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Health, Education, and Human Services Committee seeks graduate student representative for Commission on Navajo Government Development

WINDOW ROCK – The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee is seeking a graduate student representative to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development. Current HEHSC graduate student representative Nichole Johnny will complete her term on the commission on July 23.

“On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank Ms. Johnny for her excellent service of representing graduate students as a commissioner. She contributed her knowledge and skills throughout her term and I wish her the best with her future endeavors,” stated HEHSC chair Council Delegate Jonathan Hale (Oak Springs, St. Michaels).

CNGD is established within the Legislative Branch and is tasked with reviewing and evaluating all aspects of the existing government structure of the Navajo Nation including laws, rules and regulations, practices, functions, goals and objectives of the central government as it relates to Chapters and local communities. CNGD also develops recommendations and proposals for alternative forms of chapter government and chapter empowerment.

Pursuant to Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code, the qualifications to be considered as a graduate student representative on the commission are as following:

- One member shall be nominated by the HEHSC
- The nominee shall be a graduate student from any accredited college or university
- Member shall serve so long as the nominee is a full time graduate student, but no longer than two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council

“We encourage our Navajo graduate students to apply. CNGD needs their ideas and knowledge on government reform initiatives,” added Delegated Hale.

CNGD is comprised of 12 commissioners and currently has other 5 vacancies representing the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, Practitioner of Native Healing Arts, Diné College, and the Women’s Commission.
Contact HEHSC Legislative Advisor Beverly Martinez at (928) 871-7254 or via email at bmartinez@navajo-nsn.gov for more information about the graduate student CNGD representative.

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