



GRADUATE *and* PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GPSA Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday 31st of January 2015, 9:00am
Student Union Building, Lobo A & B

- I. Roll Call
Quorum was established
Meeting called to order by Jessica Marshall (GPSA Council Chair) at 9:25am
- II. Opening Business
 - a. Approval of the Agenda
Motion to amend agenda: change grants co-chair line item to student support and advocacy
Vote was taken, and approved.
Emergency Item-Resolution: supporting driver's license
Discussion: want to discuss before state legislator meets
Summary of Resolution: in support of providing driver's license to undocumented immigrants for safety issues
Discussion: No attachments given, so we shouldn't talk about this now
Vote was taken, and approved to add resolution as an emergency item
January 31st, 2015, Agenda approved as amended.
 - b. Approval of the Minutes
December 6th, 2014 Minutes approved as adopted.
 - c. Media & Gallery
No announcements
- III. Guest Speakers:
 - i. None
- IV. Action Items
 - a. Mandated Items
 - i. Appointments
 - ii. Elections Chair (Opened last December-received one application)
Moses Allan, acting interim right now, is asking for council to appoint him to position.
Motion to approve Moses Allan as Elections Chair
Vote was taken, and approved, Moses Allan appointed to Elections Chair
 - iii. Programs Chair

Anand Tomar -International student with MBA, from India,
President of Indian Student Association.

Motion for appointment. Seconded.

Vote was taken, and approved.

iv. Student Support and Advocacy

Previous student resigned.

Elena Friot was acting in the capacity of this position, asking to
appoint her to the position formally

Motion to appoint Elena Friot. Seconded.

Vote was taken, and approved the appointment.

v. FC Committee Member (legislative appointment)

Position meets once a month for meeting, once for budget cycle,
minimum obligation.

Nomination Anand Tomar, he was present at first meeting this
year, has been in the position, knows expectations of position.

Accepts Nomination

Motion to appoint Anan Tamar. Seconded.

Vote was taken, and approved, he is appointed.

b. Standing Committees

i. Legislative Steering Committee

1. LS Report

2. LS Business

a. None

ii. Finance Committee

1. FCReport

Rob

Discussed Appropriations

Approved \$7,798 last year

Broken down by department. Can find these documents
online.

Requests had to be on time and within budget to be
approved.

Student organizations given their budget each year,
allowed 2 appropriations per year. If collaborating with
other student organizations exceptions will be made.

Question: What was the women's law caucus event? For
mentorship event. Request is for reimbursement of past
event.

Motion to block SPR15-001 to SPR15-11. Seconded.

Vote was taken, and approved.

Moved to approve finance committee recommendations.
Seconded.

Vote was taken. All appropriations are approved.

2. FC Business

- a. SPR 015-001
- b. SPR 015-002
- c. SPR 015-003
- d. SPR 015-004
- e. SPR 015-005
- f. SPR 015-006
- g. SPR 015-007
- h. SPR 015-008
- i. SPR 015-009
- j. SPR 015-010
- k. SPR 015-011

c. Ad Hoc Committees

d. Emergency Items

Emergency Resolution

Amber Dukes

Fourth time this resolution has come before council, has been approved all four times. Affects a lot of people, domestic violence victims, if don't have dl, can't find safety for themselves/children.

Motion for 5min recess to read motion. Seconded.

Vote was taken, and approved.

Motion to Pass Resolution as written. Seconded.

Vote was taken, and approved.

Emergency appointment

Motion to add appointment of council members to the legislative steering committee to the agenda as an emergency item. Seconded.

Discussion: Is the appointment permanent? Yes.

Vote was taken, and approved.

Nominations Luke Holmen and Katrina Edelman

Motion to move the appointment of both nominations. Seconded

Vote was taken, and approved, both appointed.

e. Old Business

V. Discussion Items

a. Constitutional Amendment

i. President Elect

Wayne

Over the years, the transition of each administration has not been smooth. Proposing adding President Elect to constitution, which gives incoming President the power to give appointments to necessary positions when they get into office.

Discussion:

Worries about giving President too much power with vague language in proposal. Suggestions for striking the line were accepted.

Questions pertaining to checks and balances for President Elect. No power is related to the President Elect position; it's informal, until they take their oath of office. Out-going president still has the authority.

