



GRADUATE *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GPSA E-Board

Date: **Friday, November 21st, 2014**

Time: **4:00pm**

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

MINUTES

Roll Call:

Present – Taylor Smith, Sai Uppu, Elena Friot, Joe Bryant, Andrew Belzer, Alaa Elmaoued, Texanna Martin, and Wayne Thorpe

Excused – Jessica Marshall, Hilary Wainwright, Chloe Winegar-Garrett, James Foty, Steve Maness, Amber Dukes, Adela Chavez, Zoila Alvarez, and Guoshun Yang

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm

Minutes from October approved

Chief of Staff Thorpe apologized for the absence of guest speaker Dennis Armijo of the SUB who had an emergency.

Motion passed to move President's Report to the end of the Agenda as President Martin was a few minutes behind.

Committee Reports:

Student Support and Advocacy

- Warm Clothes Drive. Wayne and Texanna mentioned the drive in their KRQE news morning interview
- Sai will be meeting with members of UNM Extended Learning to discuss Online Class- December 2nd, UNM Learn. The committee is working on how to make online courses friendlier
- Trying to bring counseling services to the GPSA office for students in need of such services
- Pre-Finals Fiesta was a big success

Graduate Health

- Discussion about next committee meeting
- Students from physical therapy would like to join the committee
- Kyle Leggott will be visiting a Graduate Health Committee meeting
- Alaa discussed the tuition block on North Campus and his team found no concerns



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Professional Development

- PAW workshops have been completed
- Attendance increased in the last round
- Pre-planning for Spring 2015 semester so attendance at Spring workshops are better

Assistantship & Benefits

- Pre-finals Fiesta was successful. Off campus organizations donated gift cards. Over 80 people attended.
- SSA has collaborated with multiple organizations around campus
- Graduate Resource Center is happy to help in the Spring semester
- List now in place to properly identify GAs/TAs
- Workshops: three attendees; one secured a GAship
- Frankie from LGBTQ Resource Center will draft a questionnaire for how to deal with LGBTQ students in their classrooms
- Committee Non Standard Committee - Increasing TA lines if enrollment increases. Failed: Deferred funding for TAs if possible

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
- Discussion proceeded on the new Summer Scholarship Fund

Council Chair Marshall – Absent

No new or other business

Next meeting – Friday, December 5, 2014

Meeting Adjourned at 5:20pm