I. Roll Call

Meeting start Start at 6:14pm

Present:
James Kaminkis – Council Chair
Jamie Stephens – Physics
Andrea Abeyta - COE
Rose Davenport – PAGSA
Grant Heileman - Engineering
Leonel Diaz - OILS
Texanna Martin – LSC Chair

Absent:
Gwen Peel, Marybeth Perdomo, Tanya Saaverdra Shaw

II. Opening Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Boney’s resolution – are we discussing this today? – Jamie

Andrea requests audio recording. James checks the standing rules. Audio recordings need a 24 hour notice. Any recordings need to be shared within 5 business days to the GPSA office. Andrea states she will submit an audio recording request for following meetings.

Motion to revise the agenda. Action item E, resolution GPSA by Boney to be removed from the agenda made by Grant. Jamie seconds the motion. No discussion. Unanimous vote of 6.

Motion to remove COILS resolution, action item F made by Leonel. Seconded by Grant. No discussion. Unanimous vote of 6.


b. Media & Gallery

No one here for media and gallery.

III. Action Items

a. LSC Standing Rules 2018-2019
Texanna opens standing rules previous approved in spring of 2017 on projector. Scheduled date changed to 2018-2019. The other thing not changed is the October meeting. No meeting took place. This meeting is the only one for the semester. James states that the meeting refers to 3rd council meeting and not LSC meeting. Andrea asks where this bylaw is. James says it is in the GPSA bylaw. Texanna opens previous Spring 2017 standing rules. We currently have to use the old version of the standing rules. James states that there is no record of standing rules for 2017-2018. Texanna asks if it would be okay to use old rules to have more time to work on updated standing rules in January 2019.


b. LSC Schedule

Texanna – we have an obligation to meet 9 days before council per the bylaws. Tuesdays would give us time to submit to council chair by next day, Wednesday. Texanna shows spring 2019 meeting dates. Jamie asks if it makes sense to have the last meeting since it sometimes gets cancelled due to lack of activity. Texanna said it is easier to cancel and best to have it in case we do have items. Rose and Andrea discussed that they would be traveling from Rio Rancho, so the table discussed the 6 pm start time. After they confirmed the time and decided it be okay a motion was put on the table.


c. Safety Initiative #MakeUNMSafe- Resolution

Floor open to discuss resolution. Texanna reminds everyone that a resolution is requesting support or a change. We want to keep author’s voice in resolution. Any questions or comments? Texanna asks Andrea to explain resolution.

Andrea: In collaboration with SAFE group at UNM. Mandatory reporting at UNM hurts those victimized. Explains that this took place during summer (task force) before president stokes began role. Frees up everyone except those at the top. Policy says that we need to improve reporting structure. Mandatory training has disappeared. Also asking for anonymous tips boxes. When students report, there isn’t much action taken. Explains that there was actual movement within the department when they addressed it (COE?).

James has question regarding GPSA council involvement. Andrea says they want to share what they are doing at COE and do it at a larger scale. James specifies what council itself will be doing the work as a point of clarity. Andrea says they would be asking council members to participate.

Texanna says it is not going directly to council, needs to go directly to all GPSA to ensure that it is supported by the legislative, executive and judicial branches of GPSA.

Jamie: Are you expecting UNM President Stokes to do? What are you doing? Andrea: Yes. Has been in conversations with Stokes. Plans on implementing in the spring. Has met with LoboRESPECT director and dean of students. Aim is to create actual policy. Jamie: What does a resolution mean, legally? Is it just saying GPSA supports this philosophy and encourage president to do something, or what does it do?
Texanna: depends on how it is written and what you want to accomplish. It is making a statement that graduate students support this activity.

Andrea requests help editing. Grant asks if supporting previous solutions or new recommendations?

Texanna: There isn’t anything in here about students who teach. There are students who go to graduate students that are TAs.

Grant: It seems like we are backing recommendations of task force. Is there a way to edit to support continued involvement of task force.

Andrea says task force was dissolved.

Leonel says it might be a good thing to reference the policies and list current federal policy in case they change, it changes the resolution.

