

**General Council Meeting**

**October 28th,2023 https://unm.zoom.us/j/5642195662**

1. Call to order 10:04am
   1. Confirmation of Quorum
      1. GPSA Representatives
         1. Julie Emeanuwa- Medicine
         2. Marie Von Haas- History
         3. Md Rafiqul Islam Rupam- Chemistry
         4. Naadiyahtu Iddrisu- Communication
         5. Rebecca Owopetu- Chemistry
         6. Seyi Adekoya- Chemistry
         7. Tory Works- Law
         8. Wilfred Osei- Economics
         9. Tosin Olofinsao- Economics
         10. Xiaoxuan Li- Physics
         11. Ansely Emeanuwa- Business
         12. Blessing Akinlabi- Chemistry
         13. Carlie Sivils- Psychology
         14. David Lonergan- Law
         15. Emmanuel Quartey- Chemistry
         16. Eric Eke- Chemistry
         17. Ferdinand Kwarteng- Chemistry
         18. Hanel Jun- Architecture
         19. Hongyoung Kim- Education
         20. Ian Carrillo- Law
         21. Benjamin Garcia- Biology
         22. Olivia Fadul- Education
         23. Emmanuella Sangber Dery- Chemistry
      2. Other Attendees
         1. Paul Havern- GPSA Chief of Staff
         2. Joseph Conteh- GPSA Public Relations Director
         3. Ryan Lindquist- UNM Director of Student Activities
         4. Anna Rose- Guest Speaker United Graduate Workers of UNM
   2. Adoption of the Agenda
      1. Motioned by Tory Works
      2. Seconded by Benjamin Garcia
      3. Motion passed
   3. Indigenous People's Land and Territory Acknowledgment
      1. Read by Council Chair Ronquillo
2. Opening Business
   1. Approval of the Minutes
      1. Motion to approve previous minutes by Eric Eke
      2. Seconded by David Lonergan
      3. Motion passed
   2. Media, Gallery, and Public Comments (Both related to the agenda, and not related to the agenda)
3. Guest Speakers
   1. Union Rep
      1. Ann Rose is a member of the United Grad Workers Union and is a 1st years master student in the public policy department at UNM
      2. Has worked for both Unions at UNM and NMSU
      3. Opening bargaining with the university of this fall on compensation starting on Nov 2nd
      4. Looking for a Chief Steward in the College of Fine Arts
      5. There are almost 1,600 graduate students across the University
      6. Minimum for a graduate assistantship at UNM is $14,554 annually
      7. NM poverty line is $13,596 annually
      8. Living wage for ABQ is $33k
      9. Need a 36.5% increase to match peer institutions
      10. 78.7% of grad workers are supporting a dependent
      11. More than 90% of students pay more than 30% on housing
      12. Cost of living has grown in Albuquerque
      13. Tory Works- are law students included in the union?
      14. Anna Rose- most law students do not hold a RA, TA, GA, or PA if you have this type of assistantship you are eligible to be a union member

Officer Reports

* 1. President Lauriano
     1. Chief of Staff Havern speaking on behalf of President
     2. There will be changes to the grants bylaws
     3. We are continuing to pursue the graduate scholarship act at state legislature
     4. Council Rep Benjamin Garcia- why is a number amount given in scholarships listed in bylaws
     5. Ryan Lindquist- NM Legislature decided those numbers when money was granted
  2. Council Chair Ronquillo
     1. Known for running student organization can help with any clubs
     2. Will uphold high professionalism when collaborating with the union
     3. If anyone needs help with an appropriation please let me know
     4. Eric Eke- What is the student tenants union
     5. Jarrod Ronquillo- A club on UNM dedicated on improving student housing condition

1. Committee Reports
   1. Ansley Emeanuwa- LSC Chair
      1. Club 89 event on Nov 3rd from 11am to 1pm
      2. Please come volunteer
      3. Please dress business casually
      4. Last Club 89 event had 75 members show up
      5. Next LSC meetings are Nov 11th 12pm and Nov 22nd 7pm both are on zoom
      6. Come to the office for free coffee and tea
2. Action Items
   1. Appropriations
      1. Motion to vote on HESO appropriation by Marie von Haas for HESO, AMA, SGSA, and NSA
      2. Seconded by Ansely Emeanuwa
      3. Motion passed 18 aye 0 No 1 Abstain
      4. Hispanic Engineering and Science Organization (HESO)
      5. American Medical Association (AMA)
      6. Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA)
      7. Nepali Student Association (NSA)
      8. Motion to approve appropriation ASPRS by Bejamin Garcia
      9. Seconded by Ansely Emeanuwa
      10. Motion passed 17 aye 0 No and 2 Abstain
      11. American Society for Photography and Remote Sensing (ASPRS)
3. Upcoming Meetings
   1. November 18th at 10am over zoom
4. Adjourn at 11:12am