



General Meeting Minutes

3/22/2016

Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016
5:15 pm, O'Donnell Hall Room 111

1. Call to order
 - a. 5:15 pm
2. Secretary's Report
 - a. Minutes read off
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Did try to get in touch with Debbie about getting funds moved, but have not had any response at this time
 - b. Had a meeting with Dean Reyes to simplify the route to get funding for travel
 - i. Talked about the process that the grad school has, which is an electronic process online
 1. So talking about have this information bounced to the other groups as well, such as GSC and ASNMSU. There might be more information required for GSC and NMSU, but at least this initial information would not be duplicated.
 2. One of the issues is the differences in timelines for each of the funding groups and this might prove to be a headache.
 3. Grad school will not approve funding until you have already received funding from another source.
 4. ASNMSU you need to have at least 10 points prior to getting funding, you get these points from community service.
 5. So would need to submit to the grad school first, and this information will be bounced to GSC and ASNMU, then also want to set it up so that if apply with ASNMSU if a grad student information will be bounced to GSC. Dean Reyes is going to talk to the IT group to figure this out.
 6. Suggest to ASNMSU that they need to work quickly on grad student information, and streamline this process. Try to coordinate more with GSC and grad school. Will leave this up to the grad senators to work on.
 7. Will require that GSC, ASNMSU, and grad school will work closely together.
 8. Suggest that the timeline for GSC be consistent with ASNMSU deadline, would simplify and streamline things.
 9. Really up to the treasurer to keep track of who has received funding and have met their GRAS obligation

10. Still suggest that if receiving funding need to attend a funding meeting prior to receiving funding.
 11. This is not everything and this will be an ongoing process throughout the semester.
 12. Audience comments
 - a. If you received funding and then graduate, do you have to come back to present at GRAS? There is really nothing that we can do if they don't, but we really appreciate them coming back to present.
4. VP of Activities' Report
- a. April 15th Friday Gras
 - i. 1:30 to 4:30 will be the talks
 - ii. 7 minute talks, 2 minutes for questions, and 1 min for transitions
 - iii. One room for humanities
 - iv. One room for sciences
 - v. Schedule for program is being worked on, if GSO president please print out and hang up
 - vi. 5-8 pm at Stan Fulton, 6-6:45 posters, 7-7:45 more poster, raffle for giving talks and going to presentations, there will be food and snacks throughout, raffle at the end of the night.
 - vii. Only got about 30 posters, will be grouped by time and discipline
 - viii. Please fill free to invite advisors and professors
 - ix. Please fill free to volunteer
 - x. If worried about the money get in touch with Tara, Adam will get in touch with the geography department to find out the costs to get them to print posters and will then send out this information.
 - xi. Next time will try to schedule GARS for 2017 in the spring of 2016.
 - xii. Will be doing the deadline for putting information on Wednesday
5. Graduate Senator's Report
- i. Prasamsa Dhakal is at the National Model United Nations conference with NMSU's Model UN team this whole week.
 - ii. Two more meetings for bills
 - iii. Matt Bose running for ASNMSU president
 1. Budget money will be cut
 - a. #1 priority for graduate students is funding for travel
 - b. So wants to reevaluate the programs that are currently ongoing, and does not want to create new programs
 - c. Resolution 18 comments – wants to talk to senators to clarification



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- d. Will work with campus activities to get GSC in the proper category here on campus
 2. Accountability for the president is directly tied to the senators, so if not happy with what president is doing
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6. Updates and Announcements
 - a. Dominic Loya works with city of Las Cruces as an intern long range planning
 - i. Planning for next 30 years to attract more students to the local area
 - ii. Want students input on what would make Las Cruces a more inviting environ
 - iii. Community Visioning Fiesta – NMSU Student Input Session
 - iv. March 30th from 4 to 5 pm in Corbett Center Senate Chambers room 302
 7. Open Forum
 - a. Would like to see if grad students would use Qualtrex and survey monkey for online surveys if available. If the license is through the grad school then more students could use it as opposed to how it is now where each department gets a license for the students in that department only.
 - b. Sam working on updating the website with the new wordpress software should be done in about 2 weeks, will have a more updated calendar of events and in general a more updated looking website.
 8. Adjournment
 - a. 6:18 pm