



## General Meeting Minutes

4/5/2016

Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
5:15 pm, O'Donnell Hall Room 111

1. Call to order
  - a. 5:00 pm
2. Secretary's Report
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3. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Talked with Debbie, no way to get the funds transferred. She also lost track of somebody's travel document so our budget was in deficit at that time
  - b. Met with Dean Reyes about the funding process, three different strategies meeting with him this Thursday again and see what the process really should be. Might want to have two separate processes. Need a voting quorum next meeting so that can vote on the bylaw changes otherwise will have the same issues as this semester.
4. VP of Activities' Report
  - a. April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Talks from 1:30 to 4:30 in Corbett center, raffle tickets will be handed out if you attend a talk.
  - c. Will also get tickets for filling out survey, coming to the reception, and volunteering
  - d. Reception at 5 pm at Stan Fulton, will be giving out prizes, most in gift cards
  - e. Can drop off posters to Tara and she will hang up your poster for you.
  - f. Still looking for volunteers for GRAS to fulfill some of the duties such as time monitors and door monitors.
5. Graduate Senator's Report
  - a. Big Event is this weekend
  - b. Only two more senate meetings this semester
  - c. Need to talk to your centers by noon this Friday to get bills written
  - d. Will have \$7,000 for Gras next year
  - e. Will have \$25,000 for student travel next semester due to hard work by the senators and Adam.
  - f. Would like to partner with the grad school due to the budget for GRAS being cut by 50%, looking for sponsors throughout the community.
  - g. The budget cuts are taking their toll on student organization funding.
  - h. Tuesday of next week is the deadline for travel funding bills
  - i. Prasamsa Dhakal did win her senator seat again.

6. Updates and Announcements

- a. Budget cuts at NMSU and how they will affect graduate students
  - i. Don't believe that anything is on the table for GA funding. Will be meeting with Dean Reyes this week.
  - ii. TA funding may be an issue, where the number of courses will be reduced overall so that this is one way that budget may be reduced.
  - iii. Don't know if the pay raise received at beginning of next semester, but there has been no talk about this at this time.
  - iv. Dean Reyes has said that he is trying to protect the students as much as possible.
- b. Notification of elections for GSC executive council positions, (elections to be held at the next GSC meeting in two weeks' time, 4-19-2016)
  - i. If interested in running for one of the seats on the GSC council
- c. Where would the membership like to meet next year? If can keep it at a centralized location and at 5 pm this would be great
- d. GSC is listed as a club and not a council and this has same ramifications, Adam is working with Aggie activities to get this fixed, still trying to get this fixed.

7. Open Forum

- a. Bylaws committee on Wednesday at 10 am in Science Hall 310, or e-mail [arobbins@nmsu.edu](mailto:arobbins@nmsu.edu). So please get here any information that you believe needs to be incorporated into the bylaws.
- b. Tara talked about getting Qualtrec through the graduate school with Dean Reyes last week.
  - i. While talking with him he discussed a graduate student learning center which would include assistance with data analysis, Qualtrec, and software to check possible plagiarism issues
  - ii. Dean Reyes has an open door policy, and if you want to talk to him about something please feel free to do so.
- c. Adam will be running for President again, Tara will be running for VP of activities again, and Trevor will be running for VP, John will be running for secretary, and Sam will be running for Webmaster again.
  - i. If having issues please bring them up as soon as possible to talk to him.
  - ii. Please tell your GSO's that there must be representation for the next meeting so that we can vote for the executive council members and bylaws.

8. Adjournment

- a. 5:31 pm