

**General Council Meeting February 24th, 2024**

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1. Call to Order 10:24 AM
   1. Confirmation of Quorum

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| **RDSA 1: Architecture** | |  |  |
| 1 | Hanel Jun |  |  |
| 2 | Abdul Ganiu Tanko | |  |
| **RDSA 2: Biology** | |  |  |
| 3 | Ben Garcia - voter | |  |
| 4 | Maya Shamsid-Deen | |  |
| **RDSA 3: Business** | |  |  |
| 5 | Ansely Emeanuwa | |  |
| **RDSA 4: Chemistry (only 1 person votes)** | | | |
| 6 | Basirat Raji Adefila | |  |
| 7 | Blessing Akinlabi - voter | |  |
| 8 | Emmanuel Quartey | |  |
| 9 | Md Rafiqul Islam Rupam | |  |
| 10 | Rebecca Owopetu | |  |
| 11 | Seyi Adekoya | |  |
| 12 | Emmanuella Sangber Dery | | |
| 13 | Salika Dulanjali | |  |
| 14 | Samuel Takyi | |  |
| **RDSA 5: Civil Engineering** | | |  |
| 15 | Travis Broadhurst Sustainability Director | | |
| **RDSA 6: Education (COEHS-GSLA)** | | | |
| 16 | Hongyoung Kim | |  |
| 17 | Olivia Fadul | |  |
| **RDSA 7: Communication** | | |  |
| 18 | Naadiyahtu Iddrisu | |  |
| **RDSA 8: Economics** | |  |  |
| 19 | Tosin Olofinsao | |  |
| 20 | Wilfred Osei | |  |
| **RDSA 9: History** | |  |  |
| 21 | Marie Von Haas | |  |
| **RDSA 10: Law** | |  |  |
| 22 | Ian Carrillo |  |  |
| 23 | Tory Works | |  |
| 24 | David Lonergan | |  |
| 25 | Ricardo Guadarrama | |  |
| **RDSA 11: Medicine** | |  |  |
| 26 | Julie Emeanuwa | |  |
| **RDSA 13: Physics** | |  |  |
| 27 | Xiaoxuan Li |  |  |
| **RDSA 13: Psychology** | |  |  |
| 28 | Carlie Sivils |  |  |
| **RDSA 12: Public Administration** | |  |  |
| 29 | Anjaleeqa Baldwin | |  |
| 30 | Ferdinand Kwarteng | |  |
| **Other Attendees** | |  |  |
| 31 | Joseph Conteh PR Chair | |  |
| 32 | Jarrod Ronquillo Council Chair | | |
| 33 | Aaron Sharratt Grants Director | | |
| 34 | Justin Lauriano GPSA President | | |
| 35 | Ryan Linquist GPSA Advisor | | |
| 36 | Eric Eke Finance Committee/Elections Chair | | |
| 37 | Angela de avila - SGAO | |  |
| 38 | Kaya Sheets |  |  |
| 39 | Megan Looney - Chief Justice | | |
| 40 | Nate Bernard - Daily Lobo | | |
| 41 | Dom oddo - Union speaker | | |
| 42 | Savnnah Romero - observer | | |
| 43 | Paul Havern - GPSA Chief of Staff | | |
| 44 | Anjali Dvorak | |  |
| 45 | Atul Ohja |  |  |

1. Discussion on the change of RDSA membership due to the spring registration reports and thus number of voting representatives on council.
2. Votes are out 16 – to pass need 11 votes in favor
   1. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Ian Carrillo moved
4. Seconded Tory Works
5. Passed unanimously (16 yes – 0 no)
   1. Indigenous People’s Land and Territory Acknowledgment – Read by President Lauriano
   2. Statement Acknowledging the Labor and Sacrifices of Black Americans – Read by Council Chair Ronquillo
6. Opening Business
   1. Approval of the Minutes
      1. Moved by Maya Shamsid-Deen with corrections to January minutes to the RDSA representatives – add Ansley, move Eric under chemistry, add public administration after Anjaleeqa.
      2. Seconded by Ansley Emeanuwa
      3. Motion passes unanimously (16 yes – 0 no)

