



GRADUATE *and* PROFESSIONAL  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

I. Roll Call – Via Sign in Sheet

**Call to Order by Hilary Wainwright, GPSA Council Chair 9:12am**

II. Opening Business:

a. Approval of the Agenda

Approved as is.

b. Approval of the Minutes

Amend fat to at.

Approved as amended.

c. Media & Gallery

No comment

III. Action Items:

a. Finance Committee

April Appropriations

- Overview of April appropriations spreadsheet presented by Hilary in the absence of finance committee representative – advised by Jeremy Benson
- Reference spreadsheet of appropriations summary April 2016 – several no shows.
- Finance committee did not approve a lifting of the standing rules in order to fund 6 Speech and Hearing Sciences service trip.
- Two students were present to appeal this decision since the trip is primarily a service trip.
- They have skills they will learn in Mexico that they can bring back to New Mexico.

*Question:* What other sources of funding have they been they seeking?

*Answer:* They have not sought any. They are receiving some departmental funding, but no other outside funding.

*Question:* Why weren't standing rules lifted?

*Answer:* So they would have a chance to appeal to council

- The department has been sending students to Mexico for 25 years and they have always taken 6 students.
- There was a competitive application process
- It is difficult to get the level of professional development in Albuquerque that can be provided by an immersion program.

*Comment:* If the finance committee had funded the maximum amount for 2 students it would have been more than the requested amount.

*Question:* What is the department support?

*Answer:* \$200 per student

The cost is \$550 for the flight and \$150 for food.

*Comment:* We can still fund 2 students fully. If we did that can the money be reallocated to be distributed to all the students requesting funding?

*Question:* Can the organization disperse money that has been appropriated for a specific purpose?

*Question:* How much money is left? 9936 – after April recommendations

*Answer:* After April appropriations \$9936 is leftover.

*Comment:* Make a decision at the end appropriations summary about travel funding

- Continue with Appropriations

Motion to change recommendation on Speech and Hearing sciences to fund for the full amount.

Full request for per diem will be consistent with standing rules

- Full request was \$2652
- If you take out of this year, it will mean dipping into next year's budget.
- We are not spending money we don't have...

Motion to lift standing rules

Motion Seconded to lift the standing rules in order approve funding

Need 2/3 vote to approve

**VOTE:** Approved – Standing Rules Lifted

18 in favor, 0 nay, 3 abstentions

Motion to approve \$2652 as requested for speech and hearing sciences.

Motion Approved

**VOTE:** Approved – Maximum appropriation funded

3 abstentions

Motion to block and vote on the remaining appropriations

Motion Seconded

*Discussion:* Appropriations 25-27 funded at the maximum limit, but conference fees are funded at less than the maximum.

\$400 per organization and \$200 per student is the maximum. In both instances \$375 is consistent with the standing rules.

Isaac: Reference the numbers on the summary. It was the understanding of the committee that they were following the standing rules. They were acting conservatively in order to retain funds.

*Question:* Are these current standing rules?

*Answer:* Yes.

Motion to oppose block

Motion Seconded

**VOTE:** Approved – Block opposed

Motion to amend appropriations 25-27 to fund conference fees at the level requested by the organizations.

- Not at the \$400 level, but as requested.
- Appropriations 25-26

Motion Seconded

**VOTE:** Approved - Amendment to appropriations 25 and 26 funding at amount requested.  
1 nay, 1 abstention

Motion to block and approve remaining appropriation requests.

Motion Seconded

1 abstention

**VOTE:** Appropriations approved as a block with amended lines 25-26.

1 abstention

b. Legislation

Vote on Bylaws Changes SPR\_2016-003

- Final changes were sent out a couple of weeks ago for review. Today we will work from the word doc, rather than doc that was sent out, discussing the substantive changes.
- Review of changes:
- Section 8 article 2 pg11 line 4-10 – remove “make it prettier”. We need a motion to strike that last sentence.
- Anytime the constitution is changed we need to look at the bylaws to make sure they match.
- 492 – compensation. This was changed for president and council chair compensation. It reduced the award from 12 credits to 6 in the fall and spring and 3 in the summer to make the wording clearer and easier on the budget.
- Regular and special meetings – council meetings. It was added that meetings can be cancelled at the discretion of the council chair and with approval of the council. They also added that it can only be cancelled at the preceding council meeting, to avoid excessive cancellations.
- The next 2 address appropriations – committee consideration of legislation. This approved language from when a legislative committee was devoted to finance. Clarified that individual graduate students are not allowed go for appropriations only organizations.
- Line 1563 - workshops regarding budget process. The bylaws changed the amount to 3 annual budget workshops with the requirement that one needs to be held on north campus. Changed 2 days’ notice to 5 days’ notice before the budget workshops occur.
- Budget limitations - changed from \$3k to \$1k because the budget has not been able to support \$3k. The average funding has been between \$300 and \$500. This reduction brings it more in line with the GPSA economic status.

Questions?

Motion to strike “make it prettier” sentence.

Motion Seconded

**VOTE:** Approved – Sentence struck

2 nays

Motion to pass Bylaws as amended

Motion Seconded

**VOTE:** Approved – Bylaws changes accepted

Thanks to everyone who participated!

