



**GPSA Council Meeting Agenda**  
Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - 10:00 am  
Student Union Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - Lobo A & B

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

**I. Amendment to Agenda**

Guest speaker, Dean of Students - Nasha Torrez to speak first because she must attend SFRB meeting at 10:25 a.m.

*Abigail Robertson moves to amend agenda so that Ms. Torrez may speak first.*

*Eliberto Calderon seconds motion.*

*None opposed.*

*None abstained.*

*Motion Passed*

Ms. Torrez explains Title IX on campus:

- Department of Justice (DOJ) investigating UNM for its Title IX follow through
- Title IX focus in 2011 shifted to sexual discrimination and sexual misconduct.
- Implementation: Dear Colleague letters, common law (law suits), customized road map bc UNM is being investigated by DOJ
- DOJ investigation:
  - 37 pages of findings
  - DOJ + UNM agreement for 3 years
  - Close to finalized
  - Will required live, in-person, interactive training for students at UNM, including graduate students: prevention, consent, etc. at new student orientation for undergraduate students.
  - Graduate students: place a hold on student account until graduate students fulfill the training
  - After: online training
- Mandatory vs. Confidential Reporting
  - Confidential reporters: confidential reporter sites → LOBO advocacy center; WRC; LGBTQ resources center. Here, the student can report here and it will not be reported for OEO. The accommodations will be available without ever reporting to OEO.
  - Mandatory reporter: Professors, faculty, staff, TAs, GAs are REQUIRED to report when a student



- OEO standard of proof: probable cause (i.e. 51 %; more likely than not that the misconduct happened)
- Training on “grey area”
- Office of Dean of Students: prevention education, 2 of the 3 confidential reporting sites; disciplining if there is a finding of misconduct; appeals
- Timeline: DOJ wants it by December 16, but it is currently under negotiation to create the necessary infrastructure
- Questions:
- Outdated trainings and policies are not cohesive. When will this change? How will this change? Pilgrim report findings:
  - UNM’s policies were a mess. When the DOJ findings came out, UNM was already creating change. Now we have UNM Policy 2740. By the next semester, the policy will be more uniform and mainstream. DOJ is mandating that it is fixed fast.
  - Training: now the grey area. There are no skits now, and there is no blaming. The DOJ reported that what UNM is doing now is in line with the training DOJ wants.
  - Are international students subject to this? Yes.
  - What do we take back to our department, especially regarding faculty sanctioning?
  - White house guidance document (not codified, not in law): when doing Title IX sanctioning, it should be vetted by your title IX coordinating. MOU b/n title IX and Dean of Students. Sanctioning includes sanctioning of faculty as well as students.
  - Questions remained that were not addressed because of time. (10:24 am)  
*Alex Cervantes moved to table Title IX discussion with Ms. Torrez.*  
*Abbigail Robertson seconds motion.*  
*None opposed.*  
*None Abstained.*  
*Motion passed.*

## II. Roll Call

- Council Chair announces departments that are present but still need to fill out credential forms.

Anthony McLean	American Studies Graduate Student Association
Joe Raborn	Anderson School of Management
Clayton Meredith	Anthropology Graduate Student Union
Rusty Chapman	Art & Art History Graduate Student Association- President
Nick J. Gallegos	Association of Graduate Business Students
Christopher Vongvithayamathakul	Association of Graduate Students in Music



Courtney Pruitt	Chemical and Biological Engineering Graduate Student Association
Cameron M. Goble	College of Education Graduate Student Leadership Alliance
Rijaso Andriamana	College of Education Graduate Student Leadership Alliance
Nina Cooper	Communications & Journalism
Abhinav Aggarwal	Computer Science Graduate Student Association
Diksha Gupta	Computer Science Graduate Student Association
Sumit Chabbria	Electrical and Computing Engineering Graduate Student Association
Abigail Robertson	English
Corinne D. Clark	English Graduate Student Association
Jacob R. Wolff	Geography & Environmental Studies
Tristen Ashly Adams	Health Sciences Council
Alex Cervantes	Health Sciences Council
Barbara Korbal	History Graduate Student Association
Eliberto Calderon	Organization Information & Learning Sciences (OILS)
Leonel Diaz	Organization Information & Learning Sciences (OILS)
Travis L. Scholten	Physics and Astronomy Graduate Student Association
Jaimie Stephens	Physics and Astronomy Graduate Student Association
David Nunnally	Political Science Graduate Student Association
Sally Barker	School of Public Administration
Rose Davenport	School of Public Administration
Charlie Christian	Sociology Graduate Student Association
Keith Wilkins	Sociology Graduate Student Association
Ryeora Choe	Sociology Graduate Student Association
Andre Nascimento	Spanish and Portuguese Graduate Student Association
Dominique Rodriguez	Spanish and Portuguese Graduate Student Association
Bryan Ho	Speech and Hearing Sciences
Liliana Benitez de Luna	Student Bar Association
Jessica Perez	Student Bar Association

