

GSC General Council Meeting for 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019

\*\*\* Commencement, 5:11 p.m. \*\*\*

- 1) Ryan May- ASNMSU community outreach director
  - a. “The Big Event” April 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 start at 8:00 a.m. First 1000 to register receive free shirts- Preciado Park. Director May explains “The Big Event”- community cleaning event. Food provided for volunteers (Danishes and muffins). Packets due 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Questions? E-mail Director May Ryan at [asnmsuco@nmsu.edu](mailto:asnmsuco@nmsu.edu) .
- 2) GA taskforce brought forth to the Council. Two students to help out with the current funding for the graduate students. Committee date to start soon. GSC President asked for at least two members to nominate themselves for the position. BGSO’s Nina Joffe and GSC Senator Esthsham Shareef both nominated themselves with no contest. Both were appointed to the committee taskforce for GA wages.
- 3) Graduate school orientation 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from 4:30 to 700 p.m. in Corbett Center ballroom (Free dinner provided).
- 4) Council of Graduate School report to be reviewed by council.

Prospective Senate candidates for GSC senator position each present their case:

Josiah Brooks presents his defense for GSC Senator, Mr. Brooks represents the Department of Animal & Range Sciences. Questions about why Mr. Brooks is running. He explains he enjoys helping people and wants to move the agricultural legislation/agenda forward. Question of availability and time is asked. He explains he is good to be here and travel is not too extensive. Question asked, "How hard are you going to work for grad. Students?" Mr. Brooks says he wants the Council's voice represented in places they have not traditionally.

Raksha Gala presents her defense for GSC Senator, Ms. Gala represents the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Ms. Gala speaks to her experience as the current GSC Treasurer and speaks to her 43 bills passed to date (bills she has worked on). She explains she is working with senators for international insurance (CPT) for students. Question about time and availability. Ms. Gala explains she will have time to be Senator once elected because she has one more general course left.

Syphula PhD student in Engineering presents his defense for the Senator position. Mr. Syphula was senator from 2016-2017. Question about benefits of being senator. Direct questions, "What plan do you have to work for tuition waiver." Mr. Syphula explain the fight for that continues and he will work on that. Direct Question, "Why did you leave your Senator position?" Mr. Syphula left because he was an intern in Bostrum. Question about what work he did as a Senator.

Michael Baylog presents his defense for GSC Senator, Mr. Baylog represents the Department of Biology department. Question of availability and time is asked. He explains he is good to be here and travel is not too extensive.

Candidates are asked to speak outside of the room while the Council decides to elect. Discussion about candidates to start. Senators are given the floor to speak first. Senator Jha endorses Ms. Raksha Gala. Senator Ehtesham disagrees, states that if she is elected the Council will have to run an election for another treasurer. Senator Gaspard endorses Mr. Josiah Brooks for candidate. The floor is open to the Council, and another endorsement of Mr. Brooks and a new endorsement for Mr. Baylog is given. A second endorsement is given for Mr. Baylog. An endorsement for Mr. Syphula. The final comment for the case of Mr. Brooks is given by Senator Ehtesham.

GSC President concludes the briefing session by asking each GSO to cast their vote for their future GSC Senator in the order the candidates presented.

The Council elects Mr. Michael Baylog as their new GSC Senator.

## Senate report

- 5) 16 bills 4 resolutions. Fall 2018 appropriations for total of 7 bill packets is 86,036.

## Vice-President of Activities Report

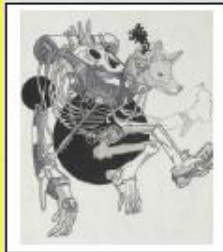
- 6) Abstracts due, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 11:59 p.m.
- 7) Council vote to add “Gradulicious” to amendment for VP of activities. No discussion was had, a motion was put forth to approve the bill and the motion was seconded. After the entire council was polled, the motion was approved and the amendment passed. GSC President introduces another amendment for a “point system” for keeping tally of duty fulfillment of GSC Executive and Senate members (mocks the ASNMSU point system). No discussion was had, a motion was put forth to approve the bill and the motion was seconded. After the entire council was polled, the motion was approved and the amendment passed.

## Open forum

- 8) Whole grade vote- discussion had by the council. Third decision being proposed to letting the faculty have the decision as to the direction of fractional or whole grading. Council votes to let the faculty decide which of the two systems they will employ.
- 9) 14) Art exhibit on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February (co-hosted by the Council Secretary- Christopher Boone II) details and flyer below!  
Questions regarding exhibit, please e-mail [b3athena@nmsu.edu](mailto:b3athena@nmsu.edu).

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600 S. Solano Dr.  
Las Cruces

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019  
7:00 p.m.

\*\* Artist also commissions work! If you are interested in a custom piece please e-mail [Josiah.coalbear@gmail.com](mailto:Josiah.coalbear@gmail.com) \*\*

Notes: The next Graduate Student Council (GSC) meetings-  
both the finance and the general- are the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
beginning at 4:30 p.m. in O'Donnell Hall Rm# 111.

\*\*\* Adjournment, 6:13 p.m. \*\*\*