

**GPSA COUNCIL MEETING  
SATURDAY DECEMBER 8, 2012 9:00 AM  
STUDENT UNION BUILDING – FIESTA A&B**

**Meeting called to order – 9:14am**

II. OPENING BUSINESS

- Motion made by Representative Felipe Ruibal to approve the Agenda, seconded. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- Motion made by Representative Joy Eklund to approve the Minutes from November 17, 2012, seconded by Representative Felipe Ruibal. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- No **Media & Gallery**

III. GUEST SPEAKERS

- The Graduate Resource Center (GRC) rep, Talal Saint-Lot, spoke about the conference the GRC is holding this year, the New Mexico Shared Knowledge Conference. This is the GRC's second annual graduate student conference, and this year graduate students from the entire state of New Mexico are being invited to participate. Graduate students organize the conference, and the GRC is looking for people to join the Planning Committees. The submission deadlines are in February and the beginning of March and the event will be held in the SUB. If you have any questions about the conference or would like to be part of the Conference organization, send Kris an email, or Talal at [tsaintlot@GMAIL.COM](mailto:tsaintlot@GMAIL.COM). You can also find more information about the conference and the GRC in general at their website [unmgrc.unm.edu](http://unmgrc.unm.edu).

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

- **President's Report** – GPSA President Marisa Silva was not able to make it today but a memo from her was passed out to Council. Representative Matt Rush also gave a brief updated about the Student Fee and Review Board (SFRB). If you have any questions or concerns about the SFRB please contact GPSA President Marisa Silva at [unmgpsa@UNM.EDU](mailto:unmgpsa@UNM.EDU).
- **Council Chair's Report** – Just a reminder that elections for Council Chair and GPSA President are in April of 2013 and campaigning usually starts in March. If you are interested in either of these positions and have any questions just contact Kris or Marisa.

## V. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Standing Committees

#### 1. LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE (LSC) BUSINESS

- **A. Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) Chair report** given by LSC Chair Rep. Timothy Sipp.
- **B. LSC Business:**
  - **i. GPSA Bylaws Revision:**
    - II. Section 6.1.a - A motion was made by Rep. Felipe Ruibal to approve section II.6.1.(a) in the GPSA Bylaws that clarifies what “final approval” means as suggested by UNM Legal Counsel, seconded by Rep. Joy Eklund. **Motion passes, 1 abstention. (T.SL.).**
    - V. Section 1.A.3 – A motion was made by Rep. Joy Eklund to approve the addition of “representatives need not be considered an officer of an RDSA”, seconded by Rep. Travis Baggett. **Motion passes unanimously.**
    - V.1.B.1 – A motion was made by Rep. Vicky Wood to approve the correction of grammar in this section, seconded by Representative Dennis Flannigan. (This motion includes an approved addition to include the word “representative”.) **Motion passes unanimously as amended.**
    - A motion was made by Representative Matthew Rush to amend the above motion to include the word “representative”, seconded by Rep. Timothy Sipp. **Motion passes unanimously.**

#### 2. LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE (LFC) BUSINESS

- **A. Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) Chair report** – unfortunately LFC Chair Rep. LisaMarie Turk was not able to be here today. As of the passage of the December appropriations, the GPSA General Fund (the account that appropriations are funded out of) has \$29,949 left in it to last for monthly appropriations up until May 2013.
- **B. LFC Business** –
  - FA-12-017: Caribbean Student Association
  - FA-12-018: Graduate Art Association
  - FA-12-019: Engineers Without Borders
  - FA-12-020: GPSA Council Chair
- A motion was made by Rep. Travis Baggett to block and approve all of the appropriations as recommended by the LFC at a total of \$4,660, seconded by Rep. Vicki Wood. **Motion passes, 2 abstentions. (M.R. and T.SL.).**

### 3. EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

- **A. Grants Committee Chair: Genesea Carter** – A motion was made by Rep. Matthew Rush to approve the appointment of Genesea Carter, seconded by Rep. Vicky Wood. **Motion passes unanimously.**

### VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. **Writing Resolution** – Please look at the suggested/sample resolutions that were handed out to Council (and are in the electronic binder in the email) and use them to get some ideas about any resolutions you may want to write! Council has not had many resolutions this semester and we are looking to up the submission of them. Any graduate/professional student, or group of students, may submit a resolution to Council.
- b. **Finance Restrictions** – There is not very much money left in the GPSA General Fund so the Executive Finance Committee along with the Legislative Finance Committee will be holding a joint meeting in January to discuss what changes can be made to the current Standing Rules to compensate this funding shortage.

### VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- a. **Elections Chair Report** – The Elections Committee is getting ready for the elections in April and is working to digitize many of the election documents. The committee is still looking for members, so please get involved with the GPSA Elections Committee if you are interested!
- b. **Executive Finance Committee (EFC)** – The EFC just awarded the first ever round of the Graduate Student Scholarship to a wide group of applicants at a total of \$20,000!
- c. **Grants Committee** – The Grants Committee has completed the Fall Grants cycle. In the Spring we will be looking for a student who can help out the committee with re-designing/cleaning up the computer code that establishes the electronic submission process for every grant. If you know computer languages and would like to be involved in this, please get in touch with the Grants Chair Genesea Carter at [genesea@UNM.EDU](mailto:genesea@UNM.EDU), or ask Kris or Marisa about it!
- d. **Lobby Committee** – The Lobby Committee will again be tackling the Graduate Student STEM Hire Bill at the coming Legislative Session in hopes of getting it passed this time! The committee is also putting together a survey to reach out and find out what other universities are doing the same things. UNM Day at the coming Legislative Session is January 29, 2013! Please come up to the Capital Building in Santa Fe on this day and show your UNM pride! If you are interested in getting involved with the Lobby Committee or have any questions or comments, please contact the Chairs, Kris, or Marisa about it. There is a UNM listserv that sends out updates about what UNM is doing in the State Legislature, [govrel-l@list.unm.edu](mailto:govrel-l@list.unm.edu).
- e. **Programs Committee** – The Programs Committee has been working to extend the Graduate Student night at the Faculty & Staff Club on Thursday's

and Friday's into the upcoming Spring Semester. We have not heard back from the Faculty & Staff Club Committee yet, but it is looking hopeful!

- f. **Student Support & Advocacy** – We have been working on looking at Graduate Student Employee contracts and what is being required of them if the contracts include teaching a class. The second thing we are working on is the IRB process on campus and possibly streamlining the process for both qualitative and quantitative research. We also agreed that we would incorporate the Student Fee Ad Hoc committee since the membership of both committees was so similar. The Chair of that committee will now be the Vice-Chair of the SS&A.
- VIII. CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS – Thank you all for your hard work and commitment this semester!! The SFRB hearings will be on January 10-12, 2013 in the SUB if you are interested in attending. There will be a student forum for the SFRB recommendations on January 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm-4:30pm, and on the 20<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6pm in the SUB atrium.
- IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS – the next meeting will be January 26, 2013! The deadline for appropriations and resolutions will be January 11, 2013! Also there may be 2 meetings scheduled in March instead of just 1!
- X. ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 11:45am