### III. Opening Business:

#### a. Approval of the Agenda

*Chapman moves to approve the agenda.*

*Wolf seconds motion.*

*None oppose.*

*None abstain.*

*Motion passed.*

#### b. Approval of the Minutes

*Alex Cervantes moves to approve the minutes.*

*Eliberto Calderon seconds motion.*



*None oppose.*  
*None abstain.*  
*Motion passed.*

**c. Media & Gallery**

- i. Rachel Lorenzo: Policy Associate for Young Women United. Public Administration GPSA Council Alumni.
  - No Mas Bebés film culture shift event at Dominici Center on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>: Documentary of sterilization of immigrant women in California.
  - If any groups would like to sponsor, contact Rachel Lorenzo.
- ii. Jarrel Cleary: Geography and Environmental Studies
  - Student Association of Geography and Environmental Studies submitted an appropriation request for funding of improvements in the graduate space of the department. The office is housed in a pueblo structure that used to be a dining hall. The redesign has left the historic building in bad shape. The department is growing and the structure of the building needs to change. The appropriation would allow the development of exterior space for literature review, reading, etc.
  - The project is expected to cost a lot of money. For example, 2 benches cost approximately \$3,100. Council voted on not allocating money for this project. However, UNM is on board with the renovations plan. If the group can get the money for their project, the department has committed to refurbish & pour new concrete at no additional cost to the organization.
  - The group respectfully asks Council to reconsider the award of \$0.
- d. Videos on Robert's Rules of Order: shirt or bag prize for those who watched the videos.

**IV. Action Items**

**a. Mandated Items**

- i. **Approval of GPSA Council Recorder** – Jazmin Irazoqui-Ruiz
  - Jazmin is a third-year law student and a self-proclaimed master transcriber. She would like to be involved with GPSA Council to be better informed of what is happening around campus. Also, law school is expensive and the stipend for recording minutes helps!  
*Alex moves to approve Jazmin as GPSA Council Recorder.*  
*Adams second motion.*  
*None opposed.*  
*None abstained.*



*Motion passed.*

**b. Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) Report**

- Lily Benitez de Luna: the LSC met on September 7, 2016 to go over goals for the semester. Last semester the LSC was doing a review of the bylaws. This semester the LSC will focus on the section of the bylaws that deals with grants. The LSC seeks to add provisions that would make the process smoother. The committee does not know what those provisions are yet, but the conversation is in the process. During the meeting, the LSC set dates for the meetings of the semester.
- Comment: everyone is passionate about making the appropriate changes. The LSC is hopeful for a positive semester.
- Discussion of health sciences Department: an ad hoc committee was created last year and it is not in the bylaws. This committee will be added to the bylaws to make it a permanent.
- Next meeting is in October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Question: is the committee working with the finance committee? Yes.

**c. Legislative Steering Business**

**i. Legislative Steering Committee Standing Rules**

- LSC standing committee rules are in the bylaws.
- No questions about standing rules.
- Discussion: the standing rules are the rules for the meetings. Reference them when you invite people to come speak so that you and the guests are familiar with the procedure and the amount of time they have to speak.

*Alex moves to approve LSC standing rules.*

*Abby Robertson second.*

*None opposed.*

*Barker abstained.*

*Motion Passed.*

**d. Finance Committee Report**

**i. Travis Scholten, Finance Vice Chair, addresses Council. The Finance Committee assessed how much of the money is being spent on GPSA?**

1. Table 1 shows that last year, organizations requested around \$110,000 we could only recommend around \$69,000.
2. Table 2 is a break out of line items.
3. The finance committee identified that the “other” category, is the most expensive, yet is undefined.



