BILL # SL-15-003 Council Chair Oath of Office

2015 SPRING SESSION

Legislative Action:
Introduced by: Executive Branch

1st Reading: ________________ Referred To: ________________
2nd Reading: ________________ Committee Action: ________________
3rd Reading: ________________ Senate Action: ________________

Executive Action:
☐ Approved ☐ Vetoed

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GPSA President Date

Unsigned by the President on this ____day of _______ 2015. Bill automatically becomes law.

Legislative Response:
Veto override vote taken: ________________ Council Action: ________________

Be it enacted by the Graduate and Professional Student Association at the University of New Mexico that the following be amended in (Article V. Legislative Branch) of the GPSA Bylaws:

Section III. Council Chair Oath of Office

A. The newly elected Council Chair shall not assume the duties of that office until the Council Chair Oath of Office (Oath) has been administered. The Oath should be administered after midday on the last academic day of the Spring semester.

1. The Oath should be administered to the Council Chair by the Chief Justice or, in the Chief Justice’s absence, the outgoing Council Chair.

2. In the event that the Chief Justice or outgoing Council Chair are unavailable to administer the Oath, the outgoing President or Chief of Staff shall administer the Oath.

3. The administration of the Oath must be witnessed by a member of either the Executive or Legislative branch so long as the witness is not a member of the branch that is administering the Oath.

4. The Oath will be administered with the right hand uplifted and the following words said aloud:
   “I, (name), do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of Council Chair of the Graduate and Professional Students Association of the University of New Mexico; that I will to best of my ability fulfill the duties and obligations of the Office and preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Graduate and Professional Student Association, the State of New Mexico, and the United States.”

5. Upon affirmation of the Oath, an affidavit will be filed attesting to the authority of the Council Chair. The Council Chair shall then assume office.