

Graduate Student Council – Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, March 5, 2013
4:30 pm, Dona Ana Room**

1. **Call to order / Welcome**
2. **Secretary's Report / Approval of Minutes**
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Up to now, \$16,000 has been given away, which is about 2/3 of what we have. If we do run out of funds, which we certainly will, and you are traveling over the summer you can still ask for funds in the fall semester and get reimbursed retroactively.
4. **ASNMSU Graduate Senator's Report**
 - a. Graduate Senator Collin King gave the report
 - i. Senator King wanted to know what graduate students thought about Bill 111. This is critical because ASNMSU is in a state of a limited budget. Bill 111 is to make an appropriation to the Anthropology Association of \$8,400. The problem with this is that, to get funds, you need to have a “deliverable” which in this case would be difficult to determine. What they want to do is actually part of a class. With that said, ASNMSU is not supposed to spend on things that I&G is supposed to fund. This bill is for both undergraduates and graduates. All of them will be doing some sort of thesis. This is going through the graduate student organization. Senator King asked if we were in favor of appropriating \$8400 for the GSO. About 13 students were in favor and none opposed.
 - ii. Senator King also wanted to let students know of another appropriation for Model UN who is also asking for \$8,400, also to send both undergraduates and graduates. After a vote, none opposed.
 - iii. ASNMSU elections are Monday, March 11 – Friday, March 15.
Vote online at <http://asnmsu.nmsu.edu/>
 1. Only one graduate student is running for ASNMSU student senate.
5. **Guest Speakers – ASNMSU candidates**
 - a. David Maestas, ASNMSU Vice President and candidate for 2013-2014 ASNMSU President.
 - b. Jeremy Witte, running for Vice President
 - c. Wesley Jackson, running for Vice President
 - d. Breeana Sylvas, ASNMSU President running for reelection
6. **GRAS Report**
 - a. GRAS will take place March 11-13 in Corbett Center. We encourage everyone to go to support students and their research. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Robert Durán, author of the book, [Gang Life in Two Cities: An Insider's Journey](#). This will be on Monday, March 11 at 7pm in the Corbett Center West and Middle Ballroom.
 - b. Schedule is on the [GSC website](#)

- c. The banquet is from 5-8pm
- 7. If you are volunteering for [GRAS](#), you will receive a confirmation email this week
- 8. **Old Business**
 - a. Committee on Graduate Education - External Review of Graduate Education/
Presidential Search
 - i. Timeline: 3/5 – Feedback due to Tia, 3/22 – Committee meeting, 4/1 – GSC response completed, 4/9 – GSC vote
 - ii. Today was the final day to submit your individual response to Tia. Coming up on the 22nd we will be integrating everyone’s ideas to see what graduate students want to see happen in regards to graduate education. If you still have any feedback, however, we will not turn it down!
 - b. Grad Funding Survey Update
 - i. It is down to 15 questions. It will be distributed to a mock group of graduate students to see if it works well. This survey will be done at GRAS and graduate school will also be distributing this survey.
- 9. **New Business**
- 10. **Announcements**
 - a. Attend GRAS!
- 11. **Open Forum**
 - a. Angela Muhanga is part of the NMSU Faculty Senate. They wanted to know hear from graduate students, if in the future there should be a raise in tuition (and that is an IF), would graduate students be okay with giving some of that to faculty? Graduate students in attendance would like to know more information if that does happen before giving a response.
 - b. As is, the graduate student health insurance is not up to par with the health care reform. If it does not get updated then the health insurance would be useless. To find out more about this we advise students to contact the student health center.
 - c. Contact ASNMSU President [Breeana Sylvas](#) to give her your input on what you would like to see happen with the NMSU Presidential Search.
- 12. **Adjournment**

