



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 22, 2014, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Santa Ana A, Student Union Bldg., UNM.

1. Call to Order:

GPSA President Texanna Martin called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

2. Roll Call/Welcome and Introductions:

GPSA Staff and Chairs		
1	Moses Allen	Grants co-chair
2	Hilary Wainwright	Finance chair
3	Jessica Marshal	Council chair
4	Amber Dukes	Equity and Inclusion chair
5	Elena Friot	Assistantship and Benefits chair
6	Taylor Smith	Lobby
7	Sai Kumar Uppu	Student Support and Advocacy chair
8	Texanna Martin	President
9	Wayne Thorpe	Chief of Staff
10	Guoshan Yang	Tuition & Fees, and IT
11	Joseph Bryant	Professional Development co-chair
12	James Foty	Grants Co-chair
13	Zoila Alvarez	Media and Outreach co-chair
Guests		
1	Jonathan Baca	News Editor at Daily Lobo
2	Daniel Montano	News Editor at Daily Lobo

3. Business/Information Items:

- Daily Lobo:

Daniel - Create a new section which is useful to graduate students. Will try to make sure always report things objectively. We have currently have 3 graduate students working with Daily Lobo, so now we can cover more stuff for and to graduate students. Email: news@dailylobo.com

John - lobo is mostly for undergrad but this time we are going to cover more even for the graduate students. Try reaching out us for the happenings going on in each department

Daniel and John – If you see something going on good or bad, complaints or issues, or scandals please call or email us.

Moses – Could you cover the council meetings every month?

Daniel – Yes we are interested in covering the ASUNM and GPSA meetings and events. We will record the entire meeting electronically.

Jessica – Regarding the electronic recording, we approval of council through voting is required if you are recording every meeting. As of now it should be a person not a electronic thing.

Daniel - It is not an issue, we can get a person and record meetings manually.

John – Any jokes or extracurricular stuff won't be jotted down.

- Council Schedule & Council Appointment:

Jessica – Presentation by the guest speaker on Robert Rules & announced the date and time of council meetings. Working with SGAO to get the RDSA list, so we can figure out the council reps for the meetings.

Texanna- We would release the agenda one week ahead, and it should be on website and send a copy to daily lobo.

Daniel left the meeting as he needs to attend another meeting @ 4 PM.

Jessica- If you have any presentations or resolutions, must email me one week ahead so I can include that in the agenda.

4. Semester Plans/Goals & Vision Statement:

i. President Texanna Martin-

SFRB process is in progress and the website is up to date.

Student Regent Committee – Stephanie (GPSA office manager) is the chair for this committee, anyone can be a student regent but it is a two year commitment. First meeting would be in September.

Start by Believing - it is collaborative effort of ASUNM and GPSA is running smoothly.

Super Squad – Elena is a great asset for GPSA, a round of applause for all her help with orientations planning and organizing.

Student feedback survey - We need that input to know better what the students need the most. So please complete that survey.

Ice bucket Challenge

ii. Council Chair Jessica Marshall-

The first Council meeting is tomorrow at 9am. Informed about the orientation and how to proxy, if the rep is unable to go for the meeting.

Daniel Ivy Soto - Ex-council chair is going to give a presentation on the Robert rules. It is also helpful to the committee chair.

Executive Standing Committee

- Grants Chairs: Moses Allen & James Foty - Updates on new grant website and new mission statement, by-law changes, and semester goals. And also a presentation on various grants available this semester.

James: There is a lot of money left even after we gave many NMRG grants. And we are discussing what to do with the left over money by starting a new survey whether a new grant to be introduced.

Moses: We can't give to all people who applied. Because it would be injustice to the students who had written well.

Moses Allen – Submitted a letter of Resignation from the grants co-chair position.

- Finance Chair: Hilary Wainwright
Working mainly on the standing rules and remove the confusing language.
James is helping out with appropriation form.
Sai Uppu and Bryan are in the committee & we will get two people from the council tomorrow.
- Lobby Chair: Taylor Smith
Worked on Start by believing campaign. Looking at different legislatures and worked with John from ASUNM to get few people to help them out. I will have more information by next week.
- Student Support & Advocacy Chair: Sai Kumar Uppu
Worked mainly on preparing the survival guide and orientation kits for the new incoming graduate students on campus.
Went to all the department orientations to make GPSA more public.

Executive Ad-Hoc Committees

- Equity & Inclusion Chair: Amber Dukes
Working more on Start by believing and will be involving more on “sexual violence on campus”.
Received a scholarship to work on prevent sexual violence on campus. Trying to work more with Accessibility, Veterans, and Women resource centers.
- Media & Outreach Chairs: Adela Chavez & Zoila Alvarez
Will be holding the first committee meeting on September 8th. As of now, helping out with flyers and also working on survey on GPSA Facebook page. Adela will work on graphics part of flyers, and Zoila will work on publication board.
- Tuition, Fees & IT Chair: Guoshun Yang
Trying to get more students to work with me on 2 committees, will be holding the first committee meeting soon.
- Assistantship & Benefits Chair: Elena Friot
Most of time helped in orientation planning and executing. Worked on finding the source for funding like assistantships on campus. GPSA passed increased to 2%, but most department pays more than minimum wage. Working with Adrina over Graduate studies to get the breakdown of how many masters and PhD students on campus & their pay scale. Also attending the Non standing committee meetings. Working with Professional Develop Committee on some workshops. I have 3 people from 3 different committee. And also looking for other school for their funding and also for the evaluation process for the TA and GA hired. First committee meeting on September 15th
- Professional Development & Research Chairs: Andrew Belzer & Joe Braynt
Valentine (on behalf of Andrew) - trying to make students sign up for volunteering at office. Andrew is not here. We are working on PAW website, the place where all the workshops on campus will be posted.

Joseph- Working with Career services to help students. Career service will be GPSA conference room and help grad students with resume writing and cover letter editing, every Thursday 3pm to 6pm.

5. Future meetings:

All meeting will be held on Friday before the council meeting. Next meeting is on September 26th.

6. Adjourn:

Texanna calls for the adjournment the meeting.