



## General Meeting Minutes

9/22/2015

Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015  
5:30 pm, O'Donnell Hall Room 111

1. Call to order / Welcome
  - a. 5:07 pm
  
2. ASNMSU student advocacy group - Hannah
  - a. Will have a couple of meetings in the fall, do not have a time yet, discussions about what the policies are, and what duties will be
  - b. Will go to Santa Fe in the Fall
  - c. Applications on ASNMSU student advocacy
  
3. Talk by Bill McCamley – State House of Representatives
  - a. Would like to know what our concerns are
    - i. Health Insurance – 3 categories, Domestic and two classes of international students – International students now have health insurance
      1. Solution from University – slight increase in pay, and go to NM health connections – La Clinica de Familia – will help domestic students sign up for health insurance
  - b. Graduate Student stipends
    - i. Since 2008 the policy have been to cut back on government, and tax revenue has stayed flat, which means basically that the University gets less money.
    - ii. Our students get by far the lowest pay in the state.
      1. Have created a web page
      2. Have written an open letter to the University
      3. Plan to write a letter to the state legislator
      4. Want to get a letter from the faculty and deans
    - iii. Suggestion - Get specifics down for support, get in touch with Dustin – as he is our representative, get a very specific set of asking points, such as being right on the same line as the next lowest peer college. Look into unionizing. Make sure you talk with the board of regents and with Diane Gallegos who is the representative for those students who are living on campus.
      1. Lottery scholarship is gone, ask for ideas from administration, and have a direct discussion with the provost. See if you can get the Provost, and the see if can get the President of the University – then talk to state legislator and then will need to get ASNMSU involved. The University will need to make it a top priority. When



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writing letters, each individual needs their own letter. Really try to talk to your representative.

2. Avoid the carbon copy letter. They really need to be personal and try to get as personal as you can. If it matters to you take the time to do so, but make sure you write to your representative. Best is the face to face meeting.
  3. With any issue that comes up, need to have some type of continuity, keep those hot topics as a top priority
  4. See if can get on the December board of regents meeting schedule
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4. Secretary's Report
    - a. Minutes Approved
  5. Treasurer's Report
    - a. Finance committee met today, and approved a number of requests ~ \$21,460 is left after today's requests approved.
    - b. Need members for the Finance Committee, need at least 3 members at each meeting.
    - c. To submit need to either send the documents to Trevor, or give them to Trevor. Trevor's information is on the GSC website. Make sure anything scanned is printable
  6. VP of Activities' Report
    - a. Gradulicious is on Wednesday of next week at the Stan Fulton center. A flyer will be sent out in the next couple of days.
  7. Graduate Senator's Report
    - a. Next meeting this Thursday at 6 pm, last financial workshop is tomorrow, Keep State Great is October 17<sup>th</sup>, Brochures available from ASNMSU funding.
  8. Updates and Announcements
    - a. By-law changes
      - i. The requested change to Article IV Section 3 was made by the executive committee due to the fact that no general members volunteered for the by-law change committee.
      - ii. Present by-law change to the general committee for comments and useful suggestions.
      - iii. Some discussion about this, request from the psychology department that they would not support it as written, need to add in the statement "if no other non-ASNMSU senator wants to run for this position".



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- b. For the ASNMSU advisory council there is an ASNMSU form on the ASNMSU website, Adam will sign up for it, but still need a couple of more graduate students.
  - c. Keep State Great will take place on October 17<sup>th</sup>. All the GSO's wanting to get money from ASNMSU must participate with at least 25% of their membership. Will need to get the paperwork from the ASNMSU offices in Corbett Center. If you fill the paperwork out and have it back into them a couple of weeks ahead of time, your participating GSO members will be eligible for T-shirts. Meet at the tailgate park east of the football field at 8am.
    - i. If you go as a GSO group, then you need to fulfill this requirement, don't need to do this if not going as a GSO group.
9. Open Forum
- a. If needing to talk about the Health issue talk to Jean McKeever
  - b. If need information about GSC, please go the website, or talk to Adam after the meeting.
  - c. Talk about the meeting room, not sure we will be able to keep
10. Adjournment
- a. 6:25 pm