



General Meeting Minutes

2/9/2016

Tuesday, February 9th, 2016
5:00 pm, O'Donnell Hall Room 111

1. Call to order
 - a. 5:12 pm
2. Secretary's Report
 - a. Minutes Approved
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Still working on paperwork, due to late shows, 7 applications may be approved today, will be about \$2,000 left by the end of the meeting. Will try to let you know by end of the meeting.
 - i. If attendance at GSC is keeping you from getting your paperwork approved, come to next GSC meeting to show that you will have attended two meetings if today is your first meeting.
 - ii. Approval of paperwork will be based on date of completion of paperwork.
 - iii. If doing travel over the summer, best idea is to get your paperwork in at the beginning of Fall 2016.
 - iv. Unofficial balance is approximately \$3,700.
4. VP of Activities' Report
 - a. Changing the format, want to make it a bit more like Graduliscious, with plenty of food, drinks and some talks.
 - i. This would be an evening only event, and posters would be smaller sized. Give an award for the best talk, maybe set up a committee to discuss what talks would be presented.
 - ii. This would most likely be on a Friday in April.
 1. Hope to send out a poll to determine the best times.
 2. Probably will take place in the Stan Fulton Center.
 3. May want to split up serving times.
 4. On Graduliscious spent about \$2,500 or less. Budget is higher this time.
 5. Request for kosher and vegetarian dishes.
 - iii. Membership seemed to like these ideas.
 - iv. Want some type of letter from NMSU stating that you did present at GRAS.
 - v. Some Universities have done a 1 minute presentation to an audience that has no background in your specific field, an elevator talk. Will look into this.

5. Graduate Senator's Report
 - a. Big event is on April 9th.
 - i. Can register as an individual or an organization.
 - b. Feb 10th and Feb 24th both from 5 to 6 pm for financial workshops for your organization to receive funding, information is online at ASNMSU website.
 - c. Going to run out of funding soon, get in touch with your senators as quickly as you can to get your travel bills written.

6. Updates and Announcements
 - a. Grad Student Fees:
 - i. Address the fee for ASNMSU of \$35.00 per fall and spring semester, especially for those graduate students attending online and only taking one to two classes per semester.
 - ii. Dean Reyes is trying to find out how this is distributed.
 - iii. Trevor says that the student fees, a portion goes to fixed fees, like the aquatic center, activity fees. A portion goes to ICT, rodeo, band, cheerleading, police department, transit, etc.
 - iv. Before speaking to this subject, want to do a little more research on it, but if questions are directed directly to Dean Reyes he will be able to address this question. There is a protocol to be followed to get these fees taken off of your bill.
 - b. Applying for scholarships through the conference for conference travel:
 - i. Sources of funding;
 1. Conference travel for current graduate students – look on NMSU website for this and there are various funding opportunities
 - a. Travelling within state, get advisor support letter, can get \$50
 - b. Out of state travel can get \$300
 - c. Can get funding from college
 2. Can get funding at the conference itself, they are usually looking for people to fulfill some of the positions.
 - a. Different symposiums will have different opportunities for students.
 - b. Go to the conference website or call to find out what options are available.
 3. Funding that ASNMSU gets is directly related to the number of students that are attending NMSU. As enrollment is dropping, funding is dropping.
 - c. Need to have more members on the by-law committee, if you want to volunteer to be a member on this committee, please get in touch with Arryn Robbins at arobbins@nmsu.edu.



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- i. There will be a meeting of this committee in Science Hall Room 310 at 11 am tomorrow the Wednesday the 10th.
 - ii. Will be going over the bylaws for streamlining purposes and as well as reconciling any conflicts that exists within the bylaws.
 - d. NeSA call for papers for the Eighth International Conference on “Role of Diaspora for Sustainable Homeland”
 - i. Will be on Saturday March 12th in OH 111.
- 7. Open Forum
 - a. Looking for jobs, present resumes to individuals at conferences. Will often result in a job that you might not have thought about in the past or before.
- 8. Adjournment
 - a. 5:53 pm