

**General Council Meeting**

**March 30th, 2024**

**Student Union Building Room 1047**

**https://unm.zoom.us/j/5642195662**

1. Call to Order at 10:05am
	1. Confirmation of Quorum
		1. Wilfred Padmore- Economics
		2. Maya Shamsid-Deen- Biology
		3. Lexi Kenis- Earth and Planetary Sciences
		4. Ansely Emeanuwa- Buisness
		5. Hongyoung Kim- Education
		6. Atul Ojha- Chemistry
		7. Tory Works- Law
		8. Blessing Akinlabi- Chemistry
		9. Travis Broadhurst- Civil Engineering
		10. Benjamin Garcia- Biology
		11. Srinidhi Pawar- Physics
		12. Justin Lauriano- President
		13. Basirat- Chemistry
		14. Ian Carrillo- Law
		15. Emma- Chemistry
		16. Emmanuella Sangber Dery- Chemistry
		17. Eric Eke- Chemistry
		18. Marie Von Haas- History
		19. Joseph Conteh- PR Director
		20. Naadiyahtu- Communications
		21. Xiaoxuan Li- Physics
		22. Sooriyage Salika Dulanjal- Chemistry
		23. Ryan Lindquist- Director SAC
		24. Lisa Walden- Director of UNM Bookstores
		25. Ashish Joshi- GPSA Council Chair Canidate
		26. Jarrod Ronquillo- Council Chair
	2. Adoption of the Agenda
		1. Motioned by Marie
		2. Seconded by Ansely
		3. Motion passes
	3. Indigenous People’s Land and Territory Acknowledgment
		1. Read by Marie
2. Opening Business
	1. Approval of the Minutes
		1. Motioned by Ansely
		2. Seconded by Ian
		3. Motion passes
	2. Media, Gallery, and Public Comments (Both related and nonrelated to the agenda)
		1. Ryan Lindquist- reminder that the election is on 4/20 those that are credentialed are allowed to vote and the vote must be in person.
3. Guest Speakers
	1. Lisa Walden- Director of UNM Bookstores
		1. Presentation on how inclusive access will allow for more accessibility to students and there will be an opt out portion
4. Officer Reports
	1. President Lauriano
		1. Fee increase passed
		2. Grants cycle is closed out
	2. Council Chair Ronquillo
		1. Stipends have been filled out and distributed within the next week
5. Committee Reports
	1. LSC Chair Ansely
		1. Fixing the stipends
		2. LSC meeting will be April 14th
	2. Finance Director Silas
		1. Budget bill is on the agenda allocating $148,000 to GPSA and student orgs
	3. PR Director Joseph
		1. Event on April 11th
		2. Grad Appreciation week is coming up
	4. Sustainability Director Broadhurst
		1. Received $50,000 from state to allocate building solar panels on the roof of student union building
		2. Working with UNM Facilities to get $600,000 to assist with project
		3. Event of hosting a waste audit of the student union building
	5. Elections Director Eric
		1. The forum will be occurring today please be polite to all candidates in your questioning
6. Discussion
	1. GPSA Council Candidate Forums
		1. Ian Carrillo opening speech
			1. Congratulations on fee increase
			2. Importance on 1 on 1 communications
			3. Communicate directly with everyone
			4. Advocate for graduate scholarship act
			5. Reaching out to underrepresented RDSA’s
			6. Be a responsible Council Chair with 10 hours of office hour
		2. Ansely Emeanuwa opening speech
			1. First gen college student
			2. Advocate for supporting the community
			3. Part of ASUNM and raised a lot of money for Albuquerque public school
			4. Jarrod has been a terrific mentor
			5. Work closely with the president and going to Santa Fe for UNM Day
			6. Establish unity amongst graduate students
		3. Lexi Kenis opening speech
			1. PhD student in Earth and Planetary Sciences
			2. GPSA is doing a great job
			3. TA and RA experience brings in unique perspective
			4. UNM Grad Workers Union President
			5. Chief steward for recruitment and education for election
			6. More representation with education
			7. Got $2 million in funding to go through the entire state for graduate students
		4. Ashish Joshi
			1. Was a member of the faculty senate
			2. Has had some fellowships
			3. Bridge the gap between departments and GPSA
			4. Inspired by solar panel project
			5. Take GPSA benefits to departments
			6. We need to empower others to become leaders
	2. Questions
		1. Tosin- What will you do to strategize for the future and preparing for your term?
			1. Ian Carrillo
				1. Rely on Jarrod for responsibilities
				2. Can read a lot of information and internalize it by being a law student
			2. Ansely Emeanuwa
				1. Start right away with Ryan, Wilfred, and Jarrod
				2. Start right away with being in the office
				3. How to improve meetings
			3. Lexi Kenis
				1. Read bylaws to understand position
				2. Working closely with Jarrod
				3. Applying Flexibility
				4. Reach out to existing members of GPSA
			4. Ashish Joshi
				1. Get the feel of what is going on the ground
				2. Working closely with Jarrod
				3. Discovering what council wants to get done
		2. Ben Garcia- What other demands do you have? How else do you plan on spending your time to include Council Chair?
			1. Ansely Emeanuwa
				1. Taking six credit hours
				2. Working with family
				3. Take brother to school then straight to GPSA office
				4. Will be able to have a lot of time to come to the office
			2. Lexi Kenis
				1. Completes coursework this year
				2. Juggle PhD research with GPSA
				3. Most work can be done remotely
				4. Works a second job as needed
				5. Religious to planner
			3. Ashish Joshi
				1. In dissertation writing phase
				2. No coursework load or TA responsibilities
			4. Ian Carrillo
				1. Track the number of hours in the week
				2. Will have minimum of 10 hours in the GPSA office
	3. Bill-S24-002
7. Action Items
	1. Motion to block vote bills 003-006 by Ian Carrillo
		1. Seconded by Ansely
		2. Motion passed
	2. Motion to vote on bills 003-006 by Ansely
		1. Seconded by Marie
		2. Motion passed
	3. Bill-S24-003
	4. Bill-S24-004
	5. Bill-S24-005
	6. Bill-S24-006
	7. FY 25 Budget Bill
		1. Motion to vote on FY 25 Bill by Ian
		2. Seconded by Ansely
		3. Motion passed
	8. Association of Geology Graduate Students- $654.00
	9. Motion to block vote appropriations by Ansely
		1. Seconded by Ian
		2. Motion passed
	10. Motion to vote on appropriations Ansely
		1. Seconded by Ian
		2. Motion passed
	11. Sociology Graduate Student Association- $1,256.00
	12. Electrical and Computing Graduate Student Association-$654.00
	13. Hindu YUVA- $704.00
	14. Nepali Student Association- $2,213.00
	15. Islamic Medical Association- $503.00
	16. Indian Student Association- $503.00
	17. Physics and Astronomy Graduate Student Association-$402.00
	18. Graduate and Professional Student Association- $39,371.00
8. Upcoming Meetings

 a. April 20th at 10am in person and over zoom

1. Adjourn 12:08pm