Abdul Ganiu Tanko (Architecture) – y

Ansley Emeanuwa (Business)– y

Ben Garcia (Biology) – y

Blessing Akinlabi (Chemistry) – y

Carlie Sivils (Psychology) – y

David Longeran (Law) – Y

Ferdinand Kwarteng (Public Administration) – y

Hanel Jun (Architecture) – y

Ian Carrillo (Law) – y

Julie Emeanuwa (Medicine) – y

Marie von Haas (History) – y

Naadiyahtu Iddrisu (Communication)– y

Tory Works (Law) – y

Tosin Olofinsao (Economics) – y

Travis Broadhurst (Civil Engineering) – y

Xiaoxuan Li (Physics) – y

* + 1. Maya Shamsid-Deen moved to approve the February special session minutes
    2. Seconded by Ansley Emeanuwa
    3. Motion passes unanimously (16 yes – 0 no)

Abdul Ganiu Tanko (Architecture) – y

Ansley Emeanuwa (Business)– y

Ben Garcia (Biology) – y

Blessing Akinlabi (Chemistry) – y

Carlie Sivils (Psychology) – y

David Longeran (Law) – Y

Ferdinand Kwarteng (Public Administration) – y

Hanel Jun (Architecture) – y

Ian Carrillo (Law) – y

Julie Emeanuwa (Medicine) – y

Marie von Haas (History) – y

Naadiyahtu Iddrisu (Communication)– y

Tory Works (Law) – y

Tosin Olofinsao (Economics) – y

Travis Broadhurst (Civil Engineering) – y

Xiaoxuan Li (Physics) – y

1. Guest Speakers Dom Oddo – Union

Shared the flyer overviewing the Union, what it has won, and how to get involved. Discussed the raises grad students should see and gave an update that the Union is bargaining this spring primarily on compensation.

* + 1. Travis Broadhurst moved to amend the agenda to have public comment after guest speakers
    2. Seconded by Ansley Emeanuwa
    3. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote

1. Media, Gallery, and Public Comments (Both related and nonrelated to the agenda)
2. Ryan Linquist, Advisor of GPSA, discussed the budget deficit and shared the fiscal years 2023-2025. Highlights from his explanation of this shared document were than the 4 assistantships that GPSA pays for have increased, whereas other spending has been relatively stable. Next fiscal year there will be approximately a $300K deficit if GPSA spending is like this and last year. Fiscal year 26 is more dire. GPSA is the only graduate student government in the state of New Mexico.
3. Dom Oddo (Union) – inquired about why there’s about 16% increase in assistantships versus the 6% that the Union won especially since the Union was represented as the cause in assistantship increase.

Justin Lauriano mentioned that the assistantships are budgeted at the maximum tuition cost rather than the lowest. Insurance is also included here.

1. Wilfred Osei – mentioned that OMO requires 72 hours for the agenda to be posted whereas GPSA bylaws only require 24 hours. This should be changed. Also suggested a phone directory to improve communication beyond just email.
2. Angela de Avila of the SGAO Accounting Office emphasized that student organizations are receiving more funds in our GPSA budget and that there are not enough revenues. Those have been spent over several years. Clarified that assistantship line item is assistantship, health insurance, and tuition. Clarified that Biology only received funding for 98 students not 115 from the earlier credential conversation.
3. Officer Reports
   1. President Lauriano, GPSA President, indicated that the council chair no longer supports the student fee increase and reiterated why we need a fee increase. Call for a council member to make a motion to impeach council chair Ronquillo under Article III Section 3d of the GPSA Constitution. He explained that council chair has prioritized his job at Sandia over his assistantship responsibilities, has not fulfilled the in office working hours requirement, and listed several GPSA workers who can corroborate his lack of attendance. In addition, he alleged that council chair has not complied with the open meetings act, is unaware of what the legislative steering committee is doing (including saying that they did not review the GPSA fee increase bill), failed to sign the proper forms which delayed student organization funding, written unprofessional emails, failed to attend one of the four finance committee meetings required to build a budget, and those duties fell on the president as a result. He has been in the office approximately 9 hours since January, which corresponds to $900 per hour.
      1. Motion to impeach made by Tory Works
      2. Seconded by David Longeran
      3. Ansley Emeanuwa is chairing the meeting as council chair cannot preside over this vote.

Long discussion ensued. Council chair clarified he was hesitant rather than against the fee increase and presented his assistantship contract and of the above allegations only failing to make the budget was correct. He clarified that he has not been in the office but has been doing the work and responded to the other allegations.

