

Graduate Student Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 5, 2013
4:30 pm, Colfax Room 210

- I. **Call to order / Welcome**
- II. **Secretary's Report / Approval of Minutes**
- III. **Treasurer's report**
 - a. There were four applications for people who went on trips over the break. Today was the last day to get funds if you went anywhere over there break. Now we are back to the normal funding guidelines.
 - b. There are \$9,500 left
- IV. **Guest Speakers – (NONE)**
- V. **GRAS Report (March 11th – 13th)**
 - a. A signup sheet was passed around for anyone who is interested in volunteering at GRAS.
 - b. The deadline for submitting proposals was extended to this coming Friday, February 8. Anyone who has gotten funds from GSC or the graduate school or is expecting to receive funds this semester is required to present.
 - c. There will be flyers next week to pass out to everyone – and hopefully everyone can help us pass flyers out and spread the word
 - d. Romina is in the process of sending confirmations to those students who have submitted a proposal
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. **Vote to appoint new Vice President**
 - i. There were 15 GSO representatives in favor – none opposed
 - b. **External Review of Graduate Education at NMSU and Graduate School response**
 - i. External Review [report](#) is now available. Dean Lacey submitted a response.
 - ii. **Committee to create a GSC resolution in response to external review**
 1. We are working to have graduate students also form a response to the external review. A sign in sheet was passed out for students who are interested in participating with this.
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **Committee to lobby for graduate student priorities during university presidential search**

i. We would like to create a form letter with graduate student priorities, can partially come from external review response. Beyond this we would like to contact the presidential search committee members and be able to express the concerns and priorities of graduate students so that it is in their mind. A sign in sheet was passed out for students who are interested in participating with this.

b. Committee to assess financial support of graduate conference travel at NMSU

i. **Cheryl is looking to help with creation of a survey**

ii. **Will have students fill out survey at GRAS, also available online**

1. The purpose is to find out if the process is deterring graduate students from applying for funding. We want to see how efficient and effective this process is. A sign in sheet was passed out for students who are interested in participating with this

c. New Mexico Brain Drain Bill

i. Online petition:

<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/support-new-mexico-brain-drain-bill/>

ii. Do we want to vote to support this bill as a whole? Individually?

iii. We encourage you all to share this information with fellow graduate students and the graduate student organizations you are a part of

iv. At the next meeting we will be voting on whether or not we want to support this

VIII. Graduate Senator's Report

- a. Student Fee Review Board decided to have Media separation so there will be a changing of the fee structure. \$69k of ASNMSU fees will go toward new media fee and the remainder will come from general student fees.
- b. Senator King has talked about creating a research committee that will essential decide whether to fund for research travel based on applications rather than legislation. This would not be a political body but will be driven to help graduate students with research and conference travel.
- c. As always, make sure to contact a graduate senator as soon as you know that you are going on a trip. It is best if you email all of the senators at the same time and one of them will definitely get back to you.
- d. If you are interested in running for office in the Senate go to the ASNMSU office to pickup a packet required to do so. There will be three graduate senator seats available for the 2013-2014 school year.

IX. Announcements

- a. Insurance Committee, Tuesday February 19th at 1:30pm at Campus Health Center. They are currently asking for a graduate student representative. If you are interested let us know.
- b. Jeremy Witte – ASNMSU Vice President Candidate

- c. David Maestas – ASNMSU President Candidate
 - i. All candidates must submit their packets by February 15th
 - ii. There will be a mandatory candidate meeting on February 18th
 - iii. Campaigning begins February 25th
 - iv. Elections will be March 11-15th
 - v. Actual results will be posted by March 18th

X. **Open Forum**

XI. **Adjournment**