

1 BILL # SP 2016 -001
2 SESSION

4 Legislative Action:

5 Introduced by: Katrina Edelman

7 1st Reading: _____

Referred To: _____

8 2nd Reading: _____

Committee Action: _____

9 3rd Reading: _____

Council Action: _____

11 Executive Action:

12 Approved Vetoed

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15 GPSA President _____ Date _____

17 Unsigned by the President on this _____ day of _____ 2016. Bill automatically becomes law.

19 Legislative Response:

20 Veto override vote taken: _____ Council Action: _____

22 Be it enacted by the Graduate and Professional Student Association at the University of New
23 Mexico that the following be amended in (*Article VIII*) of the GPSA Constitution/Bylaw:

25 Section 4. Pro-Rated Benefits (PB) Fund

26 A. SGAO shall administer the disbursement of PB Funds.

27 A. The process to receive PB Funds must be available through the GPSA Office, on the
28 GPSA website, and any additional means as determined by the FC.

29 B. In order to receive pro-rated benefits, each RDSA must apply through SGAO each
30 semester.

31 1. PB Funds must be requested by the eighth Friday of the Fall and Spring semesters
32 respectively. PB Funds not requested within the semester are automatically reverted
33 to the GPSA General Fund.

34 2. **At the end of the fiscal year, a RDSA will be able to carry forward a maximum**
35 **50% of the amount requested and received during the past academic year. All**
36 **funds in excess of this carry forward amount will revert to the GPSA General**
37 **Fund. However, a RDSA’s remaining balance can never be reduced below \$500**
38 **as a result of the reversion.**

39 3. **This reversion will never include the RDSA’s self-generated funds.**

40 C. Based on the Enrollment Report provided by the University, which indicates the number
41 of graduate or professional students enrolled in each program, department, school, or
42 college, SGAO will credit the RDSA account per SGAO Policies and Procedures.

43 D. Any RDSA has the right to appeal the Enrollment Report provided by the University.
44 Appeals shall be presented in writing to SGAO. Appeals shall entail a name-by-name
45 count of the department’s GPSA Members and a comparison with the University’s
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- E. RDSAs should provide internal funding opportunities to departmentally-associated student organizations. A departmentally-associated student organization is a student group in which fifty percent (50%) or more of membership are GPSA members from a single department.
 - 1. **Funds allocated by a RDSA directly to departmentally-associated student organizations will not have their funds reverted at the end of the fiscal year.**
- F. Should a RDSA be unable to offer any financial support, the departmentally-associated student organization may submit appropriation requests.