Add to line 44, with consultation with standing President...

NOTE to Council: Write down language changes to line items and give to committee in order to smooth out language issues in proposal.

Word version will be sent out to Council for suggestions/corrections to language.

VI. Officer Reports

a. President's Report

Texanna

Opened floor for questions. Graduate Student enrollment numbers, not finalized, will be finalized in Feb.

GPSA Scholarships/funds-opened for graduate and undergraduate students, located at law school and town halls: student government want to hear from you. Come to GPSA; tell us what is important to each department. Daily Lobo is usually moderator for this event.

Spring Scholarships have opened up Jan 26th, as have grants (5 weeks) Feb 27th deadline.

Professional Development Grant (\$500)

Research Grant (\$500)

Graduate Scholarship Fund (\$1000) different guidelines-need based

All available to Spanish speakers/writers as well.

UNM day (Feb 9th)-ticket is provided to Council. Full day of events, depending on legislator that day. Meet state representatives, must act professionally.

Lighting for law school is being upgraded.

Graduate study space-for those without student assistantships

Capital outlet day-meeting with governor to talk about what is going on at UNM

Graduates Education Day-happened in round house, 6 students presented their work.

Summer Scholarship (\$600)

Food Trucks 2 times a month, want to raise percentage of sales we receive to 20%. For summer classes for students to pay tuition and fees up to 2 classes.

Michelle – dinner to raise more money for scholarship, President will send out information for this dinner in near future.

Budget processes- part of RGSA, those individuals who don't receive PBA funds, need to go through budget process. It's budget time, if don't attend meetings or workshops, no applications allowed.

Budget is decreasing, keep in mind for student charter organizations.

Request from reagents and president to come talk to student council, guest speakers might be coming. Great opportunity to talk to them.

Floor opened for Discussion

Town Hall-First Feb 5th at law school. Trying to get all meetings done before end of March.

b. Council Chair's Report

Keep in mind, budgets are being made/applications

Having elections announcements throughout the semester.

If a council member cannot attend, can have proxy (from within department and GPSA member), need to fill out form and deliver before council meeting.

Office Hours at the Law School Clinic and available by email to speak with Jessica (gpsacouncil@unm.edu)

Amber Dukes will be facilitating meeting in Feb; Jessica will be absent.

VII. Executive Committee Reports

Grants Committee.

Finance committee. Deadline Friday Feb 13th.

Session on Feb 2nd in Dom West B114

Election season, election chair, will be coming forward next month, so make sure proposals are reviewed.

Programs committee-free movie night.

Professional Committee- PAW will be in Feb. schedule of workshops will be shown online.

VIII. Closing Announcements

Shared Knowledge Conference April 23rd and 24th to share research.

RGSA conference-March 20th to practice before Shared Knowledge Conference Mixer (Law School and Medical School) the week after Spring Break-see Rob for more information.

Can't use GPSA funds on alcohol-just to clarify.

Film Festival Feb 20th -22nd Mix of documentaries and trailers, admission is free.

Reagents meetings are open and student council is invited to sit in at meetings.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

Feb 28th at 9am in Student Union Building- LOBO A and B

X. Adjourn

Attendance:

Matt Barceleau- LAW
Glenda Lewis-COE
Travis Sholten-Physics and Astronomy
Poorna Srinivasan- Earth and Planetary Science
Jiashery Gia- AGBS
Kelly Johnson- HESS
Hong-Min Lee- HESS
Elizabeth Harding-HESS
Rachael Riley-SPA
Lyle Nelson-SPA
Carrie Booth-COE
Katharine Simmons-COE
Anny Chung-Biology
Rob Yazbeck-ASM
Wayne Thorpe-ASM
Jared Clay-Political Science
Anand Tomar-ASM
Luke Holmen-LAW
Katrina Edelman-LLSS
Vanessa Cornwall-SOLAS
Zolla Alvarez- COE
Elva Murillo-SPA
Sabrina Pickle-ASM
Patrick Coronel-LAW - Matt Barceleau- Proxy for Patrick Coronel
Elizabeth Perkal-AMST
Nicktavius Wainwright-TEELP
Amber Dukes-PSYCH