



GRADUATE *and* PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GPSA Council Meeting Agenda

Saturday 22nd of November 2014, 9:00am
UNM School of Law, Bratton Hall, Room 2401

- I. Roll Call
Quorum Established
Meeting Called to order by Jessica Marshall (GPSA Council Chair) at 9:04am
- II. Opening Business
 - a. Approval of the Agenda
Agenda is approved as submitted.
 - b. Approval of the Minutes
Minutes are approved as submitted.
 - c. Media & Gallery
No one available today
- III. Guest Speakers:
 - i. None
- IV. Action Items
 - a. Mandated Items
 - i. Appointments
 1. Daniel Grey- Chief Justice (2 year appointment position)
Current Chief Justice, Hooman Hedayati, is in Washington D.C. doing an internship. There is a need to make sure a new Chief Justice is in place for next semester. Only one completed application- he comes from the School of public administration, ex-military. Would like to move forward with the appointment, but need feedback from council.
Opened floor for discussion: Possibly will have to remove/resign Hooman from the position as Chief Justice.
Position seems very important and large role. He should be here to let council know how he will fulfill role. (What does Chief Justice do exactly?).
Texanna said, he wasn't invited. Decisions today will be incorporated for future meeting with Daniel Grey, but also to extend period of application if council wants. Judicial branch of constitution. Associate Justices (1 year terms)-two, don't have any longer. No judicial branch at this time.
Compensation of positions? Yes-Chief Justice receives a stipend, but not sure about associate justices. Set up as an Executive Board position (\$400/semester, monthly meetings)

GPSA chair will ask Hooman to resign position, otherwise it would take the span of two meetings to remove him.

Council has ability to nominate an individual if they desire. Want qualifications for this position to recommend appropriate candidates, which were stated as: "A person who is fair, competent in laws, and available to take complaints."

Texanna stated that Daniel is a former finance chair, knows bylaws.

Will need any recommendations from the Council soon if you want to appoint another individual.

There was concern that only have two weeks (till next meeting) to get this position filled for the start of spring semester.

Anyone on student council to nominate self- would need to resign from Council in order to avoid conflict of interest.

Offered for council to reach out to own departments.

If not resolved now, would need to call for special meeting outside of semester in order to remove present Chief Justice.

What are Daniel's qualifications?- in public policy, has been finance chair, worked with GPSA in last administration, ran for GPSA Council Chair, aware of needs.

Student Council representatives prefer he come forward to sell himself to student council. However due to the uncertainty of the position, he was not invited in order to get feedback.

Vote for Jessica to ask him to resign from current position as Chief Justice taken.

Moved, and seconded, motion carried.

Reopen-application process or move forward with Daniel Gray? Deadline: appointed at first council meeting. Associate justices will remain open over break most likely.

Motion to close interviews (No reopen app process) and move forward with Daniel Grey, confirming potential candidate and have them seek associate justices.

Seconded.

Vote was taken, motion is carried.

b. Standing Committees

i. Legislative Steering Committee

1. LS Report

a. None

2. LS Business

a. None

ii. Finance Committee

1. FCReport

a. Overview: heard several appropriations, that funding is running lower than anticipated for next semester. Will be more cautious about appropriations, will need to deny or reduce requested appropriations. Have currently approved a total of \$4,468 so far for December Council Meeting.

2. FC Business

a. None

c. Ad Hoc Committees

- d. Emergency Items
- e. Old Business

V. Discussion Items

VI. Officer Reports

a. President's Report

Food trucks doing really well at raising funds. Marketing Goal \$100,000. 11-2pm on 25th will be next food truck fundraiser. ("Street Food Institute, Barbwire BBQ, Latin Fusion, Cheesy Street"). Summer scholarship fund, will help with one-two summer classes (tuition and fees) for 100 students = \$1000/ student. Partnering with Provost to meet funds raised. WebPage on UNM foundation-asking for money from alumni association. There is a letter that you can share to raise more funds. It impacts many departments.

Taking clothing for students in the winter as a fundraiser, found out students are homeless and in need. Fill the Presidents' office with items.

Capital outlay projects: First time ever student negotiated with university for space on campus. There is room in Zimmerman library behind security guard, will need to raise money \$120,000 room for graduate students, for students with no graduate assistantships, contingent on funds raised. UNM DAY FEB 9th will sell this idea to university. Includes: lighting for law students/school. (Safety issue will be addressed, full \$200,000 needs to be raised). Taylor Smith is the lobby chair, contact to help with initiatives.

"Start By Believing" has now created an action plan or university, voted on and approved (the care model) strategic planning still in works.

FSRB-fee board 5.29% mandatory increase in fees, going back into negotiations today. Want to lower it more. Looking at projects to find funds elsewhere. There is a decrease in enrollment (Freshmen) and a possible decrease in enrollment next year. Employment funds/ grad assistantships will be the primary source of funds that will be attempted to not reduce in the coming years. Meet December 4th in Roberts Room to re-represent the fee issues. If need anything the council wants reviewed, can take to board.

b. Council Chair's Report

Thank you for coming, SUB had no availability. DEC 6th in SUB will be the next meeting at 9am LOBO A & B. Please take excess bagels: Packed schedule next month-all appropriations moved to next meeting.

VII. Executive Committee Reports

VIII. Closing Announcements

Want Regents discussion, have to president by first of the month. (Going on in Departments)

College of education having book drive; the bins are around campus to donate books

School of Public Administration, Grad students worked with tuition differential, surveys developed to get feedback from students, proposal to hire new professor Tenure track for more in-depth courses and to increase course sections. So far students reject it, so department won't go through with new appointment if students wish.

Art Education Student Association- Art in Park-Across Natural History Museum today. Dec. 4th, 21 over faculty party to celebrate end of semester.

Food for thought next Tuesday. Email on Facebook page for this event. Friend-Weekly announcement for events etc. from President, can be put up as announcements for the departments.

Parent Association, holiday ornament from local artist, proceeds will go to scholarships for students. 10 scholarships of \$500 each, graduate and undergraduate students can apply.

Bookstore will have these, can purchase online as well.

Law School food drive next week, will be donated to Road Runner food bank.

Main Campus- Harry Potter day on Tuesday (butter beer), SUB late night breakfast Dec 7th, starts at 8pm (Sunday Night there will be free food)

6-2am in Zimmerman Library water room is a graduate only study space and SUB 9am-1145 Starts at the beginning of December. Sample run to make sure this is needed, try it out.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

Next Student Council Meeting will be held on Dec 6th at 9am, in the SUB (LOBO A & B)

X. Adjourn

Attendance:

Sam Johnson: Spanish and Portuguese
Rachael Riley: SPA
Carrie Booth: COE
Rob Yazback: ASM
Jaime Baca: ASM
Angela Reinicke: History
Kelly Johnson: COE
M. Rae Devan: Biology
Chloe W. Ganett: Art Ed.
Zoila Alvarez: COE
Elizabeth (Lissie) Perkal: American Studies
Glenda Lewis: COE/LLSS
Hank Nguyen: COE
Nicktavius Wainwright: COE
Katrina Edelman: COE
James Chang: ASM