



General Meeting Minutes

8/25/2015

Tuesday, August 25th, 2015
4:30 pm, Fountain Room

1. Call to order / Welcome
 - a. 4:34 pm
2. Secretary's Report
 - a. Minutes Approved
3. Talking about health insurance – Talking about a bump in pay for GA's at the university, Dean Reyes wants a proposal to come from the students. Adam wanted a committee to carry this forward over the summer, did not occur. Meetings and communication between HR and students has been poor. But the GSC is still working on getting more information from HR.
 - a. Want to establish a committee to work on the Health insurance issue – both Dean and Provost want to help us, but it will be a student mandated move to get something done. Those international students who have a full TA position are fairly well covered, but will still need to pay more money. International students need to pay approximately \$700 by this Friday otherwise would lose Visa.
 - b. It is possible that the payments can be broken up into \$100 installments, don't have confirmation on this.
 - c. Volunteers for the committee – Jean has volunteered for this committee. If interested in volunteering contact Adam.
4. Pay gap for graduate students – bridging the pay gap, is on the GSC website, but Dean Reyes is saying that there should be no difference between the GA's, i.e. TA's and RA's. Want to set up a committee for this ongoing issue as well – Jean has also volunteered for this committee. If interested in volunteering contact Adam.
5. Need 3 volunteers for the ASNMSU advocacy board, will need to go to Santa Fe. Adam has called volunteers for this group. If interested contact Adam.
6. Dean Reyes wants some business students to work on a SWOT analysis. Would like to get volunteers to either ask about this or form a committee to work on it, this should most likely be the committee handling the pay gap issue.
7. Need to make some changes to the funding policy within the GSC bylaws, specifically with regards to the distance education students, what qualifies them. Need volunteers to form the committee for the bylaw changes, please contact Adam if interested.
 - a. Need to also look at Article IV section 3, with regards to ASNMSU senators being part of the GSC Executive Committee, except for President and Vice President. Specifically this would be beneficial to GSC in the long run, as the procedures would be more streamlined.

- i. A lot of discussion about this and it is getting a lot of negative feedback. Trevor spoke to the process of receiving funding from ASNMSU and what the benefits of having an individual who happened to be a senator in the position as treasurer for GSC.
8. Talking about whether or not we should replace GRAS with a peer reviewed and published journal through either the University or the Graduate School. If we stick with GRAS, it should be paid for by Graduate School. Adam will continue to look into this with the help of Tara Young.
9. IRB turnaround can be up to a couple of months – should be closer to two weeks, will be presented to Dean Reyes that this really needs to be addressed. Must get IRB approval as quickly as possible so that the research can be done in as timely a manner as possible.
 - a. Need to bring this back to our departments to get this discussed and worked on at a higher level. One of the problems may be that the committee does not meet on a consistent basis, many of the members miss or just don't show up to meetings. At some Universities they have an expedited IRB where changes are incorporated and then the document is approved.
 - i. Should get members of board to agree to fulfill all of their requirements, especially attending the meetings.
10. Treasurer's Report
 - a. \$24,000 available – will start taking funding requests immediately, and as soon as the financial committee is formed will start reviewing the requests. Give funding request documents to Trevor.
 - b. International research travel
 - i. Can go to the grad school
 - ii. Aggies go global
 - iii. And go to international boards and
11. VP of Activities' Report
 - a. Gradulicious is being worked on at present– looking at having it at the Fulton center again.
12. Graduate Senator's Report
 - a. First meeting of ASNMSU this Thursday
 - b. GSO presidents and treasurer's need to attend the Financial Planning Workshops
13. Updates and Announcements
 - a. Voting for Fall Senator seat – Brief talk by each of the following students who wished to fill the available senators seat.



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- i. Quorum of GSO's is present, 16, only need 14 to meet quorum.
 - ii. Vote results
 1. Avinash Kuna -4
 2. Nima Hadian - 1
 3. John Denim - 6
 4. Trevor Harris - 5
 - iii. Vote – John Denim has been elected to fill the open Fall Graduate Senator seat.
14. "Name Withheld" cannot perform the duties of GSC Secretary.
- a. After a single nominee John Schutte was suggested a vote of acclimation was achieved.
 - i. John W. Schutte is the new GSC Secretary.
15. Open Forum
- a. Announcement of Model United Nations talk to Trish or fill out the forms left at the front of the room. Can also go to the website www.mun.nmsu.edu Deadline for application is Thursday September 3rd by 5 pm.
16. Adjournment
- a. 5:51 pm