



GRADUATE *and* PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GPSA Council Meeting Agenda

Saturday 27th of February, 9:00am

Student Union Building, Lobo A&B

I. Roll Call

Call to Order by Hilary Wainwright, GPSA Council Chair 9:03am

- a. Via Sign-In Sheet
Around the room introductions new

II. Opening Business:

- a. Approval of the Revised Agenda
 - Addition of resolution issue for student support and advocacy
 - Move of lobby chair updates to after guest speaker

Motion to approve the revised agenda

Motion Seconded

Vote: Agenda approved as amended

- b. Approval of the Minutes

Approved as is

- c. Media & Gallery

No comments

III. Guest Speaker:

- a. Aladdin Arar- Campus Development Committee
 - Discussion of proposed projects
 - Johnson center expansion
 - 35million dollar budget
 - Why is the renovation necessary? Presented on slides
 - Farris engineering renovation
 - Disclaimer – Aladdin’s opinions are his own and not necessarily representative of UNM.

- Discussion of the current architecture of the Ferris building – It was designed by a local architect originally in the 50's modernism style and worth preserving for architectural value.
- To fund these projects, fees will increase by \$120 per year for full time students. It would mean \$5-\$6 extra for every credit hour. This is not a solid number yet to fund these projects. Many are currently only phase 1 projects. Be careful with fee approval because it could increase as the projects move into phase 2.
- SAAP survey results – 36 students yesterday surveyed as a follow up to proposal opinions. See presentation slides for additional statistics related to current usage and expansion support.
- *Question:* Who would be affected by a fee increase?
- *Answer:* Survey asked who received scholarships? 75% undergrad, @25% grad. This indicates that fees would affect graduate students more since they are responsible for the bulk of their education.
- Should we renovate? Is there another way to cover these expenses? Is there an alternative to a fee increase?
- An alternative funding generation suggestion looked at on campus housing. There are about 500 empty rooms now that rent at @ 639 per month. How can we increase on campus housing to generate more revenue?
- This was an unpopular idea...
- Another suggestion looked at having a pub on campus. There were worries expressed about UNM being a dry campus. With the pub, it would still dry, as students would not be able to drink outside the SUB. There were also safety concerns. Though a pub on campus would be safer than places on Central and would eliminate the need to drive somewhere.
- Many universities allow a campus pub. Princeton was cited as an example and they discussed the same issues that are being brought up at UNM due to the suggestion.
- Another suggestion looked at conducting student competitions. This idea would look at using students for project ideas instead of outside consultants. This alternative could save money and support students.
- People are encouraged to submit other suggestions for generating revenue or reducing cost for these proposed projects.
- *Question:* What is the difference between phase 1 and 2 of the projects?
- *Answer:* There is not a lot of clarity so far. Projects are still in their infancy
- Phase 1 includes renovation and expansion,
- Timeline for expansion – not on slides, but projected to take until 2018 – Aladdin will send it out.

Lobby Chair – Austin

- Session update: The budget was cut; however, the capital outlay project was awarded 135k instead of 100k. The governor still needs to sign for the funding to be officially approved.
- UNM and graduate student day very successful

IV. Action Items:

a. Finance Committee Appropriations – Hahn Nguyen

- There were 4 appropriations in February.
- See supporting documents spreadsheet for details.

Motion to Approve appropriations as a block

Motion Seconded

Vote: Appropriations approved as a block

Short discussion of voting sheet usage

b. Appointments-

- Finance Committee- Tim Becker

Anderson student interested in investment/wealth management

Motion to appoint Tim Becker to the Finance Committee

Motion seconded

Vote: Tim Becker approved as a new appointment to the Finance Committee

- Finance Committee- Legislative Replacement/Budget Hearing Proxy
- Call for a volunteer – Moses is very busy with elections coming up, etc. Only 2 meetings to go! The position comes with a high five!
- What are the responsibilities? Attend meetings. There will be 2 meetings on 3/5 and 3/6. Have some familiarity with finance codes.
- Jeremy Benson volunteers

