



**GPSA COUNCIL MEETING  
SATURDAY JANUARY 26, 2013 9:00 AM  
STUDENT UNION BUILDING – ACOMA A&B**

**Meeting called to order – 9:13am**

**Presiding:** Kris Miranda, GPSA Council Chair

**Recording:** Heather Berghmans, GPSA Council Clerk

**Attendance listed at end of document**

**II. OPENING BUSINESS**

- Motion made by Representative Vicky Wood to approve the Agenda, seconded. **Motion passes unanimously.**
  
- Motion made by Representative James Davenport to approve the Minutes from December 8, 2012, seconded by Representative Isle Biel. **Motion passes unanimously.**
  
- **No Media & Gallery**

**III. GUEST SPEAKERS**

- New Mexico Student PIRG gave a presentation about their agenda for Spring 2013. You can find information about them at <http://nmpirgstudents.org/>.
- Dr. Julia Coonrod, the Dean of Graduate Studies, gave a short presentation about her agenda for this Spring.
- Beverly Kloepfel from Student Health and Counseling gave a short presentation about the changes in student health care. You can find more about SHAC and contact information at <https://shac.unm.edu/>.
- Ryan Brown gave a short presentation about the New Mexico Shared Knowledge Conference. You can find information about it at <http://unmgrc.unm.edu/conference>.

**IV. OFFICER REPORTS**

- **President's Report** – GPSA President Marisa Silva gave her report covering the work at the SHAC, UNM Day at the state legislative session, Senate Bill 11, The Brain Drain Bill, and how you can get involved with the Lobby Committee. The Graduate Scholarship Fund (GSF) application deadline is coming up and the EFC (Executive Finance Committee), who oversees those applications, is always looking for more members. The Grants Committee is looking for more members

as well, and the Grants deadlines are coming up soon! UNM 2020—President Frank’s webpage where the public can express their opinions about where the university is heading, can be found here <http://unm2020.unm.edu/>. There is still talk about creating a new Health and Wellness Center, and there is another retreat and discussion about its construction on Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am-1pm in the SUB that students are welcome to attend but an RSVP is required due to lunch being provided. Please let Marisa know if you are committed to attend this event. Student Fee and Review Board (SFRB)—There are 4 new applying entities, and were seen by the SFRB as not being qualified to receiving student fees. There will be a small increase in student fees of about \$6 to \$7 mostly due to the minimum wage increase. The SFRB also voted unanimously to note continue the \$50 increase in fees that athletics received last year; however, these recommendations are only suggestions to the UNM Regents at the end of the day.

- **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. There has been the creation of a Grants Code working group, if you would like to get involved let Kris or Marisa know. Matthew Rush is going to work on drafting a resolution about Council’s support of the SFRB recommendations and if you would like to help out with the drafting, let Kris or Marisa know.
  - Text of Council Chair’s prepared remarks for Clerk Berghmans:

So this is Heather’s last meeting as Council Clerk. We are losing her to Berlin, which I think she hopes to use as a base for further globetrotting in a job with a human rights watchdog agency.

Heather and I have worked together for a long time. At the risk of undermining my own authority: if you’d asked me a year ago if I saw the two of us at the front of Council in the upcoming year, I’d have said Sure, I Could See That -- but our positions would’ve been reversed. (We’ve argued about this, recently even, but I’m chair, so right now I win.) Heather has been the president of UNM’s award-winning Model United Nations delegation and she’s still more than somewhat involved in it, whereas I was the official clerk of the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee in summer of 2011, and before I entered the Council Chair election close to the last minute last March I didn’t really see myself as a leader. Still not sure I do.

A lot of what Heather does you don’t see. A lot of what Heather does her successor might not also do. Part of the idea of having Heather as my clerk was that I’d learn enough from her that I wouldn’t *need* another Heather in the spring. We’ll see how that pans out. But even if strictly speaking I don’t “need” another Heather (in terms of parliamentary expertise and institutional knowledge), I’m still gonna miss her, lots.

Heather’s official responsibility has been to record motions and votes and to summarize officer reports and guest speaker Q&As, so that we can post all of that online, and in theory

be held accountable to constituents who care enough to poke around on the GPSA website for our minutes. In practice no one's ever really done that. I mean I guess I did, once earlier this year, to look up an amendment to an old resolution. But the general student body? Not so much. Even the Daily Lobo doesn't need to consult our minutes, because they're here in person and they get a lot of what we say verbatim. And I haven't had any random students come to the office demanding to know how their representatives are voting.

Don't get me wrong, minutes are important, and they can be useful, and in settings bigger and more official than student government I'm sure they're a bigger deal. Even for us I would say they're underappreciated. It's one of those If It's Not in Writing, It Didn't Happen things. Constituents haven't had to go after Council or the E-Board, but our transparency mandates exist for the times when things might not go as smoothly as they generally have this year. Minutes are kind of like Batman: we'd prefer they didn't *have* to exist, but it's nice to know they're around.

But I've digressed pretty severely. My real point is that in practice, Heather's role has not solely, or even primarily, been recording who makes what motions. She's helped me ferry food to north campus, she's helped me set up tables in Domenici, she's helped me with paperwork, she's helped me with lots of planning, and she's been an advisor and a sounding board, and I haven't always listened to her even when I should've. And even when I haven't actively required her help for specific tasks, just knowing that my clerk was Heather has sort of been a psychological safety blanket. She's never reached the limits of her reliability, but even if she did, because we're friends I'd still have recourse to guilt. So with Heather I've always been able to tell myself that everything's gonna be okay.

