



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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, Agenda approved as amended.
  - b. Approval of the Minutes  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, as have grants (5 weeks) Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>)-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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup>.

Session on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> to share research.

RGSA conference-March 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Edelmann-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