

Graduate Student Council - Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 23, 2012
4:30 pm, Colfax Room

Call to order / Welcome

Secretary's Report / Approval of Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Heads up on the funding; it is now running low for the fall semester. If you apply and cannot get any money for this semester you can apply to get money in the next semester.

Graduate Senator's Report

Collin King – Chapter 8 was passed. There is a problem that will be fixed soon and as soon as that is fixed the law book will be made available. Overall the language was condensed so that it was easier to read. A brief overview of the changes are that there are now six types of travel that are funded for: Conference attendance travel, conference presentation travel, competitive travel, research travel, community service travel, and humanitarian service travel. All travel will be funded *up to* 49%. The airfare changed; ASNMSU will not fund outside the U.S., Mexico, or Canada. It is recommended that students go through the definitional section before approaching a senator to know what is funded and what is not.

Old Business

Corbett Center Renovations Committee – Need 1 student to serve

New Business

General Obligation Bond C – Guest: Ricardo Rel (NMSU Office of Governmental Relations)

This will be voted on in this November election. The state goes through this process every other year that and it is to provide money for higher education to renovate buildings/facilities. Also, it is financed through property taxes. The NMSU system would receive \$24 million; \$19 million will go toward the renovation of Hardman and Jacobs Halls on the Las Cruces campus - these buildings are now costing more to maintain them. Of the remaining funding, \$2 million will go to Doña Ana Community College for infrastructure renovation, and \$1 million will go to each of the campuses at Alamogordo, Carlsbad, and Grants. To learn more about GO Bond C click [here](#).

General Obligation Bond B - \$9.5 mil bond issue for NMSU Libraries

The passage of the General Obligation Bond Bill B would benefit libraries at New Mexico State University and other academic school libraries across the state. If approved by the voters, the bond would provide \$9.7 million for New Mexico libraries. GO bonds provide up to 25 percent of New Mexico academic library materials. The cumulative total for the NMSU library

system would be \$519,881. For more information on GO Bond B click [here](#).

ASNMSU – Guest: David Maestas (ASNMSU Vice President)

He introduced himself and wanted to let everyone know that if you would like to contact him, his email is david90@nmsu.edu. He has been supportive of graduate students so if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to send him an email.

One of the things discussed with David Maestas is that it is necessary to find out how much graduate students pay versus how much we receive in services.

GRAS Update (Romina) – Will be on March 11-13th in Corbett Center

GRAS Committee sign-up – volunteers will be needed to organize it and to actually be at the event and hours can count toward campus service hours.

GRAS call for papers – there will be an online submission. The deadline is February 1st.

Announcements

Next 1st Monday by the Graduate School - November 5th, 4:30-7:00pm. Free food!

Graduate School Tailgate – November 10th. \$10 for tailgate. From 11am – 1pm.

Open Forum

Adjournment