

Graduate Student Council
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 19, 2013
4:30 pm, Doña Ana Room

1. Call to order / Welcome

- a. The meeting was called to order at 4:33pm by Tia

2. Secretary's Report / Approval of Minutes

- a. There was no reading of the secretary's report because Denise was absent; therefore we skipped this section of the agenda.

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. Nick reported that there was about \$1,800 left for conference travel funding for Spring of 2013. He stated that everyone should get their applications in quickly, including for the summer, or apply retroactively for the Fall of 2013. Jessica Lail stated that her department of APS would be applying for \$1,000.00 of that funding.

4. ASNMSU Graduate Senator's Report

- a. Nitish did the report this week. He stated that the Anthropology department's bill was not passed in the senate because it had previously been passed. He also gave the election results as follows:

- i. ASNMSU President – David Maestas
- ii. ASNMSU Vice president – Wesley Jackson
- iii. Graduate Senate write in candidate – Jessica Lail

Tia stated that she would get the results of the other two write in candidates out by the next meeting.

5. Guest Speakers - None

6. GRAS Report

- a. Romina gave a report on GRAS stating that it was an excellent experience for her and thanked all who participated and volunteered.

7. Old Business

- a. **Committee on Graduate Education, External Review of Graduate Education/**

Presidential Search

- i. Jessica Lail gave the report and stated that the committee is still accepting responses. Tia added that this is our way of getting the new administration to hear the concerns of graduate students and our expectations of the administration. Jessica informed the body that the committee would hold it's next meeting at Frenger food court at 03/20/2013 at 12:05pm.

b. Grad Funding Survey Update

- i. Cheryl reminded students to take the graduate funding survey and that it would be closing soon

c. GSC Nominations

- i. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director. Romina took two minutes to explain the requirements of the Activities Director position, which includes putting together Gradulicious in the Fall and GRAS in the Spring.
- ii. Tia opened nominations for positions. The nominations were as follows: Jessica Lail nominated Romina Pacheco to be President. Nick Ule nominated Jessica Lail to be Vice president, and Jean McKeever was nominated for Treasurer. Nominations will close April 2 and voting will take place April 9.

8. New Business

a. Affordable Care Act and Student Health Coverage update

- i. Tia mentioned that the concern is whether graduate students would be penalized for not having health insurance. She also stated that students who have health insurance would not be susceptible to fees.

9. Announcements

a. Next meeting: April 9, Otero Room (1st Floor)

- i. Tia stated she would provide a list of potential GSC officer candidates in advance
- ii. GSC Elections
- iii. Guest Speaker: Associate Provost Menking of International and Border

Programs. Tia mentioned that this person would speak about issues with international travel funding

10. Open Forum

- a. Sabrina Zamora announced “First Mondays” for the graduate school and encouraged students to come and participate.

11. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned by Tia at 5:03pm

Q2: Is my plan affected; how does ACA define “student health insurance coverage”?

A2. Not all health insurance coverage offered to students is included in the definition of “student health insurance coverage.” The final regulations define student health insurance coverage as a type of individual health insurance coverage for ACA purposes if it is provided pursuant to a written agreement between an institution of higher education (as defined in the Higher Education Act of 1965) and a health insurance issuer, and provided to students enrolled in that institution and their dependents, that meet the following conditions:

- Does not make health insurance coverage available other than in connection with enrollment as a student (or a dependent of a student) in the institution;
- Does not condition eligibility for the health insurance coverage on any health-status – related factor (i.e., health status, physical medical conditions, mental illness, claims experience, receipt of health care, medical history, genetic information, evidence of insurability, and disability) relating to a student (or a dependent of a student); and
- Meets any additional requirements that may be imposed under state law.

The final regulations do not set a minimum threshold for determining student status under student health insurance plan coverage (i.e., requiring enrollment in a specific number of course hours each term or seeking a degree). These eligibility decisions are left to each college or university and the insurer.

The preamble to the final regulations clarify that student health insurance coverage for purposes of the final regulations includes coverage offered by a consortia of universities or State boards of regents acting on behalf of an institute of higher education. However, the final regulations do not apply to student health insurance coverage offered by other organizations such as student associations or high schools, which must comply with the ACA as individual health insurance coverage unless another exemption is available. For example, student associations may qualify as “bona fide associations” under the ACA which are exempt from the guaranteed availability and renewability requirements (*see Q/A 5*).