



GPSA Council Meeting
Saturday August 25, 2012, 9:00 AM
SUB, Lobo A&B

Meeting called to order – 9:19am

In attendance:

Associated Graduate Business Students (**Anderson** School of Management)

Melissa Berghmans

Ryan Brown

Joy Eklund

Thomas Maguire

Teresa Mueller

Saheb Saini

- Elaine Abrams (alternate)

- Guiovanna Aguirre (alternate)

- Dennis Flannigan (alternate, **activated to vote in place of Grace Lerner**)

Anthropology Graduate Student Union

Ilse Biel

Graduate **Art** Association

Christopher Galanis

Communication Graduate and Professional Association

Santhosh Chandrashekar

College of **Education** Graduate and Professional Student Association

Victoria Wood

Health, Exercise and Sports Sciences Graduate Student Association

Scott Burley

Public Administration Graduate Student Association

Timothy Sipp

II. Opening Business

- Chair entertains a **motion to approve agenda** – Rep. Wood motions to approve Agenda, Rep. Chandrashekar seconds. **Motion passes unanimously.**

- **Motion to amend Agenda** to replace Rachel Wright (Art Studio) with Heather Berghmans (School of Public Administration) as Council Recorder and approve as amended. Rep. Wood motions to approve as amended, Rep. Galanis seconds. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- **Approve minutes** – Rep. Wood motions to approve, Rep. Galanis seconds. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- **Media and Gallery** – Matthew Fleischer, ASUNM Deputy-Chief of Staff introduces himself and Council Chair mentions that ASUNM and GPSA have agreed to work together in sending and sharing agendas/minutes/ having someone present at each others meetings in order to improve cooperation and understanding between the 2 governments.

III. Guest Speakers

- **Guest Speakers** – Debbie Morris from Student Activities Center (SAC) gives a presentation about what SAC does along with information about finances and departmental chartering. Information can be found on their website at sac.unm.edu. Dr. Lawrence Roybal gives a presentation about the Graduate Resource Center and what they do. Also talks about the Graduate and Professional Student Conference, which will be held this year in April. Information about what they do can be found at unmgrc.unm.edu.

IV. Officer Reports

- **Council Chair's Report** – excited to see new faces! We'll all get through this year!
- **President's Report** – We are the face of Graduate students! This summer was very productive, the Project Assistants (PAs) are always hard at work in the office, stop by and see them if you have any questions/comments! There are still University Committees that need graduate student representative appointments, contact Marisa if interested! Also, on Thursdays and Fridays at 7pm Graduate and Professional students have access to the Faculty and Staff club for Happy Hour; stop by next week!

V. Action Items

a. Mandated Items

- **Appointment of Council Recorder** – Motion made by Rep. Sipp to approve recorder, seconded by Rep. Wood. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- **Adoption of the Standing rules** – Motion made by Rep. Wood to adopt standing rules, seconded by Rep. Maguire. **Motion passes unanimously. Standing Rules are approved!**
- **Appointment of Legislative Standing Committee Chairs:**

- **Legislative Steering Committee Chair appointment** – Rep. Sipp nominates himself. Rep. Wood makes motion to approve Rep. Sipp as LSC Chair, seconded by Maguire. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- **Legislative Finance Committee Chair appointment** – Rep. LisaMarie Turk (College of Nursing) is nominated in absentia by Council Chair. Motion to approve Rep. Turk as LFC Chair made by Rep. Wood, seconded by Rep. Galanis. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- **Appointment of Executive Standing Committee Chairs:**
 - Rep. Wood motions to block and approve all Executive Committee Chair appointments, seconded by Rep. Sipp. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- **Approval of Court of Review Associate Justices** – Motion made by Rep. Wood to approve GPSA President’s nominations Jee Hwang (Economics) and Stacie Hecht (Anthropology), seconded by Rep. Sipp.
 - Rep. Chandrashekar makes a friendly amendment to add a recommendation that although there is the approval of these Justices, GPSA should work to appoint two additional Associate Justices as allowed by the Constitution and Bylaws. **There is no objection so original motion is modified. Motion passes unanimously.**

b. Legislative Standing Committees

- **Appointment of members to Legislative Standing Committees:**
 - Those nominated for the Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) – Rep. Galanis, Rep. Mueller, Rep. Saini, Rep. Eklund are nominated as members.
 - Those nominated for Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) – Rep. Wood, Rep. DeVonne Griffin (SPA, in absentia), Rep. Berghmans, Rep. Grace Lerner (Anderson, in absentia) are nominated as members.
 - Motion made by Rep. Maguire to approve all nominations for both committees, seconded by Rep. Burley. **Motion passes unanimously with 8 abstentions.**

I. Discussion Items:

- Executive Ad Hoc Committees – GPSA President Silva has decided to re-charter the same Ad Hoc Committees that were in place during last years administration. These committee include:
- Legislative Ad Hoc Committees – Theses have never been in place yet, but they may be implemented this year. Some committee ideas include a mentoring committee for new Council Representatives. If you are interested in implementing these types of Ah Hoc Committees talk to the Council Chair about them!
- Women in the Academy – check it out online and on Facebook.
- EMERGENCY BYLAWS - Graduate Scholarship Fund – This is the presentation of the Bylaws to govern the process of awarding this new Scholarship Fund. The fund currently has \$49,000 in it and GPSA is always looking for new ways to attract donors and support for this fund. Rep. Biel

mentions that she would like to add/have a GPSA Council statement of support drafted/submitted/approved by Council and sent to the University President urging his support of this fund.

- II. Executive Committee Reports – none
- III. Closing Announcements – none
- IV. Upcoming Meetings – the next meeting will be on September 29, 2012
- V. Adjourn – motion made by Rep. Maguire to adjourn, seconded by Rep. Sipp.
Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourns at 10:35 AM

Submitted by Heather Berghmans, Council Clerk, August 28, 2012.

Edited and approved by Chair Kris Miranda, Council Chair, August 31, 2012.