I. Meeting called to Order at 10:08 am
   a. Confirmation of Quorum: Sign in sheet was passed around to all the council representatives present and voting, quorum was confirmed

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   b. Adoption of Agenda: A motion to adopt the agenda by Dalicia, seconded by Texana. Agenda approved with 10 approval votes and no disapproval or abstentions

II. Opening Business
   a. Approval of the Minutes: Minutes for December not disputed. Minutes approved.
   b. Media and Gallery: None

III. Guest Speakers:
   a. Nina Cooper: Not present
b. Capital Outlay Proposal: Dalicia opened the agenda and motioned to move Capital Outlay Proposal after Action Items in the agenda. Marybeth seconded it. Motion was approved with 10 votes in favor and no votes against or for abstention.

IV. Officer Reports
   a. President’s Report
      Welcomed everyone to Spring Semester and expressed his pleasure for being there and also appreciated everyone’s work. Stated that he was working on having an office manager at GPSA conditional on the approval of funding. There had been a lot of chaos during the transition phase before and he thinks that this permanent position will mitigate those issues in future and also strengthen GPSA’s operation. ASUNM and GPSA are working together on a legislation. Informed that GPSA was planning to do graduate appreciation week in April and that it’s still in an early phase and will let everyone know upon its finalization. Leonel asked about the president’s accomplishments during the last semester and goals for the upcoming semester. President stated that GPSA was in mess and a lot of time was spent on putting out the fire. However, as things have gotten better, he’s focused on sustainability and continuity of efforts. Leonel asked what the president specifically has done and plans to do, not his staff. The president asked Leonel to come to his office and discuss the matter. Leonel stated we do not need to meet in your office, these questions are for council to hear. The president stated GPSA had requested for an audit and some concerns were raised during the audit process and had to use his veto power for good cause without any ill intentions. There was no difference in priorities and just wanted everyone to follow the rules and procedures. Dalicia asked for the Senate bill number of the bill that’s on talk. Boney told that he’ll let her know before the end of the meeting. Grant asked for explanation regarding VSS resolution. Boney explained that the resolution was brought to him for signature and he had some concerns regarding the language. The resolution passed anyway 5 days after being brought to him even without his signature.

b. Council Chair’s Report
   James stated that the legacy project has been successful so far and has been forwarded to the career services. Funding has been acquired for at least a year. Since James stated that since he has accomplished everything he promised during the election campaign student family housing will be his new project for the spring semester. Student family housing has been falling
apart and needs serious renovation and repair work to ensure its safety and usability. Stairwells are rusted, sections of walls are missing, bushes have been growing in bike cages rendering them unusable and outside lights are also missing. Informed that he has been working closely with the administration to work on these issues. James stated that the government shutdown affects more than government workers including those on SNAP benefits. James wanted to work with lobo respect and UNM administration to help better support students during the shutdown and future shutdowns. The program of study form that has to be filled during graduation is automated which pulls student’s information from the database which is a step towards right direction. James stated that he is looking into some bylaw changes to present to the LSC. This includes changes to the TNPR to be more consistent with the open meetings act. Lionel suggested that resolution SJR-6 would be a great project to work on. James acknowledged the resolution and mentioned that he’ll review it and will bring it on the table while he’s at Santa Fe. James emphasized the need to streamline GPSA’s constitution and bylaws to clarify the existing misunderstandings and contradictions. Dalicia brought up the case of childcare facility which has been proposed in ASUNM. James informed that children campus is an important issue. Rijasoa also showed her support for children campus and also raised concerns regarding the premium fees that she had been paying even when she was enrolled for just six credit hours. James encouraged the representatives to draft resolution. He stated he would help in the process and also invited the representatives to come with him to present the issues to administration and be a part of the conversation.

c. Finance Chair’s Report
GPSA general fund has been cut from last semester. We have $38,791 in the general fund which amounts to $7758 per month. A new budget schedule has been released and appropriation schedule is also out.

