

Graduate Student Council
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 25, 2012
4:30 pm, New Mexico Room 324 (Third floor)

1. **Call to order / Welcome**
2. **Secretary's Report / Approval of Minutes**
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. The first appropriations were given out last week totaling about \$2,500.
4. **Graduate Senator's Report**
 - a. Collin King and Jacob Deaven – Last week every funding request bill was funded for less than what was requested. 37%. Bill 19 was about how much to pay for community service. 25% is now the number. They are looking to rewrite Chapter 8, Financial Operations, of the ASNMSU [law book](#). Because ASNMSU has less money this year than previous years there will be a 25% cut across the board. An average of \$8,000 will be spent at each senate meeting to not go over the budget and to have money for the Spring.
 - A little on the funding process: The executive branch gets money from the student fees that we pay. The money that the executive branch does not spend is passed on to the Senate.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **How to receive travel funding - ASNMSU**
 - Jacob Deaven – ASNMSU will cover 49% of travel costs. Students are not paid upfront, but will get reimbursed when they return. Receipts of your expenses must be presented so make sure to hold on to them! Students need to meet and work with their senators to have a bill submitted no later than two weeks before departure. In return, ASNMSU asks that you complete [community service](#) hours and forms that say who you are, the group you are with, where and when you will be going, and what you will be doing. Your community service will be valid for 120 days starting the day you completed those hours. There is a separate form that needs to be filled out if your trip will be international. If you have any questions you can contact Jacob at jdeaven@nmsu.edu.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **NMSU Student Regent position**
 - Speaker: Christopher Dulany. He is the current student regent and his term is up this December. The [application](#) for this position is available online (on the ASNMSU website, under Get Involved and Forms). The student regent will need to be available for the next two years; the term starts on January, 2013. This is an unpaid position, but travel and meeting expenses are reimbursed. Dulany shared that this is about a minimum of 10-hours/week time commitment. If you have any questions regarding this position feel free to email him at dulany@nmsu.edu.
 - The committee and the ASNMSU President will interview qualified individuals. President Couture and the Governor will then interview

finalists. Applicants need to be available for interviews during October 15-19, 2012.

- [Applications](#) must be completed and returned with a letter of interest to the ASNMSU office by 12pm on October 5, 2012.

b. **Grade appeals committee – needing 2 students to serve**

- This is for the Graduate Council. It is not a big time commitment - only met once last year. If anyone is interested, contact Tia (freelove@nmsu.edu) and she will appoint you. Names are needed by about the second week of October.

7. **Announcements**

- a. See you at Gradulicious!
Thursday, September 27 from 5-9pm at the Stan Fulton Center on the NMSU campus (the building on the south side of the football stadium – on the top floor)
 - Volunteering at this event can count toward your community service hours.
- b. First Mondays
 - The first “First Monday” will be this coming Monday, October 1st, from 4pm – 7:30pm in Corbett Center, 2nd floor.
- c. Graduate School Football Tailgate Luncheon
 - This will be November 10 at the NMSU vs. San Jose Spartans game. Time: 11am – 1pm. Cost is \$10 per person. To purchase a ticket contact Sabrina Zamora at szamora@research.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-1381.
- d. Keep State Great – October 20
 - Packets can be picked up at the ASNMSU office. The forms need to be turned in by October 12th.
- e. - Next meeting: GO Bond information, Office of Sustainability

8. Open Forum

9. Adjournment