

GSC General Meeting for 9th April 2019

*** Commencement, 5:04 p.m. ***

1. GSC President announces elections for GSC executive positions.
2. GSC President “runs off” positions in reverse order from Webmaster to the President.
3. Webmaster position runs first, Venkata Pacheria states her qualifications and why she should obtain the GSC Webmaster position. Pacheria initially runs unopposed.
4. Ranjini nominates herself for the Webmaster position again and speaks to her experience as the current Webmaster.
5. Votes are tallied from The Council; Venkata receives 12 votes, Ranjini receives 2 votes, there are 2 abstentions. Venkata is elected to the GSC Webmaster position.
6. The Council suggest Ranjini run for treasurer position due to Venkata’s victory of webmaster position.
7. Senators Ehtesham and Gaurav nominate Raksha Gala for treasurer position.
8. Raksha speaks to her current experience as the GSC Treasurer and explains she can continue with her position as needed.
9. Votes are tallied from The Council; Raksha receives 12 votes, Ranjini receives 2 votes, there are 2 abstention. Raksha retains her position as the GSC Treasurer.

10. The Vice-President of Activities position is “ran”. Arezoo Samiei is brought forth, as she e-mailed the GSC President to nominate herself for the position. She speaks to wanting to get involved and becoming more active in student life. She also wants to assist the GSC in some capacity.
11. Dominique Hellmich also informed the GSC President of her desire to fulfill one of three positions (VP of Activities, VP, or Secretary) but expressed her desire to obtain the VP of Activities position. Dominique was, however, unable to attend the meeting due to her laboratory work. Her nomination speech is given by the GSC President.
12. Votes are tallied from The Council; Arezoo receives all 16 votes for Vice-President of Activities.
13. The GSC President moves The Council to elect the Vice-President position.
14. Josiah Brooks runs for VP position. Josiah Brooks presents his defense for GSC Vice-President, Mr. Brooks represents the Department of Animal & Range Sciences. Questions about why Mr. Brooks is running. He explains he enjoys helping people and wants to move the agricultural legislation/agenda forward. Question of availability and time is asked. He explains he is good to be here and travel is not too extensive. Question asked, “How hard are you going to work for grad. Students?” Mr. Brooks says he wants the Council’s voice represented in places they have not traditionally.
15. Haley Stewart has recently been accepted to the Department of Criminal Justice here at NMSU and is a long standing/serving

member in ASNMSU/A&S Government. Haley was the President of the Arts & Sciences Council and was an undergraduate senator for one year. She spoke to her experience as a senator and president and stated that she will work hard for better pay for graduate students and is looking forward to working to bring her knowledge to the GSC.

16. Dominique is put into the running for VP (one of her interested positions).

17. Senator Ehtesham endorses Haley Stewart.

18. Votes are tallied from The Council; Haley receives 11 votes, Josiah receives 0 votes, and Dominique receives 5 votes. Haley Stewart is elected to the GSC Vice-President position.

19. The GSC President moves The Council to elect the President position.

20. Josiah Brooks is placed into the running for GSC President after receiving 3 nominations.

21. Sean Sellers (President of Astronomy GSO) nominates himself for President of the GSC. And, because Josiah already gave a brief presentation of himself, Sean gives speech about creating something good for graduate students. He wants health insurance, tuition reduction, and graduate student pay increase and states those as his main foci for running for the position.

22. Dominique is also placed in the running for President once Sean exits the room (during the discussion).

23. After the votes for The Council is tallied three times; Josiah received 6 votes, Sean received 7 votes, Dominique receives 0 votes and there are 3 abstentions. Sean Sellers is elected to the GSC President position.

24. The President moves The Council to elect a GSC Secretary, now left to Dominique and Josiah- no other person nominated themselves to run for the position. Votes are tallied from The Council; Dominique receives 6 votes, Josiah receives 7 votes, there are 3 abstentions. Josiah Brooks is elected the Secretary position.

Notes: The last Graduate Student Council (GSC) meetings for the semester (spring 2019)- both the finance and the general- are the 23rd April 2019 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

*** Adjournment, 6:08 p.m. ***