- 2) Old Business
- a. GSC asks for updates or interests in forming a Diversity Committee within GSC. The updates or interests were brought up, as such no discussion was had.
 - b. Graduate Workers United Updates
 - i. Graduate Workers United is approaching the majority of graduate students signing the union card. Graduate Workers United need around 100 – 150 more signatures to meet the super majority.
- 3) New Business
- a. Bylaw Updates:
 - i. Article VIII Section 1 Part
 - 1. b1.) Student presenting research or attending conferences for educational purposes.
 - 2. b6.) Students requesting reimbursement of training fees, and certification/licensing fees (governed by Section 1 and 2).

ii. Article VIII Section 3 Part

1. b6) "Training fee" is a fee which is charged to GSC members to complete a course in a specific subject or interest area.
2. b7) "Certification or Licensing fee" is a fee which is charged to students to attest to a level of status or achievement in an interest area.
3. c6) The council shall make appropriations for reimbursement of training fees and certification fees, according to the following procedures:
 - a. a.) The Council may provide up to Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) for certification and training fees.

iii. Article VIII Section 5

1. A. Main Provisions

- a. The powers and funding mechanisms invoked in FY 2020 may be terminated prior to the start of any academic term by the assent of each Executive Council Member.

2. B. Definitions

- a. The powers and funding mechanisms are defined herein as:
 - i. 1. Article VIII, Section 1.B 3-6
 - ii. 2. Article VIII, Section 3.B 3-7
 - iii. 3. Article VIII, Section 3.C 3-6

b. Door Prizes for \$25 Gift Cards

- i. The winners for the door prizes are Harrison Cook, Aimee Ashley Oliver-Bozeman, Leora Whiteaker, Clare Nicole Oconnell, Liam Goodale, John Walker

4) Open Forum

Adjournment: 5:17 p.m.