General Meeting Minutes 9/10/2013

Location: New Mexico Room 324, Corbett Center

Executive Members Present: Romina Pacheco, Jessica Lail, John Schutte, Jean McKeever, Cecilia Palacio, Kyle Uckert

1. Call to order / Welcome
   a. 4:05 pm

2. Secretary’s Report / Approval of Minutes
   a. Meeting minutes for General Meeting 8/27/13 read by John Schutte and approved by general meeting members.

3. Treasurer’s Report
   a. Jean McKeever asked for volunteers for Finance Committee.
   b. Informed members that the Finance Committee will meet every other week.

4. Graduate Senator’s Report
   a. During 1st week of semester Senate held a Special Emergency Session.
      i. 24 senators were present.
      ii. Addressed law book changes and a new position called the Senate Secretary (who will take notes and minutes and report to the Senate Clerk and President of ASNMSU).
          1. Confirmed the new Senate Secretary position.
      iii. Discussed having more accountability by senators – designated office hours, was not approved.
      iv. New GAA appropriation changes committee
      v. New yearly soft cap on surplus account
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1. 15% for Fall semester
   a. ~$80,000 for Fall

2. 30% for Spring semester
   a. ~$150,000 for Spring

vi. President Carruthers to present to Senate on 9/19/13 in senate chambers

vii. Collin Kings hours 9-10am MWF in Brelin Hall Rm 359 – collin9@nmsu.edu

5. Old Business
   a. Senator seats election:
      i. 17 GSO’s represented – good for quorum
      ii. Explanation of voting procedure by Romina Pacheco
      iii. Talks by candidates running for Spring seat
          1. Question and answers
          2. Individual support of candidates by GSC members present
      iv. Spring seat election – seat good to end of Spring 2014
          1. Collin King elected
      v. Talks by candidates running for Fall seat
          1. Question and answers
          2. Individual support of candidates by GSC members present
      vi. Fall seat election - good to end of 2013
          1. Desa Daniel elected
      vii. Next General Meeting of GSC will hold elections for Fall senator seat vacated by Collin King.
6. New Business
   a. Gradulicious – announce change of date (October 4th) – Cecilia
      i. location NMSU golf course
      ii. All graduate students and families welcome
      iii. Will be held from 5-9 pm
   b. Report on Graduate School Transition Committee - Romina
   c. Talked briefly about tuition waiver discussion being raised, and wrapping up committee work.

7. Announcements
   a. Finance Committee – still in need of volunteers
   b. Graduate School – Isaac Gonzalez
      i. Spoke about success of 1st Mondays
      ii. If have any issues please feel free to contact him.
   c. Financial procedures workshop for GSO Pres/treasurers gave date and time
      i. Dates and times given again
      ii. Must have President and Treasurer attend
   d. Reminder to re-charter your organization
   e. Next meeting will focus on funding procedures

8. Open Forum
   1) Adjournment