V. Action Items

a. Finance Committee Vice Chair Appointment
James informed the council that our Finance Vice-Chair received an internship and has resigned her position at GPSA. Lionel nominated Eliberto for the position of Finance Committee Vice Chair, Texana seconded it. Eliberto introduced himself and talked about his experience with budgetary
processes. Voting was held and Eliberto was elected as the new finance Vice Chair with 13 approval votes and none opposition or abstention votes. An announcement was made of a vacant committee member spot in the Finance Committee.

b. Appropriations
Texanna motioned to block and approve all appropriations but Chemical and Biological Engineering Graduate Student’s Association (CBE), Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). Dalicia seconded the motion. Motion was approved with 14 approval votes and none against or abstention votes.

i. Association for Computing Machinery (ACM): Bianca Bologa, a representative from ACM requested appropriation for student conference. The request was to move $150 from guest speaker and $25 from office supplies to honorarium. Motion to approve the change of line items was made by Gregor and seconded by Eli. The motion was approved with unanimously with 14 votes.

ii. Chemical & Biological Engineering Graduate Student’s Association (CBE): Tracy Lorraine, a representative from CBE invited all UNM students to the conference for STEM related research. It is completely free of cost and free food is provided along with prize money for lucky few. A total of 70 presentations would be made by graduate students. The event will be a great place to network with professionals from different fields of STEM. CBE had been provided $428 and additional $400 was being asked to cover the cost of security for the event. Lionel motioned to provide the requested $400 to the association, Eli seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously with 13 votes.

c. Vetoed Appropriation
Motion to reconsider vetoed bill was made by Trevor and seconded by Dalicia. The motion was approved with 13 votes in favor and the vetoed bill was opened for reconsideration.

Boney provided his reasonings for using the veto power. Stated that he didn’t do it with bad intentions. It was carried out to hold ourselves accountable to highest standard possible. An auditing of GPSA was done last summer and there were no serious issues, but some recommendations were provided by the auditing agency. The audit was requested by the previous GPSA administration and was about the spending practices at
GPSA. The result showed that all the practices adhered to the constitution and bylaws however some decisions were borderline unethical.

Boney then went line by line on the items that he had his reservations with. Advertisement budget of $50 is not substantial to do anything so was vetoed. The conference expenses did not provide value for the money spent and there was no return on the investment made since the administrator would no longer be a part of GPSA in less than two months after the conference. Boney emphasized the importance of disseminating the knowledge gained from conference for the council’s betterment which was not clearly what was going to happen here. The LSC vice chair’s job responsibilities were not clearly outlined anywhere and the president didn’t feel comfortable providing stipend in the lack of such provision in the bylaws and in the absence of proper job description. The stipend provision of project assistant had some inconsistencies so vetoed that as well. And since individual line items could not be vetoed the whole bill was vetoed. Boney expressed that attendance of conference would be for personal development only and won’t have any direct benefit to the council since their contract was going to end of May. Trevor asked if delaying the funds of council for a month was justifiable and having to go through the process could delay funding till march. Eli raised questions about the equitability of his decision since the president’s budget got approved in the fall semester therefore its now time to fund the council. Boney stated that there’s a clear demarcation between executive and legislative branch and he was trying to be accountable and spend money on where it’s worth. Boney also stated that office supplies were included in two categories and have always been supplied through the executive budget.

James then tried to answer all the questions that needed to be clarified. James considered himself as an administrator whose focus is student success and argued that he has been able to utilize the knowledge and skills that he learned from previous conferences and the learning process won’t stop in April as previous administrations have been utilized as a resource. He further reiterated that previous conferences that he attended has made him a better administrator and has helped him increase the efficacies of meetings. He also clarified the misunderstandings with the stipend position of project assistant. There shouldn’t be any confusions with the title and it could be called council secretary. LSC vice chair is a
position that’s existed in the past and received stipend even when it was not mentioned in the bylaws. The audit report tells that everything’s consistent and if there’s no concerns of misspending. Trevor asked James if he was willing to give a presentation about his learnings to the council so that president’s concern can be alleviated. James agreed upon the idea. James further clarified the confusion about 1.0 FTE position and stated that the previous minutes reflect about having a stipend position approved and there’s no mention of 1.0 FTE.

