



GPSA Council Meeting Minutes
Saturday, January 28th, 2017, 10:00 am
Student Union Building, 3rd Floor - Lobo A & B

- I. Roll Call**
 - a. Meeting called to order by Council Chair, Zoila Alvarez-Hernández at 10:06 am
- II. Opening Business:**
 - a. Approval of the Agenda**
 - i. Motion to amend agenda to discuss the stipend for the GPSA Finance Committee for service in Spring Budget Hearings.
Moved by Clayton
Seconded by Abhinav Aggarwal
 - ii. Motion to amend the agenda to approve the GPSA Elections Chair appointment Jaime.
Moved by Abhinav
Seconded by Clayton
 - iii. Approved as amended
 - b. Approval of December Minutes**
Moved by Eliberto
Seconded by Clayton
 - c. Media & Gallery**
 - i. None
- III. Guest Speakers:**

Interim President Chaouki T. Abdallah, and interim Provost Craig White.
Current President Chaouki T Abdallah will be acting president until one is hired. Three things he is working on:

 - Working on the campus climate.
 - We have many issues nationally and locally.
 - Make sure that the campus is a safe place for all people to have discussion in a free and safe way.
 - Make sure topics nationally debated, are debated here at UNM.
 - Establish some trust which has been eroded between various institutions within the University. We cannot respond to many things if we are fractured in any way. We need to stand together.
 - Financial situation remains tenuous. Most beyond our control but some which we can make a difference. We want to continue and improve.



- Where does GPSA fit in?
 - Try to educate others, and learn to evaluate evidence. Think critically, be intellectually honest and help this institution.
- Previous UNM President did previously sign a proclamation to support DACA, and he will continue that as well. We feel strongly about undocumented students and the DACA students are more exposed than others.
- Provost Craig White
 - Opportunity to learn more about cross campus and collaborate in the future.
 - We need to stay relevant, and continue forward with the value in place to grow our University.
- Tara Hackel- Question- Please comment on initiatives with Campus Climate and staying relevant?
 - Answer: We have tried to adopt a series of free speech events. If you have ideas and want something addressed, please contact us. If you have ideas of what we need to be engaged in, we would love to hear from you. There are lists of events on the Provost website, which will continue to be updated and they have to do with what we feel is taking place on Campus.
 - If we ever find out about a hate crime on campus, by the time we get to the information time has passed. Time is critical to action. If someone wants to report a hate crime, we can deal with them swiftly.
- Barbara Corbell- Where would you like us to report the hate crime incident?
 - There are two or three places. We have the hotline who then decides what direction it will be taken to. Please contact them first and your message will be directed to the appropriate resource for assistance.
- Dominique Rodriguez- What would it take for UNM to take up Sanctuary?
 - We are technically a sanctuary campus in practice, without naming ourselves one. The requirements that are put in place in order for UNM to become a sanctuary campus are already in place, it is what we already do. Undocumented students may be exposed should be declare ourselves as a sanctuary campus, therefore, we are working with the Law School and Centro de la Raza in order to facilitate an appropriate mutual



understanding. Declaring the sanctuary campus would expose our students and we already conduct ourselves essentially as a sanctuary campus.

- Zoila Alvarez- Is there a reason that Law School has a different standard for grading? We need to get back to you, and investigate with the Law School Deans.

IV. Team Builder: Two Truths and a Lie.

V. President's Report –Glenda Lewis

- i. Working with the Board of Finance to prepare the budget for next year. We are prepared to go back on Feb. 21st to discuss the projects for our future and the future of the University.
 - ii. UNM Day Monday with, David Medrano, GPSA Legislative Chair. Please join us and make your issues known.
 - iii. February Black History Month- Lobo A & B movie will be shown on Wednesday from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. African-American works reading on Friday SUB Atrium between 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, please share as many great African-American pieces as possible.
 - iv. Thank you for sharing your research with us at the first GPSA Grant Research Showcase.
 - v. Shared Knowledge Conference will be coming up in April. We will work with the Office of Graduate Studies, please enter your research and contribute to this great cause.
 - vi. We should all be accepting of differing perspectives and understand there are two sides to every story. – in regards to the Milo Yiannopoulo's visit on 1/27/17 we should allow access to free speech - this is an institution of higher learning.
- b. Council Chair's Report- Zoila Alvarez-Hernández
- i. Next meeting is on February 25th and March 25th meeting will be at the Suites at the UNM Football Stadium.
 - ii. All credential forms need to be submitted before the next meeting.
 - iii. The more you come to the meetings, the greater the probability to receive the \$50.00 scholarship awarded as an attendance incentive.
 - iv. Please submit your cell phone numbers so I can reach you in case of an emergency or last minute cancelled meeting.
 - v. Council Chair's T-shirt is an exercise of her First Amendment Right – as a graduate student who was not in support of the speaker Milo yesterday, but freedom of speech is what is important. Moving forward Council Chair will be wearing something each meeting in order to promote freedom of speech she believes in. I represent all students, which I am aware of, but I feel we can have a respectful discussion about any topics



which is something that the administration forced us to come to terms with yesterday. By no means intends to express disrespect, however, is going to exercise right to freedom of speech.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

i. Finance Committee Report

1. March 25th will be the Council meeting where the Council will approve the budget for the next academic year.
2. We have changed some changes to the Finance Committee Standing Rules and removed specific mentions of policy and referred them to the UNM policy.
 - a. Added in travel expense verbiage 5-10A
3. Only substantial change is that the FC will consider requests for disbursement
4. Approve Spring 2017 GPSA Finance Committee Standing Rules
Motion to pass Dominique Rodriguez
Seconded by Eliberto Calderon
Passed; Abstaining - Brian
5. SP_2017-001: Student Organization for Latin American Studies
 - a. Rental fee for a film festival and it was approved as requested.
Motion to pass; Abhinav moved
Trista Seconded
Approved; Brian abstained.