4. Figure 1 shows the breakdown of percentages based on the line items.
  - Amounts recommended shows that 42% was in the “other” category.
  - Figure 2 shows was requesting that money
    - if from GPSA, the amount requested was in the amount of “other”
  - Note: if an organization asks for money for something that is not described in 10 line items, it will be categorized as “other.”
  - Moving forward, the finance committee recommends capping requests for money under the “other” category at \$500. This is to ensure that GPSA can fund itself, but also make sure there is money available for student organizations in our graduate student departments.
  - Questions: did the finance committee review what the “other” funds granted were?
    - Yes.
  - Question: do we need to add language about return or expectations for GPSA?
    - Council oversees \$300,000 dollars every year in spending. Transparency is key.
  - Question: is the “other” category necessary because we do not have sufficient line items to cover?
    - The issue is that people are saying we want money for travel, airfare, food, and events, and then “other” money for events. Finance committee is attempting to address this issue by capping expenses at \$500, especially in this budget crisis that we are experiencing.
  - Question: is it possible to add a comments that explains what is appropriate to be requested under the “other” category to offer direction?
  - Should we be considering other spending that might be added as a line item?
    - No, student groups are pretty good at using the line items.
  - Question: how are exceptional cases treated?
    - The Constitution defaults to the finance committee standing rules and bylaws. However, these restrictions have been lifted in the past.



- Zoila's recommendation: approve the current recommendations by the Finance Committee and if there are still discrepancies, we can amend in the spring.
- Question: Where did the \$500 figure come from?
- Discussion on Section 5 on funding: this is per line item in the request. Student organizations can seek 2 requests per semester (4 requests per year for a total of \$2,000).

e. Finance Committee Business;

i. Finance Committee Standing Rules

*Alex moved to approve Finance Committee Standing Rules as currently amended.*

*Cameron Goble seconds motion.*

*None abstained*

*None opposed.*

*Motion passed.*

ii. Finance Committee Standing Appropriations

1. FA\_2016-001: Iranian Student Association

*Alex Cervantes moves to approve Fall Appropriation 1 2016-001.*

*Jessica Perez seconds motion.*

*None opposed.*

*No one abstained.*

*Motion Passed.*

2. FA\_2016-002: Women in Computing

*Alex moves to approve Fall Appropriation 2016-002*

*Abigail Robertson seconds motion.*

*None opposed.*

*No one abstained.*

*Motion passed.*

3. FA\_2016-003: Society of Women Engineers

*Alex moves to approve Fall Appropriation 2016-003*

*Abby seconds motion.*

*None opposed.*

*None abstained.*

*Motion Passed.*



4. FA\_2016-004: Physics and Astronomy  
*Alex moves to approve Fall Appropriation 2016-004.*  
*Lily seconds motion.*  
*None opposed.*  
*None abstained.*  
*Motion passed.*
5. FA\_2016-005: Student Veterans of the University of New Mexico  
*Alex moves to approve Fall Appropriation 2016-005.*  
*Jessica Perez seconds motion.*

Discussion:

- Eliberto Calderon addressed Council: The appropriation request is for computer & supply costs because the current computers had to be returned. They were so outdated that IT recommended the computers be disposed of. Eliberto recommends to increase appropriation amount to fully fund computers.
  - Scholten: each organization is allocated computer costs up to a limit of \$500.
  - Eliberto Calderon: Another request will be submitted at another date to take advantage of the funding opportunities available.
  - Question every organization has \$500 limit. How do we make this more equitable?
  - Comment: get one computer and come back showing evidence that the computer is being used to justify asking for more money.
  - Eliberto: this is a way to engage students to become active in the process. Currently, our office is in 1065, and I invite everyone to stop by. This is the space allocation for 12,000 student veterans. In addition we share the office with other organizations. The goal is to build an infrastructure and this is a step towards that.
  - The organization also has undergraduate students.  
Recommendation to request funding from ASUNM.  
*Vote on appropriation as recommended.*  
*None opposed.*  
*None abstained.*  
*Motion passed.*
6. FA\_2016-006: Student Association of Geography  
*Alex moves to approve Fall Appropriation 2016-006.*  
*Abigail Robertson seconds motion.*





Discussion:

- Brian moves to make a friendly amendment to raise the amount of money from \$0 to \$500 “other” cap plus the UNM Foundation surcharge of 0.5%.
- Abigail Robertson seconds motion.
- Jacob wolf encouraged everyone to vote in favor.
- We can add a sign that the benches were sponsored by GPSA in supporting our students.
- Move to vote on amendment of changing \$0 to \$500 dollars plus the UNM Foundation surcharge (0.5%)
- Corrine Clark opposed
- Jacob Wolff & Abbigail Robertson abstained.
- Amendment passes.
- Vote to approve finance appropriation 2016-001 with recommended amount:
- One opposed. Corinne Clark
- 2 abstained: Jacob Wolff, and Abigail Robertson.
- Motion passed.

