



General Meeting Minutes

5/3/2016

Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016
5:00 pm, O'Donnell Hall Room 133

1. Call to order
 - a. 5:08 pm
2. Secretary's Report
 - a. Read off minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Swagotom has transferred into the treasures spot and has met with Debbie, and they are trying to streamline the process, where you will just have to apply online once. This program should be set up by the fall.
 - i. Will also be a preference choice added for the funding, where you can choose where you can get the money from, i.e. graduate school, ASNMSU, GSC, etc.
 - ii. There are caps on funding at the present time, so the restrictions will need to be covered on the website as well.
 - iii. They will continue to look at the problem areas that may hold up the paperwork.
 - iv. Hotlinks will be added as well so that people can see what kind of paperwork needs to be filled out
 - v. Meetings will continue throughout the summer.
 - b. There is a report that needs to be sent to the comptroller with regards to projections for Gradulicious and GRAS.
4. VP of Activities' Report
 - a. People generally like the format of GRAS this year, a few negative comments.
 - i. Again the talks were poorly attended, and people did not like the location of the talks.
 - ii. Also there was an issue with the poster boards.
 - iii. Tara will be working on GRAS much earlier this year to try to get everything lined up ahead of time.
 - iv. Michelle Lanteri won the gift card.
5. Graduate Senator's Report
 - a. Senate is adjourned, about \$50,000 was given out in funding to graduate students.
 - b. Wake Gardner, Director of governmental effort, student advocacy board
 - i. Not a lot of involvement in government process by the graduate students

- ii. Please e-mail wake@nmsu.edu for any questions or comments with regards to student advocacy. You can also call him at 505-252-0089

6. Updates and Announcements

- a. By-law changes – Quorum met with 14 representing GSO’s being present.
 - i. Changes presented by Arryn Robbins
 - 1. 1st change – Article III section 1 – solely of students seeking graduate degrees. – change passed
 - 2. 2nd change – section 1a encourage instead of designated- passed
 - 3. 3rd change – section 7 – gso representatives – passed
 - 4. 4th change – Article V – change to special – passed
 - 5. 5th change – remove b) 1) d) – passed
 - 6. 6th change – Article VI section 1 – semester from academic year – passed
 - 7. 7th change – Article VIII section 2 , 1) presenting research only getting funding – passed
 - 8. 8th change - Article VIII section 2 , 2) traveling to conduct research or receive training – passed
 - 9. 9th change - Article VIII section 2 , 3) GSO event funding removal – passed
 - 10. 10th change - Article VIII section 2 c – individuals and GSO events removed – passed
 - 11. 11th change - Article VIII section 3 a iv – attending meetings – passed
 - 12. 12th change - Article VIII section 3 a iv – distance ed attendance – passed
 - 13. 13th change - Article VIII section 3 a v – community service – passed
 - 14. 14th change - Article VIII section 3 a vi – funding once per semester – passed
 - 15. 15th change - Article VIII section 3 a vi – passed
 - 16. 16th change – passed
 - 17. 17th change – For an individual to receive funding gso must have had a voting member serve on the finance committee.
 - 18. All other changes passed – that were gone over up to the 65% change.
 - ii. New GSC website, old website is not being updated, there is a link on the old one that will send you to the new website.

7. Open Forum



- a. GSO rep from civil engineering talked about a proposal for shutting the cashier's office down, as most people are paying online.
 - b. With regards to cuts to GA's there will be no cuts according to Dean Reyes.
 - i. If cuts do occur they are due to the departments making the cuts, not the graduate school.
8. Adjournment
- a. 6:35pm