BILL # SP-2017-004

2017 SPRING SESSION

Legislative Action:
Introduced by: __Sally Barker and the GPSA Finance Work Group______________________________

1st Reading: 03-21-17 Referred To: ________________________________
2nd Reading: __________________ Committee Action: ____________________
3rd Reading: __________________ Council Action: ____________________

Executive Action:
Approved Vetoed

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GPSA President Date

Unsigned by the President on this ____day of _______ 2017. Bill automatically becomes law.

Legislative Response:
Veto override vote taken: ________________ Council Action: ____________________

Be it enacted by the Graduate and Professional Student Association at the University of New Mexico that the following be amended in (Article V. Joint Standing Committees; Section 1. Finance Committee; Subsection 2 Duties, Powers, and Responsibilities) of the GPSA Constitution/Bylaw:

Strike out and Add Reworded Language: a. The FC will serve as the recommending body for all GPSA financial allocations from the General Fund. The FC shall be the recommending body for the GPSA Annual Budget and all GPSA allocations from the General Fund. AND a. At each regular Council meeting the FC Vice-Chair shall provide a report on the GPSA General Fund account balance, and current appropriations for Council consideration. Provide a report on the GPSA General Fund account balance, and current appropriations for Council consideration at each regular Council meeting.

Article V. Joint Standing Committees
Section 1. Finance Committee (FC)
1. Selection
   a. The FC shall be composed of six (6) members.
      i. Three (3) members, including the Chair, shall be appointed by the President and approved by Council.
      ii. Three (3) members, including the Vice-Chair, shall be appointed by the Council Chair and approved by Council.
   b. The FC Chair shall be approved by Council at the first regular meeting in August but shall assume duties immediately upon appointment by the President.
2. Duties, Powers, and Responsibilities
   a. The FC will serve as the recommending body for all GPSA financial allocations from the General Fund. The FC shall be the recommending body for the GPSA Annual Budget and all GPSA allocations from the General Fund.
b. The FC Chair shall:
   i. Administer and oversee all meetings of the FC
   ii. Not have a vote in any actions before the Finance Committee, except in the case of a tie.

c. The FC Vice-Chair shall:
   i. Assist the FC Chair in the duties and responsibilities of the FC.
   ii. Serve as acting FC Chair in the absence of the FC Chair.
   iii. Have a vote in any actions before the Finance Committee.
   iv. Provide a report on the GPSA General Fund account balance, and current appropriations for Council consideration at each regular Council meeting.

d. The FC shall meet monthly after the first regularly scheduled Council meeting of the fall semester until the end of the spring semester; an exception may be made for the month of December, when the President, Council Chair, FC Chair, and FC Vice-Chair may decide not to have an FC meeting due to time restrictions.

e. Emergency meetings may be called at the discretion of the FC Chair, FC Vice-Chair, or by vote of Council.

f. The FC must adopt standing rules at its first meeting of the Council session.

g. FC standing rules shall be used as sole standing rules for all appropriations and budget requests.

h. Standing rules must be approved by Council at a regularly scheduled Council meeting.

3. Reports
   a. At each regular Council meeting the FC Vice-Chair shall provide a report on the GPSA General Fund account balance, and current appropriations for Council consideration.

4. Payment
   a. The amount of payment shall be determined through the annual budget process. The payments for the FC Chair and Vice-Chair shall be equal.
   b. Disbursement of FC Chair /Vice Chair payment shall be subject to fulfillment of their duties as verified by President/Council Chair
   c. Disbursement shall be at the end of each semester in which the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair served.

5. Removal
   a. The FC Chair and executive appointees may be removed by the President at any time.
   b. The FC Vice-Chair and legislative appointees may be removed by the Council Chair at any time or by Council with a two-thirds (2/3) vote
   c. If the FC Chair is removed or resigns, the Vice-Chair shall serve as interim Chair and assume all responsibilities and duties of Chair and Vice-Chair until a replacement is appointed by the President. The interim Chair shall not have a vote in any actions before the Finance Committee, except in the case of a tie.

6. Annual Reports
   a. FC shall include in the GPSA Annual Report all expenditures and year end balances.