

## **GSC Committee Meeting Form**

**Instructions:** Please complete this form and send it to the GSC president and web master/VP of communication no later than 48 hours after you attend any committee meetings or other meetings on campus where you represent GSC. This form will be made public on the GSC website for graduate students to review.

**Name (GSC members who attended this meeting, bold name of individual filling out report):** Tara Young

**Name of meeting/committee:** Graduate Council

**Meeting date:** 03/07/2019

**Start time:** 11:30 am

**End time:** 1:00 pm

**Brief summary of committee purpose:** Graduate Council includes Dr. Cifuentes (VPR), deans and members from most/all colleges, and discusses issues involving graduate student life and policy.

**Meeting Summary/Main points of interest (include a bullet point list of any announcements for upcoming events, topics discussed, changes made, and relevant points here):**

- **New Business**
  - Information technology master's online degree program approved
  - Discussion about fractional vs. whole grading
    - Comments about how numeric system needs to be standardized (how the number or percent transitions to a letter grade) as it is an underlying issue of the fractional vs whole grading
  - President Floros stopped in to visit to thank us for work we are doing in Grad Council
    - Question to him about tuition waiver support for graduate students, Floros is in agreeance that we have to change the fact that we don't have tuition waivers, we are starting the process in the strategic plan to offer competitive packages, this will not happen quickly (in next 1-3 years), but over the long run moving towards it.
    - Question about how to fund Fulbright scholars' tuition
      - Note about streamlining process to secure tuition funding for these students so not so many hoops are needed to be jumped through to get funding for them
    - Floros says we need to change the rhetoric that we are a great university
  - Graduate certificate proposal for a Graduate Certificate of Borderlands & Ethics Studies by Dulcinea Lara, online and in campus program
    - Need is demonstrated, but concerns about support for program were expressed
    - Support was formally expressed by the Graduate Council
- **Graduate School Updates**

- Electronic Thesis and Dissertation is up and running
- **Graduate Student Council**
  - GRAS is coming up on April 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in addition to showcasing graduate student research and arts, this year's focus will be on professional development and preparing for the job market. We will host two panels which provide students with real world tips on how to best market themselves for the job market, one which focuses on academia, and one which focuses on industry.
  - Our keynote speaker on Friday evening from 6-7pm in the Corbett Center Ballroom on April 5<sup>th</sup> will be Dr. Blanca Campa from EPCC who will speak on "Fostering Resilience and Achieving Success"
- **ASNMSU President**
- **Faculty Senate**
- **International student office**