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2	GPSA Council Meeting Minutes				
3	August 2	8, 2021 10:00 am – General Meeting			
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5	I.	Call to Order – 10:06am			
6		a. Confirmation of Quorum			
7		1. Henkel (COEHS)			
8		2. Preciado (COEHS)			
9		3. Von Haas (History)			
10		4. Gerstner (Biology)			
11		5. Allen (Biology)			
12		6. Baca (PAGSA)			
13		7. Rojas (PAGSA)			
14		8. Nana (C & J)			
15		9. Birdwell (Physics and Astronomy)			
16		10. Oddo (Physics and Astronomy)			
17		11. Rodriguez (Psychology)			
18		12. Pena-Parr (Spanish/Portuguese)			
19		13. Cowan (OILS)			
20		b. Gerstner motion to amend for standing rules			
21		(motion withdrawn, standing rules to be discussed for next meeting)			
22		c. Adoption of Agenda			
23		 Motion to adopt by Baca 			
24		 Seconded by Pena-Parr 			
25		• 11y, 0n, 0a			
26		d. Motion to reopen agenda to move item c to item a for student support and			
27		advocacy nominee			
28		i. Friendly amendment to move Springfield and Katie to action items b and o			
29		ii. Motion to adopt by Pena-Parr			
30		iii. Seconded by Gerstner			
31		• 11y, 0n, 0a			
32		e. Indigenous Peoples' Land and Territory Acknowledgement			
33		i. Read by Henkel			
34	II.	Opening Business			
35		a. Approval of May 2021 Meeting Minutes			
36		 Motion to adopt by Gerstner 			
37		 Seconded by Henkel 			
38		• 11y, 0n, 0a			
39		 Minutes adopted as is 			
40		b. Media & Gallery – public comments			
41		Cowan: Introduce our notetaker Mohammed Khorasani Civil			
42		Engineering			
43		 Lindquist: Introduces himself and speaks of his involvement with 			
44		student government and activities for over 20 years.			



- Allen: Introduces self. University of Alabama and a Masters from Northern Arizona University.
- Baca: Introduces self as president of PAGSA student group Public Admin
- o Henkel: Introduces self as long-time representative from COEHS
- o Preciado: Introduces self as getting dual master's degree in child counseling and mental health counseling. From Los Angeles.
- o Nana: Introduces self. Nana from Ghana. PhD student in C & J
- Von Haas: Introduces self. master's degree from University of Colorado Denver. Focus is on a recognizing the Japanese in the American Southwest
- o Rojas: Introduces self as 2nd year MPA student and new member
- o Gerstner: Introduces self as PhD student in Biology. 3rd year on Council.
- o Rodriguez: Introduces self. 2nd year PhD student. 2nd year on council. Degrees in sociology and neuroscience from University of Delaware
- c. Motion to move to officer's report
 - i. Motion to adopt by Pena-Parr
 - ii. Seconded by Von Haas
 - 11y, 0n, 0a

III. Officer Reports

- a. Council Chair's Report
- b. Council Chair Cowan: Wishes we could meet in person. Has been familiarizing self with the many processes that are necessary to run these meetings are the lifeblood of GPSA. Recruited new council notetaker, Mohammed Khorasani. Notes representation from many diverse RDSAs. Apologizes for Standing Rules not making it on agenda.

Questions/Comments

- i. Gerstner: Requests that "yes/no" feature be added to zoom for voting so that it can be simplified. Requests that a meeting be scheduled that has a passcode for security purposes.
- ii. Baca: Requests that everyone use their personal pronouns with their names and department affiliation in order to be respectful.
- c. .President's Report
 - a. President Saavedra: MBA candidate, with the School of Public Administration and I will be serving as the GPSA President, this year. Now been in office for 106 days. Notes GPSA has existed since 1969. It's mission is to promote the rights interest and professional development of graduate and professional students through advocacy, education, and financial support. We offer numerous grant and funding opportunities to graduate professional students for research, travel and presentation of their work at conferences. Want to increase security at GPSA office. Want media and communications position that is not ad hoc appointment. Would



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like to establish presence on North Campus. Want to establish GPSAs 88 reputation as only graduate and professional government in NM with 85% 89 of state's graduate and professional students. Has meetings with President 90 Stokes, Dean Holloway, Ryan Linguist, ASUNM leadership. Meets with 91 Security Council run by Dean Torres. Found official sponsor Novel Point 92 93 Coffee. Also have participated in Welcome Back Days and spoken to many organizations about GPSA. Additionally, has created a newsletter. Has 94 95 made many appointments for executive offices including creation of a new policy and compliance chair. Wants a chief health advisor position that will 96 connect with north campus. 97 b. Chief of Staff: Xavier Vallejo. Undergraduate in population health, and 98 presently studying for MBA. 99 i. Questions/Comments 100 101 ii. Pena-Parr: The budget leadership team turned the budgets of 102

- athletics and SHAC into headcount models without approval of SFRB. How is your admin planning on addressing this?
- iii. President Saavedra: GPSA President serves as chair of the SFRB and ASUNM president is vice chair. Right now have to wait and see how things go before making policy changes.
- iv. Pena-Parr: As a followup, many students are negatively impacted by the increased fees for athletics and SHAC which are so high due to these changes.
- v. Gerstner: What is status of filling SFRB board positions?
- vi. President Saavedra: positions have been filled for SFRB.
- vii. Gerstner: What does sponsorship mean and what criteria are used for an organization to be a sponsor?.
- viii. Pres. Saavedra: GPSA, according to our summer survey, is mainly known for offering free coffee. Met with Alex Espinosa of Novel Point Coffee and talked about how they might be able to work with us. Chief of Staff can address issue.
- ix. Chief of Staff: No legal obligations. No financial obligations. Either side could terminate at any time. Just effort to get free coffee and discounts for students.
- x. Gerstner: Still don't feel like question was addressed about criteria. What if a sponsor was selected with political leanings that the majority of council disagreed with, for example. Need to be careful about putting GPSA's reputation on the line.
- xi. Gerstner: Final question is about what the role of the policy and compliance chair might be?
- xii. Pres. Saavedra: Main role is making sure executive branch abides by constitution and bylaws. Similar to "attorney general" which exists in ASUNM.



