

## Graduate Student Council – Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 19, 2013**

**4:30 pm, Doña Ana Room**

- 1. Call to order / Welcome (pass out brain drain information)**
- 2. Secretary's report / Approval of Minutes**
- 3. Treasurer's report**
- 4. ASNMSU**
  - a.** Appoint graduate senator to ASNMSU special committee on elections
    - i. Tia appointed Jacob Deaven to serve on the committee, but because ASNMSU determined Tia's appointment of Jacob was not sufficient, we were asked to hold a confirmation vote for his appointment.
      1. We held a vote – no one opposed. Jacob is officially the representative.
  - b.** Packets for senate and president and vice president are available at the ASNMSU office on the second floor of Corbett. These have all the necessary information in more detail and all the necessary paperwork.
    - i. There are **3 graduate seats available** in senate. Deadline to has passed.
    - ii. Campaigning begins Monday, Feb. 25. Elections are March 11-15. You can vote on  
For more information email [asnmsuelections@nmsu.edu](mailto:asnmsuelections@nmsu.edu) or Chief Elections Office, Ty Begay, at [ty1010@nmsu.edu](mailto:ty1010@nmsu.edu).
  - c.** Graduate senators' report
    - i. As far as Jacob knows, the current president Breeana Sylvas is running for re-election. Vice president David Maestas is running for office. Jeremy Witte, Wesley Jackson and Erik Tischofer are running for VP. He does not know the names of the graduate students who are running—only that two are running. If you are interested in being a graduate senator feel free to contact Jacob. Graduate senators have won as write-in candidates and beat the official candidates.
    - ii. If you need funding, contact your senators ASAP.
- 5. Guest Speakers – Breeana Sylvas, ASNMSU**
  - a.** Fractional grading will be implemented this summer. She advised that students check with their instructors about this to see whether or not they will be using this. If so, they *need* to put in their syllabus that they will be using fractional grading. Using fractional grading is at the discretion of the professors.
  - b.** Last year ASNMSU created a Student Serving Students Scholarship Endowment – to help students. This scholarship endowment would give you, an ASNMSU fee-paying student, who applies and meets qualifications, the opportunity to receive a scholarship. They are working on a banquet – April 5<sup>th</sup> – to raise funds for this endowment.
  - c.** Also, they are trying to speed up bill process so that the waiting time is shorter.
- 6. GRAS Report**
  - a.** GRAS will take place March 11-13 in Corbett Center

- b. Flyers are ready to be distributed – Spread the word to everyone you know!
- c. GRAS schedule update
  - i. Kyle, our webmaster, announced that we have about 160 people participating in GRAS this year. Last year we had less than 100. Because of this, people will have less time to speak—about 15 minutes—as opposed to 20 minutes like last year.
  - ii. When people signed up, very few people indicated what time they are available to present. Please email [Romina](#), [Kyle](#) or “[GRAS](#)” so that we are able to best work with everyone’s schedule.

## 7. Old Business

- a. [New Mexico Brain Drain](#) Legislation
  - i. This is for anyone who graduates in New Mexico in a STEM or health field. Jacob knows that ASNMSU student lobbyists support this bill.
  - ii. We would like to find out if anyone has any feedback on this. There was a motion to support this bill *but* with changes to see that it is expanded to include other fields.
  - iii. Students in favor of supporting the bill as a whole raise your hand – 14 people in favor; 3 opposed; 2 abstained.
- b. Committee on Graduate Education – External Review of Graduate Education / Presidential Search
  - i. We decided that we, as graduate students, should also have our own collective response to the report. The report is available [here](#).
  - ii. A few people met on Monday and the committee will meet again after the GSC meeting. We would like feedback from graduate students.
  - iii. Timeline: 3/5 – Feedback due to Tia, 3/22 – Committee meeting, 4/1 – GSC response completed, 4/5 – GSC Vote
- c. Grad Funding Survey
  - i. Cheryl, our vice president, announced that we would like to create a survey to pass out to graduate students inquiring about their funding experiences. It would be ideal to form a committee before GRAS so that these surveys can be taken at GRAS on computers. If anyone is interested on helping with this survey or have questions/comments/concerns about the survey contact Cheryl.

## 8. New Business

## 9. Announcements

- a. ASNMSU elections
- b. Don’t forget to pass out GRAS flyers!

## 10. Open Forum

## 11. Adjournment