- V. Guest Speaker item brought off the table: Ms. Torrez is back to speak about Title IX  
*Alex moves to bring Title IX discussion with Ms. Torrez off the table.*  
*Abigail seconds motion.*  
*None opposed.*  
*None Abstained.*  
*Motion passed.*

a. Discussion

- i. UNM and DOJ will enter into an contract, which will outline everything that UNM must follow, including what the trainings must include.
- ii. Question: Why is there not uniform training straight across?
  1. Not everyone will need to know the same. The education is not the same for an 18-year-old student and a staff member.
- iii. Social media outreach: Lobo Respect marketing plan is now being rolled out. Tolls out in phases on different topics for months. Right now, the focus is the red zone. The red zone is information for victims of sexual assault. The red zone is the time period between 2 weeks before school starts and Halloween because that is when individuals are statistically more likely to experience sexual assault.



- iv. Student input: dean of student's office has student voices on the marketing team of the red zone. For Protect the pack, students sit on steering committee (one from GPSA & one from ASUNM), students for reproductive justice, etc. There is some student input, but there needs to be more.
- v. Email of Ms. Torrez will be shared for additional questions
- vi. Monthly newsletter: reserve the use of the email listserv for "super important" information. Most likely will be used for a massive email & social media push to get the information out.
- vii. [nashatorrez@unm.edu](mailto:nashatorrez@unm.edu): best way to meet is to set up an appointment or go in during office hours. Dine with the Dean may be replaced by more office hours.
- viii. Smart Team: UNM's model of the Sexual Misconduct and Assault Response Team (SMART Team) is an interdisciplinary team. Will leave us a brochure describing the team and resources available.

## **VI. Discussion Items**

Reminder: PB funds must be claimed by Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> or they will be lost. Send an email to [SGAO@unm.edu](mailto:SGAO@unm.edu).

- a. PB Fund Reversion: all money that organizations do not spend go back to SGAO. If there are issue or questions send an email.

## **VII. Committee Reports: None.**

## **VIII. Officer Reports**

- a. **President's Report:** Glenda is at SFRB
  - i. Mark Narvaez, Chief of Staff for GPSA. Sends greetings from Glenda Lewis. Follow-up on deadline of this Friday at midnight for grants: an increase for application is expected. 43 were awarded this past cycle.
  - ii. Student Regent deadline is at 5pm on September 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a 2-year position. Regents have full voting rights and status on the board of regents. Opportunity to represent the voice of students. Deliberations will be held on the weekend of October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - iii. Introduce office manager: Sabina. With her help, there are now 7 new volunteers in the office. The goal is to develop structure for volunteer program (training, resource guides, etc.).
  - iv. Zimmerman space: talk of using the space for meditation, massage chairs, etc.
  - v. September 29 in SUB Ballroom A: Café GPSA. The goal is to create a bridge between the graduate students and the alumni. Hopefully, this event



will be one of three throughout the year. The night will be kicked off by Brian Colon, who was a former council chair. Mr. Colon will do a presentation on networking. There will be finger food. Alumni Association is engaging alumni to get involved. The challenge is that the alumni are stretch by other homecoming activities.

**b. Council Chair's Report:**

- i. Next meeting is in Zimmerman Library in the Willow Room on west side of the building. We are encouraged to wear a costume because it will be close to Halloween.
- ii. Make sure you sign in so you receive Zoila's e-mails.
- iii. Turn in record voting sheets.

**IX. Closing Announcements**

- a. College of education has a STEM motivational speaker: Freddie Lombardi. There was a movie made about him that was filmed in ABQ. Flyer will be sent to everyone.
- b. Open graduate studios will be on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm. An email with details will be sent to everyone.
- c. UNM Veterans will have various events: veteran standoff, outreach program during football games (give out food), all organizations are invited. Email with details will be sent out.
- d. The Geography Department now has weekend hours and evening hours in computing lab to use remote sensing and GOS software.

**X. Upcoming Meetings**

- a. Council will meet outside the Smith Plaza. Zoila will try to get burritos for that meeting.

**XI. Adjourn**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.