

University of New Mexico Graduate and Professional Association  
Student Veteran Resolution  
F19-003

- 1 Whereas: The Graduate and Professional Student Association are the representative and student voice for graduate  
2 students at the university.
- 3 Whereas: The Student Governing bodies of the University of New Mexico were established to represent student  
4 concerns in all University wide matters.
- 5 Whereas: The Student Veterans of the University of New Mexico are the advocates for the student veteran  
6 community on campus.
- 7 Whereas: The student veteran population at University of New Mexico is comprised of self-identified 858 utilizing  
8 the Veteran Resource Center services. 1200 self-identified on the Enrollment Management banner  
9 system.
- 10 Whereas: The Student Veteran graduation rate 8.5% is well below the 30% graduation rate of the rest of the  
11 university student population.
- 12 Whereas: The Student Veteran of the University of New Mexico leadership team have written the top Research  
13 and Public Service Proposal: Veteran Student Services.
- 14 Therefore: The administration has decided to take the student voice out of the Research and Public Service Proposal  
15 and reassign it to the Veteran Resource Center.
- 16 Whereas: Currently the Research and Public Service Proposal is under review with the New Mexico Higher  
17 Education Department waiting for approval during the 2019 NM Legislative session.
- 18 Therefore: The Student Veterans of the University of New Mexico authors and initiation of this Research and  
19 Public Service Proposal was to promote collaboration between the students and administration to ensure  
20 diversity and inclusion for our protected class per the Office of Equal Opportunity.
- 21 Therefore: This decision by the University of New Mexico administration took away the opportunity for student  
22 veterans to advocate, engage and educate our legislators about our student veteran community at the  
23 University of New Mexico.
- 24 Therefore: We are asking the Graduate and Professional Student Association to represent and support student  
25 veterans in their desire to be a part of the implementation process of the Veteran Student Services  
26 program upon approval from the New Mexico State Government in 2019; from here onto the future.
- 27 Therefore: We, Student Veterans of the University of New Mexico, are asking for the Graduate and Professional  
28 Student Association to represent our interests in the implementation of the Veteran Student Services  
29 program in collaboration with the Associated Student of the University of New Mexico and University  
30 of New Mexico administration.
- 31 Therefore: Be it resolved that the Graduate and Professional Student Association represents and supports the  
32 Student Veterans of the University of New Mexico and their families in their pathways to their degrees.
- 33 Therefore: Be it also resolved that the Graduate and Professional Student Association represents student veterans  
34 and other student groups in calling upon the University of New Mexico administration, the Veteran

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35 Resource Center and New Mexico governing officials to open dialogue and stand strong in unity with  
36 the student veteran community.

37 Therefore: Be it also resolved that the Graduate and Professional Student Association recognizes that the student  
38 veteran community is not equally treated culturally or structurally as other cultural groups; student  
39 veterans do not have either our own cultural center on par with El Centro de La Raza and others.

40 Therefore: Let it be further resolved that the Graduate and Professional Student Association represents and  
41 supports the Student Veterans and other student groups in generating collaboration that facilitates the  
42 transition process of all student veterans into our local and the University of New Mexico community.

43 Therefore: Let it be resolved that the Graduate and Professional Student Association calls upon the University of  
44 New Mexico President, Provost, Faculty, Staff, Veteran Resource Center and New Mexico governing  
45 officials to stand with our student veterans and not silence their voice in administrative process and stop  
46 the alienation of this community.

47 Therefore: Let it further be resolved that the Graduate and Professional Student Association in collaboration with  
48 the Diversity and Inclusion committee to work with actual student veterans to create administrative relief  
49 of the barriers that student veterans encounter.

50 Now therefore, let it be finally resolved that the Graduate and Professional Student Association represents, stands with,  
51 and supports the Student Veterans of University of New Mexico and other student groups who will be  
52 forwarded a copy of this resolution. A signature of receipt of this resolution must be provided to the  
53 Student Veteran of the University of New Mexico President and/or leadership team. These groups  
54 include the University of New Mexico Presidents Office, the University of New Mexico Board of  
55 Regents, the University of New Mexico Provost Office, the University of New Mexico Student Affairs,  
56 the University of New Mexico Dean of Students Office, the University of New Mexico Diversity and  
57 Inclusion Office, the University of New Mexico Governmental Affairs, the University of New Mexico  
58 Office of Equal Opportunity, New Mexico Governors, New Mexico Congressional Offices, New  
59 Mexico state and local representatives' offices, Albuquerque's Mayors Office and the local Department  
60 of Veteran Affairs Office.

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62 Signed at the GPSA Counsel Meeting, This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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64 Witness my hand:

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James Kaminski

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GPSA Counsel Chair

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GPSA President