I. Roll Call
   a. Meeting called to order 10:06 am
   b. Sign in sheet was passed around to all council representatives present and voting. Quorum was confirmed

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c. Agenda Adopted – The agenda was not contested and was accessible at least one (1) calendar week before the meeting, therefore, a formal approval is not necessary but will be documented.

II. Introduction
   a. Council Chair—James
      i. Introduction: Provided an introduction of his role at council meetings and discussed the tones for meetings. Spoke about remaining objective and respectful when discussing difficult topics and the ability to call recesses when needed to take breaks in order to help that happen. Emphasized working together and seeing ourselves as “we.” Note to please focus on making informed votes throughout the year and asking for information when needed.
      ii. Office Hours: MW 9:30-12:00, open door policy, can be changed if needed and will meet outside of these hours for those who cannot make them.
   b. Ice Breaker—Everyone introduced themselves (name, department, and what superpower they would have)

III. Opening Business
   a. Approval of Minutes—No copy of the May 2018 minutes, thus we cannot approve them.
   b. Media and Gallery—no one spoke
IV. Guest Speakers
   a. Becka Myers and Emily Wilks, Pres. And VP of ASUNM
      i. Speakers introduced themselves and expressed their enthusiasm for working in conjunction with GPSA this year.
      ii. Drea Abeita asked about if they have any plans for working with this council to push any specific agendas. Response was that conversations have been ongoing and lines of communication will remain open, but nothing is yet set. James mentioned his Legacy Project which he plans to talk more about later.
         1. #MakeUNMSafe is something Drea Abeita mentioned as an initiative her RDSA is starting this year.
    b. Ryan Linquist, Director of Student Services
      i. Introduction: Handed out student activities calendar. Gave background on his experience and education that led him to his current position. 420 student organizations are supported through student services. He also works with ASUNM as their advisor. He urged council members to remember to use their voices, represent the students who elected them, and that it is okay to make mistakes. Reminded people to be familiar with the GPSA constitution and reference it so they can use it.
      ii. Oct. 23rd-superhero day will be put on (in addition to other previously established activity days).
      iii. He has an open door policy, but it can be busy, so if it is urgent, please set up an appointment.
      iv. Joanna and Marissa from SGAQ handle the finances for GPSA
    c. Glenda Lewis, Lead Graduate Project Assistant
      i. Introduction: PNMGC (Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color) was established in 2003 by a group of students of color who felt something was missing from their college experiences. Group will be partnering with the Shared Knowledge conference. Consider becoming a mentor (even within your
department). It is for all students, not just students of color. The project is continuing to add value to the college experience.

1. Nerita Diaz-Cruz spoke about the benefits she experienced of being involved with PNMGC and how having a mentor helped her navigate being new to the university and help guide her through new experiences. She mentioned that they try to match up people within their same departments and with life experiences. She noted that the workshops are especially valuable.

2. Drea Abeita spoke about being on the mentor side of the program and how helpful it was to be able to give back as well. One of the efforts she would like to see is for PNMGC to have sustainable funding.

d. Dr. Karl Benedict—not present to speak

V. Officer Reports

a. President’s Report: Boney thanked everyone for their attendance at this meeting. The previous summer, GPSA has been building a team including Chief of Staff and Office Manager. Lots of planning for the future, which has had a lot of support from Ryan, many offices, and previous GPSA presidents. His role as president is to advocate for graduate students and represent grad student interests. Called for council members to be part of the active community of GPSA.

i. Orientation happened this fall for the new students.

ii. Had opportunity to work with ASUNM to build a bridge and work together on activities that could benefit graduate and undergraduate students

iii. Looking at how graduate students can be mentors to senior undergrads who are looking at joining graduate school

iv. Grants website still has issues—DRUPAL issues (if anyone has experience or knows someone with DRUPAL experience, send them on over to help)

v. By next Friday all the committee chairs should be selected, but we will then need to confirm them next meeting—how does this work for appropriations for the Sept. meeting. If we confirm the Finance VP today, they will be able to move forward to hold a finance meeting and have appropriations for Sept. still

b. Council Chair’s Report: The GPSA team as a whole team has come together to work as a team. Summer has been about team-building and deciding the direction in which to move GPSA.
i. Legacy Project—increasing professional experiences for students, this is a project James has been working on. Working on the logistics of the project still and it will take some time, but wants to ensure buy-in from all stakeholders.

c. Executive Committee Reports
i. Grants Chair- Urusha Thapa
   1. She started working for the summer cycle, recently finished hearing summer appeals.
   2. The fall workshops are now open. Having trouble getting readers—trying to emphasize the experience it provides in addition to the $50 stipend.
   3. The website has issues that have caused students to not receive their scoresheets and decisions. Is meeting this week with IT to work to resolve the website issues.
      a. Students can email directly for grant decisions and scoresheets if they did not receive them.

VI. Quorum was lost due to the departure of a council member—can no longer do business

VII. Announcements
a. Jamie Stevens has been appointed as Finance Committee VP and as such will move forward to hold finance meeting in September. so appropriations can be processed, but the appointment will need to be confirmed at the September meeting
   i. James called for volunteers to serve on the Finance Committee
   ii. Marybeth Perdomo
   iii. Rose Davenport
b. Wed. Sept. 19th 5 PM Mirage- workshop on Robert’s Rules of Order. If you cannot make this, James is happy to meet with people one-on-one.
c. Next council meeting is Sept. 29th at 10 AM in Acoma A&B

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM

James Kaminski
GPSA Council Chair: [Signature]
Date: 8-29-2015