



## General Meeting Minutes

1/21/2014

Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
4:00 pm, Senate Gallery Rm. 304

### 1. Call to order / Welcome

4:05PM

### 2. Secretary's Report / Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve, as secretary is not present

### 3. Treasurer's Report

\$15,752.90 still left for spring semester travel funding. Finance committee will start meeting again next week. If you are interested, please contact Jean, she will send an email with doodle poll to pick a meeting date.

### 4. Graduate Senator's Report

All bills passed at last senate meeting. There is not much to report at this point since first senate meeting for the semester will be next week.

### 5. VP-Activities Report

Submissions system for GRAS presentations is still open. 30 people have submitted proposals. 30 for volunteers. 3 people coming from UTEP. Deadline will be extended for another 10 days. Submissions in languages other than English will be accepted.

### 6. Old Business:

- **Potential Library Fee/ Advisory board**
  - Romina reported on a meeting she had with Dr. Titus, Dean of the library and David Maestas, ASNMSU president about potentially implementing a student library fee. Dean Titus presented some facts about how budget cuts have negatively affected the library (ie. stop subscription to certain journals) and thus the need to inject some funds to make it sustainable. IF fee were to be implemented improvement of library common areas and availability of materials would be a priority as well as the extension of library hours. A student advisory board would be formed to make suggestions to Dean of the library on how to spend the money.



- Opinions were expressed at the council against implementing such fee. Having access to the library and library materials is a central aspect of graduate education and thus students should not have to pay an extra fee in order to have a high quality library.
- Romina and volunteers will draft a letter to the administration expressing concern and setting up a list of priorities. Letter will be presented at the next council's meeting for approval.
- Romina will email Dean Titus and ask for evidence on the budget.

**7. Guest Speaker: Dean Loui Reyes, Graduate School**

No present. Out sick with the flu.

**8. Announcements:**

**a. Financial Procedure Workshops:**

Thursday	January 23	Senate Chambers Room 302	5:00pm 6:00pm
Tuesday	January 28	Senate Chambers Room 302	3:00pm 4:00pm
Wednesday	January 29	Senate Gallery Room 304	5:00pm 6:00pm

**9. Open Forum**

Questions about GRAS.

**10. Adjournment** - Approximately 4:25pm