130		xiii. Cowan: Just pointing out that GPSA could introduce legislation
131		that specified criteria for sponsorship
132	IV.	Action Items
133		Motion to open item a by Henkel
134		Seconded by Baca
135		• 10y, 0n, 0a
136		a. Ansely Emeanuwa – Student Support & Advocacy Chair
137		Motion to approve by Henkel
138		Seconded by Baca
139		• 10y, 0n, 0a
140		Motion to open item b by Henkel
141		Seconded by Baca
142		• 10y, 0n, 0a
143		b. Rae Stringfield – Public Relations (Ad hoc)
144		Motion to approve by Henkel
145		Seconded by Baca
146		• 10y, 0n, 0a
147		Motion to open item c by Henkel
148		Seconded by Baca
149		• 10y, 0n, 0a
150		c. Katie Rodarte – Finance Chair
151		Motion to approve by Henkel
152		Seconded by Baca
153		• 10y, 0n, 0a
154		Motion to open item d by Henkel
155		Seconded by Baca
156		• 10y, 0n, 0a
157		d. Olaitan Anifowoshe – Grants Chair
158		Motion to approve by Henkel
159		Seconded by Baca
160		• 10y, 0n, 0a
161		Motion to open item e by Henkel
162		Seconded by Baca
163		• 10y, 0n, 0a
164		e. Ana Paula Milan – Elections Chair
165		Motion to approve by Henkel
166		Seconded by Baca
167		• 10y, 0n, 0a
168		Motion to open item f by Henkel
169		Seconded by Baca
170		• 10y, 0n, 0a
171		f. Tara Memarian – Programs Chair
172		Motion to approve by Henkel



173		Seconded by Baca
174		• 10y, 0n, 0a
175		Motion to open item g by Henkel
176		Seconded by Baca
177		• 10y, 0n, 0a
178	g.	Hannah Miller – Lobby Chair
179	C	Motion to approve by Henkel
180		Seconded by Baca
181		• 10y, 0n, 0a
182		Motion to open item h by Henkel
183		Seconded by Baca
184		• 10y, 0n, 0a
185	h.	Wilfred Osei Padmore – Policy & Compliance Chair (Ad hoc)
186		Motion to approve by Henkel
187		Seconded by Baca
188		• 10y, 0n, 0a
189		Motion to open item i by Henkel
190		Seconded by Baca
191		• 10y, 0n, 0a
192	i.	Damon Alvarez – Chief Health Advisor (Ad hoc)
193		Motion to table by Gerstner
194		Seconded by Henkel
195		• 10y, 0n, 0a
196		Motion to open item j by Henkel
197		Seconded by Baca
198		• 10y, 0n, 0a
199	j.	Aaron T.G. Goodshore – Chief Justice
200	J.	Motion to table for answers in chat by Pena-Parr
201		Seconded by Gerstner
202		• 10y, 0n, 0a
202		Motion to open item k for both positions as a block vote by Pena-Parr
204		Seconded by Gerstner
205		• 10y, 0n, 0a
205	ŀ	Alex Henkel – LSC & Finance Vice Chair
200 207	K.	Motion to approve for both LSC and Finance Vice Chair by Pena-Parr
208		Seconded by Gerstner
209		• 10y, 0n, 0a
210		Motion to open item l by Henkel
210		Seconded by Baca
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213	1.	Victoria Pena-Parr – LSC Motion to approve by Hankel
214		Motion to approve by Henkel
215		Seconded by Baca



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217		Motion to open item m by Henkel
218		Seconded by Baca
219		• 10y, 0n, 0a
220		Motion to reopen nomination of Goodshore by Henkel
221		Seconded by Gerstner
222		• 10y, 0n, 0a
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224		m. Call for additional LSC Members
225		Cowan: Call for new members. None volunteered.
226		Motion to open Council Announcements by Henkel
227		Seconded by Baca
228		• 10y, 0n, 0a
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230		Council Announcements:
231		Baca: Recommends that future confirmations give a resume and statement of each
232		individual ahead of time. Also recommends that some training be provided for new
233		council reps, even though some processes might seem intuitive.
234		Gerstner: Agrees that training for new council reps would be beneficial. Thanks to
235		previous president and council chair for getting UNM to acknowledge their
236		mishandling of the American Rescue Fund distribution to students.
237		Henkel: Impressed that so many candidates showed up for confirmation
238		Von Haas: Would be helpful to have better onboarding training for new members.
239		Gerstner: New fees approved by the board of regents are a 200% increase.
240		Administration says it is necessary to offset cost of new Learning Management
241		system and online course fees. Been fighting to get clarification in my department
242		since May about whether assistantships would cover this. Now at the point where
243		students could be dropped from classes for not paying by Sept 3rd.
244		Cowan: I agree that fee increases are alarming. Can't force administration to change,
245		but perhaps we can embarrass them.
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247	V.	Upcoming Meeting
248		a. Upcoming meeting – Saturday, Sept 25, 2021 10:00am Via Zoom or in Person
249		hopefully
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251	VI.	Adjourn – 1:06pm