Motion to appoint Jeremy Benson to the Finance Committee

Motion Seconded

Vote: Jeremy Benson approved as a new appointment to the Finance Committee

c. Legislative action-

- Bylaws: PB Funds: SPR_2016-001
- PB funds committee presented these changes as a discussion item in previous council meeting. The changes clarify how PB funds are reverted at the end of the fiscal year. Funds allocated will not be reverted. See supporting documents for summary
- *Question:* \$500 seems a little low. Minimum remaining funds value should be raised a little higher.
- *Comments:* If a group saving \$1000 for an event, would that carry over? What could they do with only \$500.
- To clarify, \$1000 is generated from a department with 100 students.
- These funds would be available at the beginning of the semester and could be used for a first event. The cap is there so that funds can be available available for a first event.
- The \$500 minimum just came out as a number. The idea was to carry RDSAs through the summer and into their first month without waiting for appropriations.

- Looked at amounts not used in the previous years. \$500 seemed like a reasonable number.
- Last spring a temporary stopgap was passed for 2000 – so maybe split the difference so RDSAs can do fun things at the beginning of the semester.
- Funds given by a percentage – 50%

Motion to change minimum reverted funds from \$500 to \$1000.

Motion not seconded

Motion to approve PB Funds: SPR_2016-001 changes as presented

Motion seconded

Vote: Changes approved as presented with the required 2/3 majority satisfied.

23 approved

3 abstentions

0 opposed

The presented, approved changes will now go to legal for approval before they can then be adopted into the bylaws.

- Student Resolution

- Glenda passed around hard copies to facilitate discussion of the proposed changes.
- The resolution came about through a health sciences board meeting where the language was identified as divisive.
- Motion to strike language from the old resolution and add the new language
- *Question:* Do these 2 documents having same language?
- *Answer:* There are slight differences, in the revision the 3rd sentence was removed, the 1st and 2nd remained the same.
- Point of clarification: This will be sent out to groups and then what?
- A resolution is a statement the GPSA council believes this and whoever listed in the resolution should be aware of it. It does not change policy and operates more as an opinion than a legal statement.
- Comment: This is wonderful, because it addresses issue of silos that came out during marketing investigation in a non-marketing way. Would like to see the message promoted.

Motion to not put a person's name in the resolution.

Motion seconded

- Strike Robert Franklin and just use generic UNM president language.

Revise motion

Motion to use language that states Office of the President

Motion seconded

- *Question:* Why are the board of regents and board of directors included? Do they care about what we say?
- *Answer:* Yes and we should care about what they say.
- Current motion to change language to office of the UNM president
- Discussion of how to include language changes
- Office of the UNM President and ASUNM

Motion to change the language to align with resolutions from past years, including changing “therefore let it be further resolved” from “finally resolved”.

Motion Seconded

Vote: Language changes approved as discussed.

Motion to pass resolution

Motion Seconded

Discussion – more language changes – advocacy instead of advocatation.

Motion to change language

Motion Seconded

Vote: Additional language changes approved.

Motion to approve the passage of the resolution and that we want it to go to the people listed in it.

Motion Seconded

Vote: Approved with the required 2/3 majority

1 opposed

25 approved

- FA_2015-003

- Due to constitution and bylaws updates, this bill has become unnecessary. It was intended to change definition of regular meetings and add a section to the constitution.

Motion to kill this bill

Motion Seconded

Vote: Approved. This bill is dead.

Recess 10:01am

Call to order 10:16 am

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V. Officer Reports

a. President’s Report – Texanna Martin

- Welcome!
- The graduate commons opened this week. Please thank Taylor Smith and lobby committee who worked hard to get the money from the legislative session.
- All graduate projects are now complete.
- The new project is the osteology lab which will get started once approved by the governor. There is a rumor is that they are overfunded and could possibly renovate 2 labs.
- Advocacy: Glenda is working on a lot of projects around campus. She has been up at legislative session, working on planning conferences and professional development. She will be presenting graduate Bill of Rights next month.
- Isaac is doing a great job! He received 43 applications for the finance committee. They will be setting up hearing dates next weekend.

