

Graduate Student Council
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 9, 2012
4:30 pm, Dona Ana Room

1. **Call to order / Welcome**
2. **Secretary's Report / Approval of Minutes**
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Nothing to report.
4. **Graduate Senator's Report**
 - a. Collin King – The RUF Bill was passed. This was an amended bill to which amount and reimbursement was changed, to 30% rather than 49%. A couple of bills from the Sociology department were tabled until Chapter 8 is completed. A special committee was formed in order to rewrite Chapter 8. Collin was appointed to that committee for the graduate senators. They will be pursuing a tiered system where they would have the following in order of priority: research, conference, competition and community service at the bottom. Important to note that just because a bill is legal does not mean that a student will be guaranteed funding; also do not count on having the entire amount requested funded. Even if your bill does pass it is still up to the president to sign it. Note: Currently, when bills are looked at, the amount of the bill is paid more attention to than the actual merit of the trip.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Nothing to report
6. **New Business**
 - a. Graduate Council Update
 - i. Need Graduate Council committee members for the following committees:
 1. Grade Appeals - Need two students. Denise Terrazas (GGSO secretary) is signed up for one of the spots.
 2. Graduate Retention Committee
 - a. With Associate Dean Reyes. The main point is to talk about grade completion and retention.
 3. International Student Issues
 - a. Not active last year but may be more active this year.
 4. Corbett Center Renovations
 - a. Meeting on a few different dates. The point is to get feedback about the renovations.
 5. If you are interested in being in any of these committees, contact GSC: Denise Terrazas (dtrrazas@nmsu.edu) and/or Tia Upchurch-Freelove (freelove@nmsu.edu).
 - ii. Proposed New Classification of Graduate Assistants

1. They would like to create a course assistant to help teachers prepare for classes. It can be used for graduate assistants who are on probation and only for one semester. This does not change pay for the rest of the classifications.
 - iii. Graduate Assistant payment schedule
 1. They are trying to work with HR so that graduate students get paid sooner than a month after we start.
 - iv. Graduate student “full time” status
 1. There is a new proposition requesting the full time be corrected so that it is 9-15 credits.
 - b. UAC Update
 - i. NMSU President search update
 1. Nothing new to report.
 - c. External Review of Graduate Education at NMSU
 - i. The Office of the Provost is conducting an external review of the Graduate School. The reviewers would like to meet with the Graduate Student Council and graduate assistants over lunch. **Monday, October 22 from 11:45am – 1:30pm in La Academia Milton Hall 185**; also on **Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at the same place from 11:30am – 12:45pm**. Lunch will be served.
 1. You need to **RSVP**. Email mgrandje@nmsu.edu.
 - d. 2012 Elections – Info on voting in Dona Ana County
 - i. Can vote anywhere in the county; Voting will be possible on campus at Corbett Center.
 - e. GO Bond B - \$9.5 mill bond issue for NMSU Libraries
 - i. At the next meeting someone will be speaking to us about this.
 - f. GRAS Update (Romina)
 - i. It will be March 11-13th. Working on the technicalities regarding submissions. Will keep graduate students posted on this. Volunteers will be needed for this event.
- 7. Announcements**
- a. Graduate School Events (Sabrina Zamora)
 - i. Next “First Monday” is November 5th
 - ii. November 10th is the Graduate School tailgate
 - b. Food pantry in need of donations – open Mon/wed from 4-6pm in Christian Challenge building (across from campus) 1313 E. University (next to DG’s Deli). Show your NMSU ID and receive a bag of food
- 8. Open Forum**
- 9. Adjournment**