



GRADUATE *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GPSA Executive Board

Date: **Friday, October 24, 2014**

Time: **4:00pm**

Location: **GPSA Conference Room**

MINUTES

Roll Call:

1. Texanna Martin
2. Wayne Thorpe
3. Sai Kumar Uppu
4. Taylor Smith
5. Hilary Wainwright
6. James Foty
7. Zoila Alvarez
8. Andrew Belzer
9. Stephanie Everett
10. Chloe Winegar-Garrett
11. Amber Dukes
12. Guoshun Yang
13. Elena Friot
14. Alaa Elmaoued
15. Steve Maness

Absent:

1. Jessica Marshall (apology sent)
2. Adela Chavez
3. Joe Bryant (apology sent)
4. Valentine Fisher

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm by Chief of Staff Wayne Thorpe

Welcome and introductions done.

Wayne took a motion to move the President's report to the end of the agenda as President Martin was currently at the first UNM President Student's Cabinet meeting. Motion seconded and approved unanimously.

Wayne requested a motion to approve the previous E-Board meeting minutes. Motioned by Taylor and seconded by Hilary. Motion passed unanimously.



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He then asked for a brief report from all Chairs.

Discussion Items:

GO Bonds – Wayne started the discussion on GPSA’s efforts to promote the GO Bonds since they benefit us as students. He spoke about the collaboration with ASUNM to spread the word, and efforts from members of Lobos for Legislation.

University Ethics Policy – Wayne mentioned his involvement with the University Ethics Taskforce which was formed by President Frank to streamline values across the university. The Taskforce is comprised of members from all constituency groups across campus including GPSA, ASUNM, Staff Council, Faculty Senate, North Campus, and the President’s Office. He passed around the values suggested by the Taskforce and asked for feedback from the E-Board to take back to the next Taskforce meeting. The E-Board made a few grammatical suggestions but endorsed the values overall.

Turn It In – Wayne asked Elena to lead the discussion since they had attended a few meetings together to discuss this software. Elena pointed out that a concern had been raised by GPSA’s representative on the Writing Across Curriculum committee who reported that assistantship funding might be affected with the use of this new software. Currently, the software is only being used by Anderson School of Management, School of Nursing, and College of Education. A full discussion was had with the end result being that GPSA does not endorse cutting assistantships to fund the software, and would do all in its power to represent the concerns of our colleagues.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Hilary said her committee had two meetings so far, and also informed that the appropriation process is going smooth and there are no complaints so far.

Lobby:

Taylor said he has six (6) members in his committee. He is working with Equity & Inclusion committee on Start by Believing initiative.

Student Support and Advocacy Committee:

Sai said he is trying to find more grants available around campus for the graduate students. He is also working on getting the counseling service to GPSA once a week, and is trying to collaborate with the Graduate Health committee to make this possible. He informed the Board that many students complained about the poor advisement they are receiving in selecting their courses. President Martin mentioned echoed this concern. His committee will be meeting in November to discuss this. Amber suggested students should ensure they are reading a catalog course.



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Programs:

Chloe said she is working on getting the food truck event on the GPSA list serve, and update the progress on the food truck event schedule for Thursday, October 30th. Steve suggested to emailing the food truck event to the CNM.

Grants:

James and Steve said they are in grants scoring process right now. They have updated the new website and integrated the old and new platforms. For grants they received 51 PDG, 107 SRG, 43 GSF, 31 NMRG (general), and 11 NMRG (high priority). The total grant money requested is over \$150,000. Also, they are updating the website to clarify frequently asked questions students are asking. They will be working on getting the presentations narrated over the Christmas break so the workshops are open and available to everyone online.

Equity and Inclusion:

Amber said she presented the Start by Believing (SBB) to the Board of Regents over the fall break. They have asked the Provost's Office created a task force for how SBB will fit into all similar programs. She went on to explain the initiative and support programs on campus that helps students. She mentioned her collaboration with the Lobby committee, and they probably will be having a meeting next week. There has been no update from the UNM Dream Team for the resolution passed in September. She also mentioned bringing a resolution in support of sex week to Council tomorrow.

Media and Outreach:

Zoila said she has a full committee and is having the committee meetings the 2nd Monday of every month. She is helping out with the Halloween Harvest party, and collaborating with the Programs committee. In addition, they are working with the PDC to promote PAW, and is updating GPSA social media pages. She had a meeting with the Student PUB Board and has provided updates to Wayne and Texanna.

Tuition and Fees:

Guoshun mentioned that the Tuition & Fees committee met to discuss Turn It In. They are trying to understand how it works. He is not sure how feasible it is and how sensitive it is to detect authenticity. In the coming weeks, he is going to work on how to better maintain the computer lab.

Assistantships and Benefits:

Elena said, she is having a pre-final exam stress relief event on November 13th from 2pm-5pm. In collaborating with SSA, she is planning to give away goody bags, massages from SHAC, and also food. She is facilitating another PAW workshop on A&B in the 3rd week of November. She has been collaborating with Graduate Studies to do the A&B workshop regularly and also during orientations. New assistantship system (electronic) is being tested. She is working with Edwina to streamline A&B safe zone training. She is also collaborating with the LGBTQRC to have a one hour presentation for GA/TA's to the sensitize them.



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Professional Development and Research:

Andrew said he has a full committee. They are currently working on marketing issues, looking forward to working with Media & Outreach and Programs Chairs. They are trying to increase the attendance at the PAW workshops. They have been working with Talal from the GRC to put hyperlinks in the PAW website. He commended Chia-ling for her increased support. Elena suggested a Daily Lobo feature to promote PAW. Zoila suggested making PAW workshops mandatory through “The Academy” – a credit granting initiative now done at the Graduate Resource Centre and El-Centro de la Raza.

Graduate Health:

Alaa said he has five (5) members in his committee so far. He is collaborating with SSA committee in getting the counseling service from SHAC to GPSA. In addition, he is also working on bridging the gap between North and Main campus.

Other Business:

Hilary says Bookstores want to be more involved on campus, so we should reach out to them for collaborative projects.

President’s Report:

President’s Student Cabinet, students concerned about communication. Tuition and Fees are also the main concerns. GPSA is busy with SFRB deliberations. She is also working on the fundraising event – Food for Thought.

Wayne moves the meeting to adjourn at 5:46pm.