



GPSA Council Meeting Notes
 Saturday, August 27th 2016, 10:00 a.m.
 Student Union Building, 3rd Floor—Lobo A&B

I. Roll Call

Meeting called to order: 10:14 am

Sign in sheet was passed around to all Council Representatives present.

Name	Department
Joe Raborn	Anderson School of Management
Clayton Meredith	Anthropology
Cameron M. Goble	College of Education Graduate Student Leadership Alliance
Rijasoa Andriamana	College of Education Graduate Student Leadership Alliance
Kelly Johnson	College of Education Graduate Student Leadership Alliance
Nina Cooper	Communications & Journalism
Abhinav Aggarwal	Computer Science Graduate Student Association
Jon David	Computer Science Graduate Student Association
Shu Wang	ECE
Brian Mackie-Mason	ECE
Azul Cortes	ED.
Corinne Clark	English
Abigail Robertson	English
Jacob R. Wolff	Geography & Environmental Studies
Sallie A. Scheufler	Graduate Art Association
Barbara Korbal	History Graduate Student Association
Tristen Ashly Adams	Medical School
Travis L. Scholten	Physics and Astronomy GSA
Jaimie Stephens	Physics and Astronomy GSA
Liliana Benitez de Luna	School of Law
Charlie Christian	Sociology
Richard N. Greene	Sociology Graduate Student Association
Bryan Ho	Speech and Hearing Sciences

II. Opening Business

New item added to agenda, technically first amendment to the agenda, but will not take a motion off the floor because there will be a thorough review of Robert's Rules of Order/Parliamentary Procedure during the next GPSA Council meeting.

a. Approval of Agenda

No formal approval of agenda necessary but will be documented. Meeting will be more informal until after the Robert's Rules of Order/Parliamentary Procedure workshop at September GPSA Council Meeting.

b. Approval of the Minutes

No previous minutes to approve because this is the first meeting of the semester.

c. Media & Gallery

James Martinez from Daily Lobo. Introduced himself to Council members.

III. Guest Speakers

a. Presenter: Amy Cobern, Campus Site Development & Circulation Planning

- i. Brief on \$180 MM projects UNM is moving forward with.
- ii. Capital Projects Timing = construction schedule.
- iii. Impetus +/-: this is about the campus circulation
- iv. Current Projects for Campus planning and Development.
- v. Ex: ART Project. Plan so that the transit has a positive impact. Interest = safety
- vi. Ex: Johnson Center Expansion & Renovation Project. \$35 MM Project. Parking structure on SW of Johnson will go away. Anticipate appropriate planning for big events (ex: Pope Joy events, handicap accommodations. New access point, new curb cut at Harvard)
- vii. Ex: PAIS Project- \$66MM. One of the biggest projects. High performance building next to low rise offices.
- viii. Ex: Health Education Building Project—on Stanford and Tucker. \$27MM
- ix. Ex: Faress Engineering on SW corner of campus off Redondo. \$26 MM
- x. Ex: Physics & Astronomy located at the reservoir next to Yale. \$66 MM
- xi. Council Questions:
 1. Where can we get this information? Will leave the PowerPoints with Zoila.
 2. Two PowerPoints: (1) Circulation planning; (2) architecture projects

b. Debbie Morris, Director of Student Services

Welcome by Debbie Morris.

- Serves the advisor and is a resource.
- Works closely with the steering committee, elections, programs, etc.
- Office is in Room 1018 in the SUB.
- Working with GPSA since 1983.
- First 5 years as accounting

Introduction to Council

Helpful tips for council reps:

(1) Job is important because council members serve as a medium of communication. Ex: the information shared by Amy. These projects will impact everyone. Important to take this info back to their constituents. Brings opinions, concerns, and ideas to these meetings so that the President can voice the opinions of the departments across campus.

(2) Consistently attend the meetings.

(3) Speak up regardless of familiarity with procedure

(4) Be familiar with the Constitution and Bylaws for accountability purposes.

Member chime in: last year the constitution and bylaws committee cleaned up the constitution and Bylaws. Encouraged members to ask questions about the constitution.

(5) Get familiar with GPSA resources/services (\$2 movies, family activities, etc.)

(6) Money: PB funds.

- There were changes in the Bylaws two years ago.