ii. Legislative Steering Committee Report

1. This morning we held an emergency meeting and we discussed a new schedule and new forms to complete for proposed Constitutional/Bylaw Changes. This form needs to be submitted to GPSA. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail Zoila Alvarez at gpsacouncil@unm.edu.
2. Approve Spring 2017 GPSA LSC Standing Rules
 - a. Some changes were made, however, not substantial;
 - b. Spelled out TPNR;
 - c. Approved participation of LSC for telecommunication;
 - d. Regular meeting dates shall be approved by second February meeting, rather than at February meeting;
 - e. Committee Members are required to attend 50% of meetings which would be two per semester;
 - f. Council Approval of these changes to LSC Standing Rules



- i. Motioned to pass Clayton
 - ii. Seconded Tara Hackel
 - iii. Motion passed; Abhinav is abstaining
 3. Vote on Vice Chair for LSC
 - a. Abhinav has expressed interest in the Vice Chair position for LSC.

Motion to approve Vice Chair-Sonnie
Seconded Rose
Approved; Abstaining Abhinav
 4. Vote on three new LSC Members
 - a. Interest in LSC- We need at least three new LSC members- meet Thursday 5:15pm or 5:30pm at the Law School, the week before council. Interest expressed; Sunnie, Tristen, and David.
 - b. Motion to approve Sunnie, Tristan, and David as members of the LSC.

Motion to pass Jamie
Seconded Tarah
Passed; David abstained
- iii. GPSA Legislative Chair, David Medrano – Upcoming Legislative Session (please see presentation)
 1. Legislative Climate
 - a. Budget Shortfall \$69 million short for state budget and \$120 million for next year. Solvency packages will have a large impact on public schools and project UNM will be cut 1% additionally. UNM school of medicine may also decrease since they are considered a special school which can decrease in funding separately.
 2. Capitol Outlay
 - a. We cannot ask for capitol outlay from next budget. UNM is estimating that there will be little money to be given out. GPSA will support the general campus outlay project initiatives in place now. Also branch campuses may receive capitol outlay funding to increase sustainability and decrease future expenses for branch campuses.
 3. Legislative Initiative
 - a. Maintain current funding formula
 - b. Ask for more funding for medical school- they are not funded competitively. We can ask specifically for medical school funding formula to benefit faculty.



- d. Approved; Abstaining – Jamie Stephens
2. Discussion of Stipends for Finance Committee Members for spring budget process
 - a. Every year the Finance Committee has two days to discuss budgeting of funds. This year the meetings will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday for all hearings to request money from GPSA. As a thank you to the finance committee for their time, we are considering a \$50.00 stipend to each member of the committee for their service throughout the hearings. There are four members in finance along with the chair and vice chair make it a total of six – however chairs would be excluded from stipend since they already receive one.

Motioned by Dominique
Seconded by Tristen
Passed unanimously; Abstaining- Ala and Bryan
 - b. The amount discussed was \$50.00, needs to come from an appropriation which needs to be submitted to Finance, and approved by Council.
- ii. Unfinished Business- None
- iii. New Business
 1. Approve Spring 2017 GPSA Council Standing Rules
 - a. Lengthy discussion regarding the standing rules for speakers. At this point standing rules for speakers have been lax. Informal voting for increase of time, decrease time, and to remain at current 15-minute period was conducted. Majority of hands raised in favor of maintaining 15 minutes of time for speaker.
 - b. Decided that standing rules will remain at 15 minutes, however, if there is interest expressed to extend the time for speakers, it needs to be expressed in advance. Additionally, there should be more time for questions. Speaking time is already disclosed to speakers when invited; however, moving forward Roberts Rules will be explained to speaker prior to arrival. Roberts rules will be explained to speakers regarding the 15-minute standing rule.

Motioned to approve standing rules -Dominique
Seconded by Clayton
Approved unanimously



VIII. Council Announcements

- a. College of Education will be moving to a different meeting style. We want to address student concerns and initiative will start in February with the first meeting.
- b. Speaker coming to Computer Science - looking for candidates for post doctoral in speech recognition research. He will be attending the computer science conference - so please come if you are interested.
- c. Be Kind Committee- there are various events in February to get involved in and enjoy for this committee.
- d. Zoila- community service ideas will be welcomed
 - i. Suggestion to volunteer at the Storehouse, a food distribution center for the homeless.
 - ii. Speaker in February from the Taproom Committee-please bring questions and concerns regarding this initiative to the February meeting.
 - iii. Please email regarding speaker ideas for our future council meetings.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- a. February 25, 2017 at 10 am in SUB 3rd Floor (Lobo A & B)
- b. March 25, 2017 at 10 am in UNM Football Stadium Suites
- c. April 29, 2017 at 10 am in SUB 3rd Floor (Lobo A & B)
- d. May 6, 2017 at 10 am in SUB 3rd Floor (Lobo A & B)

X. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 12:14pm