Eli made a motion to override the president’s veto which required a two-third of vote and leaves the package as is. Eli asked for clarification from Mr Lindquist verifying 2/3 vote to override veto. Mr Lindquist confirmed 2/3 vote was needed and the motion required a 2nd or would not carry. Leonel seconded the motion. Trevor provided a point of information that if we failed to override the veto, three other items which were of no concern to the president would also be on hold. Andre asked if the language would create any problem later after the veto gets overridden. James stated that there won’t be any such problem. Eli admired president’s stand on accountability and also reiterated that the bill had already been passed by the council at the last meeting so there’s no reason to veto it. Grant stressed the need to fix the wordings and acknowledge that president’s veto was not made in bad faith. Dalicia stated that the veto had brought up some valid points which needs to be addressed in the future such as the need of job description for LSC vicechair in the bylaws. A call for vote was made and the motion to override the veto was passed with 10 votes in favor, 1 vote against and no abstention votes.

VI. Discussion Items
a. Dalicia and Grant gave a presentation on Capital Outlay Projects for their respective departments. Dalicia gave a brief overview of English department Grad Wing renovation. The project has identified 26 offices along with hallways and lobby areas that have to be repainted. 46 doors also need to be repainted and 5 unsafe office door knobs have to be replaced. 26 offices require new carpet (carpet tiles) installation and hallways and lobby area are to be furnished with high-durability laminate flooring. All the current wayfinding and office number signage has to be replaced with ADA-compliant signages. New water fountains are to be installed with water bottle filler and filter. The total estimated cost of the project would be $48,620.
Grant presented about the need for renovation of Ferris Engineering Center. The center had received $1.5 million in outside funding last time. There’s open space for all students. As the members of GPSA we would be asking for seed money which would then be matched by other donors and the fund will be utilized for the renovation of Department of English, School of Engineering and all over the university. $100,000 has been asked for Ferris building and $50,000 for English department which is in line with what ASUNM had asked.

Texana recollected that she was involved in similar project before and had collected $150 thousand as seed funding and the rest of the fund was provided by other sources for full amount and asked everyone to support this project. Dalicia reiterated the wonderful collaboration she had with Grant and mentioned that there were a lot of areas where the departments could serve as a complement for each other.

Kyla informed the council about the shortcomings in the general fund. Eli announced that Geography department was hiring big data/ GIS professor. Boney restated that his office was always open for discussion and said he was ready to provide follow up on Grant and Eli’s VSS resolution and also mentioned that he was exploring the possibilities about GPSA hiring someone to strengthen GPSA’s operations. Texana informed the council that resolution put forward by Eli was now the responsibility of James and the council.

VII. Council Announcements
   a. Upcoming Meetings: The next regular council meeting will be held on February 23rd, 2018 at 10:00am in SUB Lobo A and B.

   Dalicia announced about a calligraphy workshop that was being held and invited everyone to attend. The event would teach everyone to write beautifully and snacks would also be provided.

   Texanna recommended everyone to fill out “Program of Study” on paper as some issues were identified with the automated system.

   Boney announced about the Lobby meeting that was being held on the same day at 3:30 pm. He also informed the council about the aforementioned legislation’s number as SJR6 by Sen. Stane Bond from Las Cruces.
VIII. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marybeth and second by Dalicia which was approved unanimously with 9 votes. The meeting was adjourned at 1 pm

James Kaminski  
President Signature

Date: 2-4-19

Suraj Ghimire  
Council Recorder

Date: 2-4-19