I'm still not entirely sure what I'm going to do without her. Not in the sense that I'm worried about my ability to run Council. At this point you all know what you've gotten yourselves into. It's just that I'm running out of people I trust implicitly (no offense; I'm just that kind of guy), people I can lean on. I've leaned on Heather a lot. Sometimes literally. And now I can't. Which kinda sucks And I just wanted to say all that out loud. And to publicly wish her the best.

### *15-minute recess*

## V. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Standing Rules 2013

- A motion was made by Rep. LisaMarie Turk to approve the Standing Rules as introduced, seconded by Rep. Sarah Haynes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

### B. Standing Committees

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

- **A. Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) Chair report** was briefly gone over by the Council Chair.

## 2. LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE (LFC) BUSINESS

- **A. Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) Chair report** – were working on the first round of Budget Workshops for chartered student organizations and their Annual Budget process. The LFC also changed their standing rules to meet the challenges of the amount of funding left in the General Fund. Specific line items that were changed included: advertising, computer costs, office supplies, the mileage rate was decreased, airfare rules were redefined, educational, supplies/subscriptions as well as food and refreshments were removed from the appropriation process. All of these Standing Rules can be found on the GPSA website under the Legislative Finance Committee section.
- **B. LFC Business** – Appointment of James Davenport appointment – A motion was made by Rep. Isle Biel, seconded by Rep. Seth Grant. **Motion passes. 1 abstention (JD).**
- **C. LFC Standing Rules revision** – A motion was made by Rep. Vicky Wood to approve the changes to the LFC standing rules, seconded by Rep. Ryan Brown. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- **D. LFC Business**
  - SA-13-001: Language, Literacy & Sociocultural Studies GSA – A motion was made by Rep. Vicky Wood to approve the appropriation with the LFC recommendations at \$1,203, seconded by Rep. Thomas McGuire. **Motion passes. 1 nay. 7 abstentions (RB, MB, LT, BH, MS, GG).**
  - **SA-13-002: Rotarac** – A motion was made by Rep. James Davenport to approve the appropriation with the LFC recommendations at \$502.00, seconded by Rep. Isle Biel. **Motion passes. 2 abstentions (MB, LT).**
  - SA-13-003: Grad. Scholarship Fund (GPSA Exec. Finance Cmte.) – A motion was made by Rep. Joy Eklund to approve the appropriation with the LFC recommendations at \$401, seconded by Rep. James Davenport. **Motion passes. 2 abstentions (MB, LT).**
  - SA-13-004: Anthropology Graduate Student Union – A motion was made by Rep. Briton Hagan to approve the appropriation with the EFC recommendations at \$922, seconded by Rep. Nicole Nelson. **Motion passes. 4 abstentions (MB, LT, JD, IB).**
  - **SA-13-005: American Studies GSA** – A motion was made by Rep. Vicky Wood to approve the appropriation with the LFC recommendations at \$251, seconded by Rep. Chris Galanis. **Motion passes. 3 abstentions (MB, LT, NE).**

- **SA-13-006: Student Organization for Latin American Studies** – A motion was made by Rep. Grey Gustafson to approve the appropriation with the EFC recommendations at \$1,025, seconded by Rep. Amber Jacks. **Motion passes. 1 opposed (DF), 5 abstentions (MB, LT, JD, VW, EH)**
- **SA-13-007: World Affairs Delegation** – A motion was made by Rep. Dennis Flannigan to approve the appropriation with the LFC recommendations at \$896, seconded by Rep. James Davenport. **Motion passes. 3 abstentions (MB, LT, RB).**
- **SA-13-008: GPSA Grants Committee** – A motion was made by Rep. Briton Hagan to approve the appropriation with the LFC recommendations at \$1,003, seconded by Rep. Chris Galanis. **Motion passes. 3 abstentions (MB, LT, RB).**

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. ELECTIONS CODE REVISIONS
- b. GRANTS CODE REVISIONS FOR SPRING 2013 CYCLE
- c. NEW MEXICO BRAIN DRAIN—SENATE BILL 11

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

VIII. CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next meeting will be on February 23, 2013 on north campus again, on the third floor of the Domenici Building. The March meeting will be on March 23, 2013 also on north campus. SOLAS is hosting a film festival about Latin America next week!

IX. ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm

**Councilors in attendance**

American Studies

Nick Estes

Anthropology

Ilse Biel

James Davenport

Art & Art History

Chris Galanis

Biology

Grey Gustafson

Biomedical Sciences

Joshua Sheak

Community & Regional Planning

Michaela Shirley

College of Education

Megan Thienel

Scott Burley

Vicky Wood

Sarah Haynes

Briton Hagan

English

Laura Perlichek

Student Organization for Latin American Studies

Elizabeth Halpin

Student Bar Association (Law)

Seth Grant

Associated Graduate Business Students (Management)

Grace Lerner

Joy Eklund

Melissa Berghmans

Ryan Brown

Thomas Maguire

Guiovanna Aguirre

Dennis Flannigan

Nursing

LisaMarie Turk

Political Science

Nicole Nelson

Spanish & Portuguese

Amber Jacks (with alternate Maria Elena Corral)

