



## GRADUATE *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

### **GPSA E-Board**

Date: **Friday, January 30, 2015**

Time: **4:00pm**

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

## **MINUTES**

Roll Call:

**Present** – Texanna Martin, Wayne Thorpe, Hilary Wainwright, James Foty, Anand Tomar, Elena Friot, Moses Allen, and Joe Bryant

**Excused** – Taylor Smith

**Absent** – Jessica Marshall and Andrew Belzer

**Meeting called to order at 4:08pm**

Minutes from December approved

### ***Officer Reports:***

#### **President Report**

- Capital Outlay projects discussed: graduate study space at Zimmerman and lighting at the Law School
- She and Chief of Staff Thorpe visited the Capitol earlier today for Graduate Education Day where six graduate students presented their works to rave reviews
- We are currently meeting with Senators to secure capital outlay funding
- Review of our Welcome Back Event
- Budget Discussions are in high gear. We will be hosting several town hall meetings to get student input EVP Harris has gotten us Food for Thought for two days a month. We'll be asking trucks for a 20% donation this semester up from the 10% we asked for the Fall as we only made \$400+ from the two events
- We have earmarked \$22,000 for the Summer Scholarship Fund and are working in earnest to get to our goal of \$100,000
- President Williams and I visited Colorado State University and the University of Colorado to check out their wellness/recreation centers along with members of the Wellness/Recreation Committee to see how we can renovate our recreation center to modern standards

#### **Council Chair Report**

Council Chair Marshall absent



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### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Finance**

- FC held 3 budget workshops
- The committee is getting ready for a busy budget cycle
- Hearing schedules to be discussed soon (February 28 & March 1)
- FC received 11 requests for appropriation this month

#### **Grants**

- Actively searching for a co-chair
- Elections Chair Allen has been helping with applicant training workshops
- The Grants cycle is now open and will close on Friday, February 27
- The new grants website is fully up and running
- Graduate Scholarship Fund metric is being reviewed
- GC will be creating a funding work group to include Vets, Dreamers, etc. to come up with better funding formulae

#### **Lobby**

*Reported by Chief of Staff Thorpe*

- Taylor is in Santa Fe lobbying for capital outlay money
- UNM Day is February 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **Student Support and Advocacy**

- In the process of merging the assistantships and benefits committee into SSA
- PAW workshop for assistantships
- Planning to host Graduate Appreciation Week

#### **Elections**

- Ballot items are due in February Council
- Call for Candidates and Ballot Items open on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and are due on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>
- Voting opens on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 8am and closes on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm
- Presidential Forums to be held March 28<sup>th</sup> in Council, SUB Atrium on March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Council Chair Debate and Election on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>
- NMPIRG will moderate the forums
- Actively recruiting committee members

#### **Professional Development**

- Five PAWS workshops this semester
- Elena will be facilitating the Assistantships workshop
- Website has been updated with PAW workshop.



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**Graduate Health**

- Working with HSSC
- GPSA to attend HSSC meetings and vice-versa

**Open Discussion - Student from Galley**

He would like to get involved. Several Chairs met with him to discuss their committees and roles

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:15pm**

*Guests – Joe Raborn and Valentine Fisher*