Ben Garcia, Maya Shamsid-Deen, and Marie von Haas, and Ferdinand Kwarteng indicated a concern regarding the timing of this call for impeachment given that council is considering an important bill (GPSA fee increase) and why this had not been addressed at an earlier date with council or council chair himself.

1. Subsidiary motion to postpone indefinitely to motion to impeach made by Ben Garcia
2. Motion dies due to not receiving a second and Advisor Lindquist’s Roberts Rules of Order explanation (main motions must be dealt with first).

Advisor Lindquist gave a brief description of the impeachment proceedings, speaking rights, and Roberts Rules of Order subsidiary motions.

Ian Carrillo and Tory Works indicated that the impeachment process to review these accusations would give council the ability to identify if they are true and then act.

1. Subsidiary motion to postpone indefinitely to motion to impeach made by Ben Garcia again with the proper citation of Roberts Rules of Order (11:2)
2. Seconded by Marie von Haas

Explanation that the motion to impeach can be considered in a future meeting given the motion on the floor. The motion on the floor is to table the impeachment motion for the current meeting.

Discussion on the communication of the allegations/investigation (emailing council vs. utilizing the impeachment process in our bylaws).

1. Ben Garcia moved to call the question
2. No second so motion dies.

Additional discussion.

1. Motion passed 11 yes 3 nos

Abdul Ganiu Tanko (Architecture) – y

Ansley Emeanuwa (Business)– serving as chair for this vote

Ben Garcia (Biology) – y

Blessing Akinlabi (Chemistry) – y

Carlie Sivils (Psychology) – y

David Longeran (Law) – n

Ferdinand Kwarteng (Public Administration) – a

Hanel Jun (Architecture) – y

Ian Carrillo (Law) – n

Julie Emeanuwa (Medicine) – y

Marie von Haas (History) – y

Naadiyahtu Iddrisu (Communication)– y

Tory Works (Law) – n

Tosin Olofinsao (Economics) – y

Travis Broadhurst (Civil Engineering) – y

Xiaoxuan Li (Physics) – y

* 1. Council Chair Ronquillo

Presented a drafted bill of legislative branch expectation of duties and changes to improve the branch to be considered by council in March. Council would be approximately 75 voting members if everyone attended. Went through contract assignments and said how he had met each one.

Tosin Olofinsao, Joseph Conteh, and President Lauriano emphasized the importance of communication.

1. Committee Reports
   1. GPSA Sustainability – None will be sent via email
   2. LSC Chair – Brief update on next meeting
   3. PR – Collaboration event on the 29th. Advertise the graduate mixer. Trying to fundraise and Catholic charities meeting scheduled to identify student resources through their organization.
   4. Elections – Update on elections and candidate forums. March 30th council meeting will be the council chair candidate forum.
2. Action Items
   1. Constitutional Amendment to increase the GPSA fee
3. Motion to approve moved by Ansley Emeanuwa
4. seconded Travis Broadhurst

Discussion on support for the motion

1. Motion passed unanimously 16 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

Abdul Ganiu Tanko (Architecture) – y

Ansley Emeanuwa (Business) – y

Ben Garcia (Biology) – y

Blessing Akinlabi (Chemistry) – y

Carlie Sivils (Psychology) – y

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Tosin Olofinsao (Economics) – y

Travis Broadhurst (Civil Engineering) – y

Xiaoxuan Li (Physics) – y

* 1. Judicial Reform Bill – will not vote on because it was not passed by LSC
     1. Ian Carrillo moved to table to the next meeting
     2. Ben Garcia seconded
     3. Motion passed via voice vote
  2. Appropriation 3S- Comms Grad- $397.00
     1. Ansley Emeanuwa moved to approve
     2. Travis Broadhurst seconded
     3. Motion passed via voice vote
     4. Travis Broadhurst moved to reopen this bill
     5. Ansley Emeanuwa seconded
     6. Motion passed via voice vote
     7. Carlie Sivils moved to change to 3S to 4S
     8. Ben Garcia seconded
     9. Motion passed via voice vote
  3. Appropriation 5S- GPSA Legislative- $3,797.00
     1. Travis Broadhurst moved to approve
     2. Ben Garcia seconded
     3. Motion passed via voice vote

1. Upcoming Meetings
   1. March 30th at 10am over zoom
   2. April meeting will be in person in order to elect the council chair
2. Adjourn