



Date: 02/21/2017

Location: HJLC 126

1. Call to order / Welcome
  - a. 5:05pm
2. Secretary's Report
  - a. Voted to approve minutes from 02/07/2017
3. President's report
  - a. Meeting with Dean Reyes and Provost Howard:
    - i. Working excessive hours, treatment to international GAs, female GAs concerning to the council. Both are meeting with faculty about this.
    - ii. Send complaints to the provost office. As GAs we are protected from retaliation to discuss issues and complaints. However, they can't deal with relationship with supervisor.
    - iii. Provost has assured that domestic students will have health insurance offered by university starting in Fall 2017; better package hopefully for international students.
4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Remaining budget: \$8,305
  - b. Library Student Advocacy Action Committee: University is cutting funding for journals. Let your departments know what journals you need if you're concerned about your journals being cut
  - c. Make sure your GSOs are registered under GSC
5. VP report
  - a. GA Reallocation Committee:
    - i. In support of repurposing unused TA monies from Colleges to fund insurance for Domestic TA's. (Projected excess of \$700,000 across Colleges 2016-2017 year)
    - ii. In support of removing extra courses/TA's to fund insurance. (Courses have 10 sections available for students, but realistically need only 7 courses to cover number of students registering for class).
  - b. Future Issues: Tuition Waiver, Requirements for TA's to be covered for health insurance, flexibility to continue supporting international students as TA's, Budget cuts from State/University.
6. VP of Activities' Report
  - a. GRAS is April 7<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Register online for reception; submit abstracts for presentations
    - ii. Domenici Hall
    - iii. Box lunches rather than dinner at reception/ poster session
7. Graduate Senator's Report
  - a. Ehtesham: Financial procedure workshops held online. Also there is a proposal to post the community service forms online.
8. Updates and Announcements
9. Open Forum



- a. JD:
  - i. Please let your students know that your office is a safe space for undergrads.
  - ii. If you don't have insurance, perhaps look into state Medicaid (if you don't work in the summer)
- b. Chad: Discussed his leaving the senate floor and his position on the topic of senator excusals.
- c. Dr. Hernandez: Grad students are encouraged to attend meetings for Fall Education Conference to help plan. March 1<sup>st</sup> 1:30-3pm
- d. Ehtesham: ASNMSU are being strict with senators this semester. Point system for senators missing. 1 point for each missed session and 6 points can be impeached. Perhaps add something to GSC bylaws like ASNMSU has for senator attendance. GSC votes to excuse senator absences
- e. Adam: Dean Reyes asked how we are professionalizing GSC.
  - i. Change titles: VP Activities -> VP of Grad Student Life; Webmaster -> VP of Communications
  - ii. Think about now if you are interested in running in March for GSC elections

10. Adjournment

- a. 5:42pm