



GRADUATE *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GPSA E-Board

Date: **Friday, December 5, 2014**

Time: **4:00pm**

Location: **Cherry/Silver (SUB)**

MINUTES

Roll Call:

Present - Sai Uppu, Chloe Winegar-Garrett, Elena Friot, Hilary Wainwright, Adela Chavez, Zoila Alvarez, Joe Bryant, Andrew Belzer, Amber Dukes, Alaa Elmaoued, Texanna Martin, Jessica Marshall, and Wayne Thorpe

Excused - James Foty and Steve Maness

Absent - Taylor Smith and Guoshun Yang

Meeting called to order at 4:05pm

Minutes from November approved

End of Semester Committee Reports:

Finance

Achievements:

- Created new standing rules at the beginning of the semester
- Changed meeting format
- New appropriation request form
- Overall \$80,000 requested in appropriations, \$54,000 recommended to Council

Goals for Next Semester:

- Working closely with Chief of Staff Thorpe and SGAO for the Spring budget cycle

Grants

Achievements:

- Funded more than \$132,000 in scholarships and grants this semester
- First time managing the GSF since taking it over from Finance
- Fall grants cycle went very smoothly
- Few appeals



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Goals for Next Semester:

- Working on the new Summer Scholarship Fund
- Administering another successful grants cycle

Programs

Achievements:

- Staged two successful food truck events
- End of Semester party held in collaboration with GEO
- GPSA will be participating later today in Hanging of the Greens with our 'open house' reception

Goals for Next Semester:

- More Food for Thought events including on North Campus!

Student Support & Advocacy

Achievements:

- Currently promoting our winter clothing drive for students in need
- Successful orientation sessions
- Online course discussions with Extended Learning
- More social events on the GPSA calendar

Goals for Next Semester:

- Continued discussion about Extended Learning
- Celebrating Graduate and Professional Students Week

Assistantships & Benefits

Achievements:

- Facilitated a few PAW workshops
- One student received an assistantship after attending one of the workshops
- Pre-finals Fiesta was a huge success
- Received lots of sponsorship for the Fiesta
- Assisted in editing the new assistantships contract
- Turn It In not a threat to assistantship following several discussions
- Great discussions through the Teaching Enhancement Committee

Goals for Next Semester:

- Recruiting more committee members
- Creating a shortened version of safe-zone training for TAs
- Collaborating with Graduate Studies for assistantships and benefits workshops
- Staging another pre-finals fiesta
- CTE certification for graduate assistantship holders
- Graduate Assistantship Appreciation Day



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- Monthly social events
- Survey for graduate assistants to see needs and concerns

Professional Development

Achievements:

- 11 PAW workshops held through the PDC
- Workshop attendance increased throughout the semester
- Partnered with Career Services, Grants and Assistantships & Benefits Committees
- Average 8 attendees per workshop

Goals for Next Semester:

- Better promotion for the workshops
- Improved reporting to the PAW group
- More workshops on varying topics

Equity & Inclusion

Achievements:

- Start by Believing (SBB) brought before the ASAR and BOR
- Met with the UNM Dream Team to see how GPSA can help undocumented students
- Collaborating with the Veterans Resource Center to create a 'green zone'
- Partnered with the Women's Resource Center for 'Sex Week'

Goals for Next Semester:

- Presenting SBB to the State Legislature
- More collaborations with groups across campus

Media & Outreach

Achievements:

- Held regular meetings
- Maintained outreach efforts with other departments
- Improved promotions of GPSA
- Collaborated well with other executive committees
- Built a good relationship with the Daily Lobo

Goals for Next Semester:

- Coordinate with other committees to push outreach
- Actively recruit more committee members
- Make GPSA more social media friendly
- Live tweeting and video recording of Council



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Graduate Health

Achievements:

- Making great linkages across North Campus
- Collaborating with the Health Sciences Student Council (HSSC)
- Has a full member committee

Goals for Next Semester:

- Breaking the Lomas divide with HSSC

No reports provided by Tuition, Fees & IT or Lobby

Officer Reports:

President Martin

- Thanked the committees for all their hard work pointing out specific successes
- Update provided on the SFRB process and Student Regent search
- Reiterated need for collaboration among committees
- Spring semester should be better with everyone working towards the same mission
- Discussed capital outlay projects and request for help promoting our need

Council Chair Marshall

- Reminded the Board about Council's purpose and future meeting dates

New Business:

Chief of Staff Thorpe reminded the Chairs to submit their full reports for stipend payments to be processed

Next meeting – Friday, January 30, 2015

Meeting Adjourned at 5:10 pm

The E-Board proceeded to Hanging of the Greens Open House in the GPSA Office