- Passed around document with PB funds info.
- Organizations must claim PB funds by the 8th week of the semester, otherwise, organizations cannot access those PB funds.
- Can claim them by sending an email to GPSA (go to GPSA website). Must be a chartered organization to claim PB funds. There are remaining chartering workshops.
- There are spending workshops left because it is important to know what you can and cannot spend organization money on. Note: do not have to have charter approved to claim PB funds, but it has to be submitted!

IV. Action Items

a. Mandated Items

i. Adoption of Standing Rules

Travis moves to approve the fall 2016 standing rules as modified to reflect the 2016-2017 academic year.

Cameron Goble seconds the motion.

Motion passed.

1 abstention.

ii. Approval of Grants Committee Chair—A.N. Suresh Kumar

- Background in finance.
- Anderson student working on MIS concentration.

iii. Approval of Student Support & Advocacy Committee Chair—Edria D. Mitchem

- Former private investigator.
- Sports psych major and needed because we have a lot of investigation reports with the DOJ.
- Need those critical thinking skills.

iv. Approval of Finance Committee Chair – Isaac Olaoye

Isaac was the finance chair last year and is back for 2016-2017.

- Question for Isaac: what is your vision for spending the money this year?
The kind of pressure that happened last time will not happen this year. Will make sure that everyone gets a fair share of what they are entitled to.
- What do you mean the kind of pressures we faced last year? Now we know how things work and will be able to address the issues.

v. Approval of Programs Committee Chair— Hahn Nguyen

- Valuable asset: College of Education. Been part of various committees.
- Bringing to food trucks last year was great.
- Many departments looking forward to these again.

vi. Approval of Lobby Committee Chair—Texanna Martin

- Former president.
- She has already established relationships with legislatures and she is an asset to have the support we need in SF.

vii. Approval of Health Committee Chair—Alex Cervantes

- First year medical student.
- Former ASUNM VP.
- Understands our health concerns and she will encourage participation from students on North Campus.
- This is an ad hoc committee created over the summer. Will be included in the bylaws

Motion to block appointments.

Lily moved to block and approve presidential appointments.

Jaime Stephens seconds motion.

None opposed.

None abstained.

Motion passed.

viii. Appointment of Legislative Steering Chair

- GPSA Council Chair Recommends Lily Benitez de Luna.
- Served on the legislative steering committee last semester.
- Important to keep consistency.
- Admits learning curve but is willing to put in the work.

Question: do you have to be a law student to be in this committee? No.

Comment by Cameron: Lily's advice was potent and useful last year. Could interpret law so that it meant what the group thought it would mean.

Zoila opens floor for motion to vote on Lily as Legislative Steering chair

Cameron Goble moves the council to vote for Lily.

Abigail Robertson seconds the motion.

Lily abstains.

None oppose.

Motion passed.

ix. Appointment of Legislative Steering Committee

Zoila opens the floor for nominations to the Legislative Steering Committee.

Committee members nominated: Cameron M. Goble, Abigail Robertson, Abhinav Aggarwal, Jacob R. Wolff.

Travis moves to approve Cameron M. Goble, Abhinav Aggarwal, Abigail Robertson, and Jacob R. Wolff.

Lily & Cameron M. Goble Second motion.

Cameron abstained.

Motion passed.

x. Appointment Finance Committee Vice Chair

GPSA Council Chair, Zoila, recommends Travis.

Zoila entertains motion to approve Travis as vice chair to finance committee

Abhinan moves to approve Travis as the Vice Chair to Finance Committee

Brian Mackie-Mason seconds the motion.

None oppose.

Travis abstains.

Motion passed.

xi. Appointment of Finance Committee Members

- Need 4 committee members. 2 council appointments and 2 executive appointments with Council approval.

- Meetings will be 2nd Tuesday of every month.

- This Committee is the purse power of GPSA Council



Kelly Johnson, Brian, Joe Raborn volunteer
Glenda nominates Hahn & Cooper.

Nominee Blurbs:

- Kelly Johnson: served as the finance vice chair in the past. Budgeted multi MM budgets with NIH and has experience with appropriations in the past.
- Brian Mackie-Mason: PHD in electrical engineering, Served as treasurer of various orgs in the past, interest is that orgs have plans get the money that they want and receive it as appropriate.
- Joe Raborn: MBA student. Undergrad in finance. Former grants chair for GPSA and interest in getting involved bc has been involved in appropriations in the past with orgs he has been part of.

Travis makes a motion to take a short recess while the counting of the votes takes place. Motion seconded.

