

GSA Council Meeting Notes from 2/23 meeting  
12:00 at Skeen Library 212 (Tripp Room)  
Notes taken by Jayme Margolin

We introduced a lot of new business today:

We planned the Spring GSA Picnic to be at Escondida Lake on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Steve will do the catering again and we will provide shuttles if you cannot find a ride out to the park.

The Empowerment Committee was finalized and they will meet next Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. This committee will discuss that percentage of the GSA fees/money that goes towards the SA and such. If you have ideas for them, please email the committee chair, Danielle Lucero at [gsa@nmt.edu](mailto:gsa@nmt.edu).

George now has a full committee for this semester's travel grant review. We need one more volunteer for the M grant committee, and in fact, we already have one M grant application submitted.

Abhi went over our budget and discovered we have a lot more money than we realized. We have \$45,000 for this year (since June), another \$45,000 carry over money, as well as about \$22,000 that has been refunded to us. So, we have over \$110,000 in our account. We discussed ways to use some of this money and we came up with adding a booth for Spring Fling weekend, as well as possibly starting up a new "scholarship" for students who are in their last semester of completing their degree and have no funding to help them with living and research expenses for those final months.

George and Jayme spoke about some upcoming Student Activities Board (SAB) and Club Macey events. There is a Club Macey happy hour and PAS show this Friday (2/24). SAB is celebrating Fat Tuesday on 2/28 with games and prizes, but you need to bring 4 cans of food or pay \$5 to participate and this money will go to Hurricane Katrina relief. Also, we are looking for new reps who are interested in taking over the SAB position and the Club Macey position starting later this semester and serving next Fall Semester.

Dave Johnson spoke about the Health Center and how they may need to use their budgeted money before the next fiscal year. Therefore, they are looking to buy more equipment and computers. They will not be moving into the new SUB over Spring Break, so they will stay in the SAC until around April. We discussed issues of staff and faculty taking their children to the 'student' health center and the possibility of the health center having some weekend hours.

Earl mentioned that the GSA Research conference was a success and was well attended. He saw enthusiasm from all speakers and helpers with the conference. The committee is having a debriefing meeting next Thursday to discuss improvements for next year and finalize the loose ends from this year, such as the presentation CD's and judging comments.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> at noon.