



Date: 09/06/2016

Location: HJLC 126

1. Call to order / Welcome
 - a. 5:33pm
2. Secretary's Report
 - a. Minutes from last meeting (8/23)
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Review of current bylaws and funding procedures
 - b. Q: How do budget cuts affect GSC funding? We have cut GRAS budget, but there is more money for travel funding
4. VP report
 - a. Tara and Trevor attended Graduate Council.
 - i. The council is focusing on enrollment of graduate students (e.g. things like masters accelerated courses and keeping NMSU undergraduates here for graduate school).
 - ii. Dean Reyes is wanting to reconsider the dissertation process, wondering if they are necessary.
 - iii. There is a goal of hosting an online Masters program completely in Spanish.
 - iv. Faculty are looking at the tenure review process, and are working on a joint doctorate degree in geography.
 - v. Reallocate assistantships, shifting of funds between departments
 - b. GSC Exec meeting with Dean Reyes
 - i. Dean Reyes has a goal of graduate students walking away knowing Spanish along with their masters or doctorate. This idea is to have part of course work in Spanish.
 - c. Student funding: Online application is a work in progress. Pam Jefferies at ICT is working with Trevor on getting the application online.
5. VP of Activities' Report
 - a. Gradulicious: Friday Oct 7th, grill out at Preciado park, 1st come first serve, 5-7pm. Food from Albertsons and Walmart. Games needed, please bring the games.
6. Graduate Senator's Report
 - a. 3rd ASNMSU meeting is this Thursday
 - b. Suggested that you submit your bill ASAP because budget is running out
 - c. Keep State Great is Sept 24th for community service, GSO needs to attend if you want to get money from ASNMSU.
 - d. ASNMSU budget last year 490,000, this year is 540,000, kept hitting caps. Not extra money, just better budgeting of Exec branches.
7. Updates and Announcements
 - a. Bylaws vote: 65% budget allocation in the fall
 - i. Voted to pass addition to the bylaws
 - b. Graduate senator seat vote



- i. Candidate 30 sec speeches
 1. Chad, Ahmed, Lakshmi, Gopal
 2. Chad won
8. Open Forum
 - a. Manuel (ASNMSU senator) presenting bill from ASNMSU. Wants to raise funding appropriation from 40% to 45%.
9. Adjournment
 - a. 7:07pm