Motion passes. Meeting goes into recess at 11:13 am

Meeting called back into session at 11:21am

Congratulations to Brian & Joe voted as members of the finance committee.

Amendment to the agenda: allow appointment of executive nominees so that first meeting can be arranged and get going.

Zoila entertain motion to vote on and have discussion on the President's nominees for the finance committee.

Jaime moves to approve and discuss.

Lily seconds the motion.

Nominee blurbs:

Cooper: 1st year PHD. 30 years of nonprofit and corporate experience.

Administrator of school and local church.

- Questions: can there be an explanation about moving, and seconding motions, etc.
- Zoila gives a quick explanation on Robert's Rules of Order because there will be a workshop on the process.

Hahn: Served on the committee for 2 years.

Zoila entertains motion to vote on President's motion.

Abhinan Moved to lock the nominees.

Abigail & Lily Robertson second motion.

None oppose.

None abstain.

Motion passed.

V. Discussion Items

None.

VI. Officer Reports

Third amendment to the agenda: Grants Chair moved up on agenda.

a. Executive Committee Report: Grants Chair, A.N. Suresh Kumar

Grant Chair for GPSA: 7 appeals; approved 2 and rejected 5.

How many grants given out and to which department will be made public.

Note: grants based off the budget.

Summer grants

- 494 grants proposals
- 45 approved.

Questions: what is the appellate process?

Answer: ask applicants to say why they are appealing. Discuss his concerns. Then decision is made after a reread.

Question: Is there still a Spanish application?

Answer: will look into it.

Question: will people be able to see how everyone gets scored?

Answer: it was done for the spring. It will continue this semester. There can be a system to send it out to the council.

Question: how will the changes in grant training be? Is there a change in scoring criteria?

Answer: (Zoila) calibration is being considered. If you're interested in making changes, the Grants committee is a place to do this.

Comment: (1) The state is a bicultural, bilingual state. That necessitates that documents appear in both Spanish and English. (2) Concerned about the fact that there were issues submitted in English & whether the problem was the content or form and structure.

b. President's Report

- Last 86 days update: Been to various departments to evaluate how they are serving graduate students. Collaborated with Provost's Office, Equity and Inclusion, El Centro de la Raza, Dean of Students, printed new version of Graduate Survival Guide. There are copies available here and at the GPSA office. Co-Chair of Student Fee Review Board (SFRB) (Kyle = co-chair), fiscal responsibility is goal. Working with Zimmerman Library (Graduate Student Commons. Working on Collaboration). Took part in Active Shooter Training with Deborah Kuidis. LGBTQ Safe Zone Training. Need help with volunteers, recruitment, and development. UJNM Volleyball match on Sept 15th. 1st series of events of CAFÉ & GPSA Sept. 29 in Ballroom A. different alumni tabling to help bridge ore grad students into workforce. There will be info on the GPSA page
- Student Regent Position Open
- There are student tickets for the football game.
- Securing of Executive Staff
- Graduate Summer Scholarship Funding (188 Applicants/45 Awardees/6 Appeals-2 Appeals Awarded after 3 Rereads)
- Re-Thinking Engagement/Departmental Visits
- GPSA Sponsored Activities
 - Swap & Sell (SUB Atrium August 31 10-3)
 - Volleyball (Residence Life Sept 15—5-7)
 - Café GPSA (Sub Ballroom A--Sept 29—5-10)

c. Council Chair's Report

Emails to expect: Safety Week Flyer. DOJ Report. Dean of Students will speak at the September meeting. UNM Projects and Construction PowerPoint Presentations for today will be e-mailed. Dress up for Halloween. Council Members are encouraged to bring their laptops or electronics to review Council attachments and encourage sustainability. Would Council prefer breakfast food or lunch food. Breakfast wins. Looking to schedule active shooter training.



Share this information with respective departments.

October meeting in the Willow Room at Zimmerman Library

VII. Closing Announcements

- Cameron Goble: took on position of Asst. Director at the STEM collaborative center. Purpose: help undergraduates find a STEM degree if they are interests. Would like to open the opportunity to encourage council and their departments to attend events. camerong@unm.edu.
- Glenda Lewis, GPSA President: GPSA challenging all UNM departments to do the 22 push-up challenge to contribute to UNM veterans.

VIII. Upcoming Meetings

September 24, 2016 - 10 am (SUB 3rd Floor - Lobo A & B)

Council was provided with a folder with the 2016-2017 GPSA Council Meeting Schedule

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.