- Shout out to Moses – elections are underway. Reminder, there is no campaigning in the GPSA office. 1 application has already been turned in. Forms are due March 9th.
- What do we want our next leader to look like?
- Hahn has set up a food truck every other week by the law campus. Proceeds go to the summer scholarship fund. She needs more members to help with planning.
- Grants and lobby update. The system was hacked, where is it now?
- Upcoming Events: Women's leadership conference. Victoria Otero is chair.
- Women are the majority on campus, though men have made it clear that we need to make sure we are supporting each other.
- People in this room are passionate leaders. GPSA is setting a new challenge called are you smarter than a graduate student? The week after spring break in the university club there will be a trivia event. Who would you like to challenge at trivia? Keep in mind
- *Question:* Did the GPSA get hacked?
- *Answer:* Yes, last semester. They reported it and have been working to strengthen the software system.
- *Question:* Was it external or internal?
- *Answer:* The report on it is coming up later in the meeting...

b. Council Chair's Report – Hilary Wainwright

- Elections take place during the April council meeting. Anyone who will vote needs to be credentialed at least 20 days before election.
- Forms need to be turned in by 3/9 for people wanting to run for council chair and president.
- Discussion of budget requests for next year – see spreadsheet for specifics.
- Current budget is similar. Breakdown – salaries, semester and monthly stipends – tuition money transferred to cover food and refreshments.
- \$2434 is left to be used for GPSA. We can request the use of this money that will go away if we don't use it.
- *Comment:* The money will revert to the general fund; it will not go away. It will be removed from the council bucket and can still be used for the benefit of council – office supplies, anything to help council run more efficiently
- Email ideas to Hilary as to how this money could be used.
- *Question:* Where does the money go? It is controlled by GPSA still, but it will be out of council's hands. If we wanted to use it, we would have to ask for an appropriation. We can also write a memo to carry money over to next year's council. A certain percentage can be approved. An exact amount can also be allotted and then it could be decided where it gets carried over to.
- There was a town hall on Wednesday about budget crisis at UNM. They asked for ideas on revenue generation. Are there revenue generation ideas? Can we be using graduate students instead of paying outside marketing firms? Could we do outside work that could bring revenue for the university?
- *Question:* The door is closing on the branding project being done by a student.

- *Comments:* The University of Oregon backed out on their contract with the same marketing company – we could back out and then have students submit proposals.
- Our response to branding initiative has been reactionary so far. What do we bring and what initiatives can we take to bring attention to the university? Branding is done, what other areas we bring a surplus of talent to that leadership may be considering but not telling us about? We need to be actively involved in our promotion.
- How much do the renovations cost? Where are they spending the money now? The process needs to be more transparent. Do we need to spend 2 million dollars on a branding initiative? We need to generate more than 2 million in revenue.
- Why can't we use students instead of a team of outside architects to design the renovation projects? We need to send these ideas up the train. Are they auditing the travel for these firms? How is this money being spent?

VI. Standing Committee Reports

a. Grants Chair- Matt Barstow – Sally Barker reporting in his place

- Discussion of the new grants website.
- Guessing it will cost around 6k to rebuild the system which will function as a database, track scores better, be safer and made by UNM students in conjunction with faculty. It could be sold to other institutions if it works well.
- *Question:* Is the money being invested in students and UNM?
- *Answer:* The design position will be a GAship, though nothing has been agreed upon just yet. It will be coming forward to vote on next month. Greg Heidlman is the overseer.
- *Question:* Are we using the same students for stress testing?
- *Answer:* Yes, usually there is testing and piloting. It would make sense to have people come in and go through the process start to finish. We are going to use agile methodology for this testing to cut down on post rollout issues.
- *Question:* do you need volunteers to break it?
- *Answer:* Yes
- *Question:* What if there is a budget overrun and we are back here asking of more funding?
- *Answer:* Do a quick cost benefit in your head- what is the amount of money to spend after we got hacked again? There can't be any run over or issues if it's not done in time.
- *Question:* Can you clarify the product?
- *Answer:* A person would submit grant application from this new developed website. A workflow and process map has not been created yet. It would function as a database used to store all info about the grant application. Then someone on the other side would receive and review that application.
- *Question:* How did they arrive at the cost?
- *Answer:* That is the cost of a GAship - a student building it with oversight from faculty. The outside cost would be 60K to 80k if we were to buy it outright.

