GSC General Council Meeting Meeting for 15 October 2018

*** Commencement, 4:49 p.m. ***

1) GSC President speaks about the graduate council updates in reference to her being a GSC representative in an attempt to request ex-officio status with the University Committee.

Secretary Report

2) Last meeting minutes read (1st October 2018). Semester minutes needed approval from the Council. A Motions was put forth, and the motion seconded. GSC minutes for the meetings for the previous ‘Finance and General’ meetings (up to 15th of October) were approved.

GSC Vice-President Report

3) Diversity Council update about the asking of gender and sexuality
4) Discussion had about putting a question of gender and sexuality on admission applications to better serve students was introduced as a possible solution in becoming a more inclusive University.

Vice-President of Activities Report

5) GSOM nomination for 29th October- will be announce on the 5th of November.
6) GRAS discussion- No discussion had.
7) GSC Potluck on the 10th of November 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in O’Donnell Hall.
8) Open forum with President Flores, 27th October (time to be announced).

Treasure Report

9) 7,570 USD remaining.

Senator’s Report

10) 6 bills passed and 2 resolutions.
11) Surplus account balance: 80,000 USD the rest of the semester.
12) ASNMSU election- campaigning beginning 15th of October 15, 2018; Election week 22nd of October to the 26th of October.

13) Airport shuttle- bring student identification. Students can bring 2 checked sized bags and 1 carry-on bag.

14) Discussion had about the size of party available for shuttle services. Call ahead of time for large parties. ASNMSU representatives confirm that size of party is not an issue for the service provider.

Graduate senator nominees present their qualifications for the vacant GSC Senator seat

15) Mohammad Abdullah-AL-Mamun, graduate student in Physics, speaks about qualifications for senate position. Runs with a healthcare format and making things (forms, bills, et cetera) easier for students.

16) Gopal Tamang, graduate student in the College of Education, speak about qualifications for senate position. Runs with a literacy platform and strength through diversity and runs with the idea of transparency. Organizational affiliation: Vice-President of the Critical/Multicultural Education Association.

17) Shubhasmita, not present to defend nomination.

18) Gaurav Jha, graduate student in Plant and Environmental Sciences, speaks about qualifications for senate position. Organizational affiliation: Vice-President of Indian student organization, Plant Science GSO and Vice-President of GSC council. Experience with writing senate bills (written 23 bills). Explains reason why he wants to run for GSC Senator while he is currently VP of GSC. Cites the Navajo Nation as the sole influence for wanting to run for GSC Senator due to current work on a resolution with the Navajo People and the University. Speaks to time allotment and time management between the several organizations he is a part of.

19) John Betty, graduate student in English, speaks about the qualifications for senate position. Speaks to organizational connections here at NMSU. Runs on the inclusion platform of the graduate students as a part of the larger NMSU community. Explains availability for the Council.
20) Discussion about the candidates, GSC senators encourages the Council to vote for the right candidate and not the candidate who happens to be a friend. Question posed about the responsibilities of the GSC Senator position. Bill process explained by the senators. Student preview board about tuition fee cutting discussed. Student payroll discussed, tuition increase but student pay bumps upward slightly.

21) Move to voting for GSC Senator
22) Gaurav Jha nominated new GSC Senator
23) GSC Vice-President Position open
24) Open Forum- GSC Senator speaks to efforts of representation for GSO’s

Notes: The next Graduate Student Council (GSC) meeting- both the finance and the general- is the 29th October 2018 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

***GSC General Council Meeting adjourned, 5:48 p.m. ***