Texanna explains how the resolution needs a stronger student voice. We can approve with recommended revisions and can go forward to council once revisions are complete. Can add it supports the task force if that what is what the author is seeking.

Jamie motions to approve resolution with pending changes/revisions. Grant seconds. No discussion. Unanimous vote of 6 in favor.

d. Veteran Student Support Services- Resolution

Eliberto Calderon is present to discuss his resolution on behalf of student veterans of UNM. The veteran student services resolution – top proposal for legislative session in Santa Fe. Creates a program on campus to help further develop student veteran community. Proposal adds services. Provost took proposal away from students. Resolution asks that student veterans are included and are given a voice in the process of the implementation of veteran student services structure. Wants a GPSA rep and ASUNM rep to have voice in the process of implementing the program.

Floor open.

Andrea: doesn’t understand what happened. Students had a committee and provost took it away? What’s happening? Eliberto: this is a new program. Does not infringe on veterans resource center or any department on campus. Creates new positions, orientation for veterans, they get lost during TNT (transfer orientation). Still supporting the proposal in Santa Fe. Wants to make sure student body has a voice in it.

Texanna recommends removing abbreviations.

Andrea points out that Ryan (advisor to GPSA) stated there is a format to follow.

Texanna points out that the resolutions need a cover form (to both Eliberto and Andrea). Both need to submit the form. Texanna says ASUNM is included, and they would have to approve first before GPSA approves it. Consider making this just for GPSA. At the end, have ASUNM included at the end to get notice of resolution when passed and signed.
Leonel suggests that “UNM President and other officials” should be clarified and not left vague.

Andrea asks for clarification on stand with them, support them. Are those whereas or therefore statements? Are those actions, “calling upon them,” or?

Grant: In this, are you asking that students to have a more direct line with the administration or have more of a voice and involvement with the VRC? The provost gave the VRC the reigns on that. Do you want the students involved with them or the administration? Does it give SVUNM oversight?

Eliberto: Have the students involved in the process for accountability purposes so that the funding comes to campus and doesn’t go to other things and is used for the purpose.

Texanna: How many graduate students are in leadership team? How many undergraduates in leadership team?

Eliberto: 4-5 undergrads. Most members are graduate students.

Texanna: recommend adding how students are directly involved. Focus on groups that are legitimized.

Grant: Can we give the student veterans a seat at council?

Texanna: That would be legislative change and bylaws changes. Any constitutional changes have to go to regents. Bylaws don’t. Changing this would create other issues.

Andrea: Is this to add student veterans as a representative to council?

Texanna: No. This is not part of the discussion. Grant entertained the idea of having a student veteran with a seat in council. Council members can create an ad-hoc council committee for student veterans. GPSA president can create it without approval.

Andrea: What would they do?

Texanna: They would focus on student veterans on campus. Texanna explains process for an ad-hoc committee.

Eliberto: VA has an 85-15 rule. Not all members of a committee have to include all veterans. Others are welcome.

Grant: This would be a way to get continuous involvement of a veteran into the discussion. If we add it into GPSA, there is a chance the person wouldn’t be a veteran.

Texanna: As the group stands, they do not have the positionality to be included in committees by administration. GPSA does have the positionality because of the role and it is written. You will have to add to resolution that you want an ad-hoc and be brought to council.

Andrea motions to approve resolution and move forward with pending revisions and request from council to create an ad-hoc committee by request of Grant. Jamie seconds. Grant asks questions if he needs to send an email to council chair to add item to agenda for council in upcoming meeting. Texanna recommends Grant and Eliberto make a presentation at next council meeting and explain the situation. James explains the confusion that is caused by SVUNM activity and thinking VRC oversees group’s
activities. Texanna recommends that the VRC be added to resolution and add that GPSA can attend VRC meetings. Unanimous vote of 6.

e. Resolution sponsored by GPSA President Boney Mutabazi- (removed from agenda)
f. Resolution sponsored by COILS President Leonel Diaz Jr (removed from agenda)

IV. Discussion Items
No discussion items.

V. Closing Announcements
None.

VI. Upcoming Meeting
Next meeting will be in January per schedule.

VII. Adjourn
Grant motioned to adjourn. Jamie motions to close. Adjourn at 7:46pm.