### c. Council Chair Election

#### Candidate Speech- Zoila Alvarez

- Involved as ASUNM as an undergrad, ran outreach appointments and can run meetings efficiently.
- Will respect people's schedules
- President of COE last year, attending council meetings regularly
- Will make sure people feel comfortable with Roberts rules and comfortable enough to say what they want to say.
- She heard people are considering changing the dates of the meeting; however, parking is free on the weekends. She is open to making them mon-fri in order to accommodate schedules.
- She is here for the real world experience and to make sure what we do here isn't just theoretical but is actually benefitting the students. The meetings are providing the most out of the time spent in them.
- If the commitment is made to be here, make sure we maximize time. She has experience working with Glenda and Debbie, is comfortable working with advisors, etc....make sure people are recruited, retained and happy.
- Has a good understanding of what GSAs do and wants to make sure that communication is happening, but will not meddle in departments.
- I hope that you will consider me for council chair. I have a lot of service experience.
- It is really important that grad students stay engaged because if we don't we will lose our voice.
- We need to work together to get what students need.
- She is here to be of service.

#### Council chair Vote led by Moses Allen

- Ballot box at the front of the ballroom. Moses and Texanna help with voting process.
- 1 ballot handed out per rep, each dept. called up one at a time to vote, initial next to their name.
- They will receive a ballot, mark it and drop it in the box.

#### **Begin Voting 10:03am**

Departments called up in alphabetical order.

Voting completed 10:11am

#### **Recess 10:11am – Votes counted**

#### **Call to order 10:16am**

Results of the election:

Maria Elena to read the results:

**VOTE:** Zoila Alvarez elected as 2016-2017 Council Chair

Welcome Zoila!

### IV. Officer Reports

#### a. President's Report - Texanna Martin

- 1 more scheduled council event
- This is the last official update
- Thank you to all the graduate students and everyone who has given support!

- Commend the ability to spread the word about the is happening at the university, they really need to head the grad voice. We are the minority and is has become apparent that we are a shadow community. It took 2 years to get graduate students in the tuition breakdown. G
- Glenda will continue this passion for graduate engagement and has already been out with Texanna. They witnessed a moving DoJ testimony of a student who fell through the cracks.
- We need to get the word out about the resources available to students.
- Congratulations to Zoila! They will make a great team
- Hilary has done a great job to get information out to students and has been really active in engaging people. Recognition to other people who did work behind the scenes to get more engagement, driving representation form different organizations, even though we are the minority we have the loudest voice – we are the future.
- Sabrina stuck through process with Andersen, even when the department wasn't there as strong as they needed to be.
- Travis has always stepped up to the plate, especially in the work to get spaces for graduate students to perform research. Through the GPSA he was able to drive home the importance of research spaces on campus.
- Thank you to everyone for their great work: we have more study spaces, the Graduate study space in Zimmerman especially. A memorandum of understanding being drafted so Zimmerman can't make any changes to the space before coming to council.
- We are working with health sciences to make sure student voice is heard on the HSC subcommittee.
- Create more awareness about GPSA on campus.
- Moses has always been instrumental.
- The first year of service wasn't as full as what happened this semester.
- Glad she did 2 terms because she did go through hardship and learning how to work through it.
- Though PAIS is approved, it is going on the ballot and if the citizens to not vote yes, we will not know what will happen.
- Managing the office and challenges to making sure they get the admin support they need.
- Thank you!
- I wish you all the best and will see you at commencement!

b. Council Chair's Report – Hilary Wainwright

- Official meeting for at least 15 min next week
- Summary of items we did not get to in the bylaws – question as to whether the TPNR sections were required by UNM. They were created by GPSA, so we can change them. We can choose to go by open meetings act or another structure.
- The section which includes the kind of election or recall needs to occur if the president should step down needs to be revised.
- Judicial branch section needs to be looked at. This can be a challenge because maybe you don't know what needs to be changed before the changes are needed
- Finance code needs a lot of work. It needs to involve SGAO. This may be a good thing to tackle first –over the summer?
- Grants – There were a lot of notes made but not time to delve into them. Next year or over the summer work can begin on revising them.
- Constitution changes – passed 91% in favor on the ballot.
- Thursday 1pm in Scholes Hall Roberts room they will be presenting changes to constitution. Discussing the summary that was given on the ballot for students.

- Next week – we are on for 12pm at the university club! There is no business on the agenda
- Lunch will be provided! Final agenda to be sent out today.

V. Standing Committee Reports  
None

VI. Discussion Items  
None

VII. Council Comments  
May 13 12pm in Lobo A and B there will be a swearing in ceremony for the new Council Chair and President.

Next week we will have an around the room! What are you doing with rest of your life?!

VIII. Upcoming Meetings  
University Club, May 7th

IX. **Adjourn 10:33am**

**Attendees**

Abhinav Aggarwal  
Cameron Goble  
Edria Dee Mitchem  
Jamie Stephens  
Lauren Weiss  
Maria Elena Corral  
Rose Davenport  
Tara Hackel  
Yenthusun Chen

Adan Myers y Gutierrez  
Carrie Booth  
Firas Aydub  
Jeremy Benson  
Liliana Benitez de Luna  
Mark Holland  
Ryota Shimada  
Taylor Diaz

Brian Mackie-Mason  
Corrine Clark  
Glenda Lewis  
Katrina Nicole Edelman  
Margarita Orteg y Gomez  
Moses Allen  
Sabrina Pickle  
Travis Scholten