- We would need to go to paper applications without this
- It would cost 10-20k to update our whole system plus a monthly operational cost and this was identified as the best feasible process. It would create a position for a student.
- If we do not manage this appropriately the grants program will need to go offline – this is why we need to take care of it this semester and pilot it in the summer.
- *Question:* Who is developing it now? Are they doing it for free?
- *Answer:* A person who worked on the last edition is working on it now for free.
- Grants always has money for 2 chairs – maybe we could have a co-chair be a computer person to utilize for maintenance.
- Comment: IT is different from computer engineering. In computer engineering they are students and less expensive.
- This will come in front before any vote is to be made on funding
- Cameron: In his role as staff and familiar with IT, he can facilitate contact if computer engineering has questions.
- GPSA will own this. IT will not be included in the software upgrade. This is our product to help us support us. IT does not manage the grants at all.

VII. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

- a. Media & Outreach- new chair introduction Abbey Robertson
 - Gentry resigned.
 - Abbey Robertson appointed.
 - She is part of the English department pursuing a PhD in medieval studies

VIII. Discussion Items

- a. Constitution Clean Up: SPR_2016-002
 - Council gets a month to look at proposed changes. Will discuss in the next meeting.
 - Today is just to point out substantive changes.
 - Main changes have been in standardizing words, removal of definitions, streamlining details and moving removed items to the correct legislative document.
 - We need confirmation from legal counsel to merge documents.
 - Create standard presidential appointment language.
 - Change Chief of Justice from a 2-year term to a 1-year term in order to avoid midyear replacements
 - Budget revisions are always at the authority of the legislative committee.
 - Please go through the document before the next council meeting.
- b. Lobby Chair – Legislative Projects
 - Where and how do we decide what to lobby for?
 - In the past, it was the job of the Lobby chair to come up with projects and bring to them to the legislature. The way it should happen is that the lobby chair comes up with ideas

and brings them before council. See section in constitution for description of how we have a say.

- Make sure we are aware of the process as it is outlined in the bylaws and constitution. We have a say in what they are doing.

IX. Council Comments

- Moses – fun and rigorous bylaws and constitution committee – please be involved!
- Amanda from Public Administration – There has been a change in the learning platform that effects many students at distance sites. The changes were not discussed, just thrown at them and there some concerns, not only impact of students, but some questions about implementation. Were students involved? Are there budgetary concerns – etc....things going on that aren't as transparent as they should be.
 - Used to be ITV and is now Zoom system – brand new, but there has not been any clear information given
 - *Question:* Is the new system the issue?
 - *Answer:* The biggest concern is that there will no longer be a classroom space for students to meet.
 - *Question:* They used to give a classroom and a big screen for people to watch”
 - *Answer:* Yes, now it requires a student to have a lap top or log in from a remote location and people in more rural areas may not have these things available to them.
 - *Question:* Do departments ask students about these cuts before they make them?
 - *Question:* How did Amanda find out about it?
 - *Answer:* It was casually mentioned in a class and has snow balled into a bigger issue.
 - *Question:* People have been bringing up how teachers are being given an incentive to teach online classes. Is this part of that?
 - Many things playing into the issue
 - *Comment:* We are liaisons, so it is important to be involved in these discussions. Be involved, go to meetings, pay attention to what is going on.
- GSLA engagement – COE received 2 free bike racks because of student representation.
- Book drive delivery to begin around spring break. Sorting begins this week
- Cameron – indigenous education conference – April 27-28 email ierc@unm.edu – for more info – inaugural event through college of ed.
- Please send Hilary information to send out to council!

X. Upcoming Meetings

March 26th – Lobo A&B

XI. Adjourn 11:14am

Attendees

Adam Meyers y Gutierrez
Azul Cortes
Carrie Booth
Firas Aydub
Jeremy Benson
Moses Allen
Taylor Diaz
Sofia Locklear
Claire Stasiewicz
Timothy Beeker

Amanda Lujan
Brian Mackie-Mason
Corinne Clark
Glenda Lewis
Katrina Edelman
Natalie Hernandez
Travis Scholten
Jonathan Dorsey
Abigail Robertson
Kymbra Williams

Amber Dukes
Cameron Goble
Edria Mitchem
Hahn Nguyen
Margarita Orteg y Gomez
Tara Hackel
Jaimie Stephens
Anthony McLean
Chloe Courtney
Chauntal Andrews