



General Meeting Minutes

11/3/2015

Tuesday, November 3rd, 2015
5:00 pm, O'Donnell Hall Room 111

1. Call to order
 - a. 5:01 pm
2. Secretary's Report
 - a. Minutes Approved
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. \$13,992 as of this morning, did decrease today, approved a number of funding requests, getting pretty close to 60% of available funds.
 - b. Winter travel can be submitted next semester
 - c. Please be sure to sign the forms prior to sending to Travis
4. VP of Activities' Report
 - a. None
5. Graduate Senator's Report
 - a. This Thursday will be a meeting
 - b. \$14,000 cap in place
 - c. Last meeting two weeks from this Thursday
 - d. Rules committee, wants a resolution to maintain the current rule of smoking on campus, was tabled until GSC could respond. If this resolution does not pass, resolution will be presented to that will make this a nonsmoking University.
 - i. Want to take this back to the GSOs and see what their opinions are on this subject.
 - ii. Will vote on whether or not to support this resolution or not next GSC meeting
 - e. If you have any questions on Health care please contact John Dennem, will be serving as senator until the end of the semester.
6. Updates and Announcements
 - a. A lot of time is being spent on finance during the regular meeting, so if members did not get the paperwork done/in on time, it will have to be pushed to next the finance committee meeting.
 - i. Want to set a deadline for the funding paperwork to be posted into Canvas by 11:59 pm the Monday prior to the general meeting.
 1. Need to get your paperwork to Travis before midnight of Monday the prior to the GSC general meeting

- ii. Also need to make sure that the finance meeting starts at 4 pm.
- iii. Would like to have a checklist coversheet for items that members are required to have completed with regards to funding paperwork, in order to verify everything is complete.
- iv. Need to update and streamline the funding paperwork.
 - 1. Sam Schonfeld is investigating where the files are being electronically stored at this time so that we can update these files.
 - a. Files have been updated as of today. Will try to update the funding forms over winter break.
 - 2. Want to try to do as much as possible on Canvas, Alex VanHoudt has said that he will look into it.
- b. Need to form a committee to address by-law changes to funding, suggested topics to include:
 - i. If members receive funding, then they must serve for at least 2 meetings on the finance committee, or some other committee of their choice within the same semester they receive funding.
 - ii. The time frame for getting funding paperwork into the finance committee should be two weeks prior to travel to two weeks after travel, so a month's span.
 - 1. Hoping to do this, because want to get rid of GRAS, and move the money to research funding. Problem is that the funding for GRAS is setting aside specifically for GRAS and is not part of the general budget. Want to talk to senators about looking into this.
 - iii. Would like this committee to review the entire GSC bylaws document and see if there are any other changes or simplifications that need to be made to the document.
 - iv. Can get an EXCEL copy of the funding paperwork that ASNMSU has.
 - 1. Senator Swagotom Sarker getting it for GSC
 - v. By-law committee:
 - 1. Arryn Robbins - Committee Chair
 - 2. Tim Nunley (Nate)
 - 3. John Dennem
 - 4. Trish Dhakal
 - 5. Sam Schonfeld
 - 6. Tara Young

- c. Made up a list of issues that were to be presented to the GSO's. GSO's were asked to enter their concerns, and then bring back their responses.
 - i. Adam needs the issues to present as a member of the Student Advocacy Board, so that he has specific issues to make sure that the graduate student budget is not cut.
 - ii. Need the list of GSO concerns back by the second meeting of November.
 - d. Need to attach the committee that each senator is on to the individual senator.
 - i. Would like this on the GSC website, in order to be able to address the proper senator with each specific issue.
 - e. If specific GSO functions/Graduate activities will be taking place, then we need members to mention them during the open forum portion of the general meeting.
7. Open Forum
- a. ASNMSU Senate representative, Joyce Room 108 Hadley Hall Club accounts, set up will be beneficial to you, money goes to who paid the money out. If have an agency account will be able to disburse the money easier. Senate is being critical of bills due to decreasing budget, therefore are line vetoing items from bills. President and Treasurer are the only ones that have access to these agency accounts. ASNMSU is going to try to make this mandatory, takes about a week to set up, and account is good for about 7 years, money in the account can be used for various ways.
 - b. Put up an events calendar up on the GSC home page so that individuals can easily see what events are upcoming.
 - c. Vote on proposed amendment 60% change to the by-laws, only deals with funding policies. Only 60% of the funding available would be used during the Fall semester. If not all 60% of the funding is used during the Fall semester the would be rolled over into the Spring semester. This change to the by-laws would be to protect the ability to receive money.
 - i. No Quorum – cannot vote
 - ii. Motion made to table this change, and allow bylaw committee to come up with changes that will put us in line with ASNMSU. Motion passed.
8. Adjournment
- a. 5:55 pm