BILL # SL-15-002 President Oath of Office

2015 SPRING SESSION

Legislative Action:
Introduced by: Executive Branch

1st Reading: ____________  Reflected 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 IV. Executive Branch) of the GPSA Bylaws:

Section II. Presidential Oath of Office

A. The newly elected President shall not assume the duties of that office until the Presidential 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 President by the Chief Justice or, in the Chief Justice’s absence, the outgoing President.

2. In the event that the Chief Justice or outgoing President are unavailable to administer the Oath, the outgoing Council Chair 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 President 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 President. The President shall then assume office.