

3 **Legislative Action:**

4 Introduced by: Sally Barker and the GPSA Finance Work Group

7 1st Reading: 03-21-17

Referred To: _____

8 2nd Reading: _____

Committee Action: _____

9 3rd Reading: _____

Council Action: _____

11 **Executive Action:**

12 **Approved** Vetoed

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GPSA President

_____ Date

17 Unsigned by the President on this ____ day of _____ 2017. Bill automatically becomes law.

19 **Legislative Response:**

20 Veto override vote taken: _____

Council Action: _____

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

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

35 **Article V. Joint Standing Committees**

36 Section 1. Finance Committee (FC)

37 1. Selection

38 a. The FC shall be composed of six (6) members.

39 i. Three (3) members, including the Chair, shall be appointed by the President and
40 approved by Council.

41 ii. Three (3) members, including the Vice-Chair, shall be appointed by the Council
42 Chair and approved by Council.

43 b. The FC Chair shall be approved by Council at the first regular meeting in August but
44 shall assume duties immediately upon appointment by the President.

45 2. Duties, Powers, and Responsibilities

46 ~~a. The FC will serve as the recommending body for all GPSA financial allocations~~
47 ~~from the General Fund. The FC shall be the recommending body for the GPSA~~
48 ~~Annual Budget and all GPSA allocations from the General Fund.~~

- 49 b. The FC Chair shall:
- 50 i. Administer and oversee all meetings of the FC
- 51 ii. Not have a vote in any actions before the Finance Committee, except in the case
- 52 of a tie.
- 53 c. The FC Vice-Chair shall:
- 54 i. Assist the FC Chair in the duties and responsibilities of the FC.
- 55 ii. Serve as acting FC Chair in the absence of the FC Chair.
- 56 iii. Have a vote in any actions before the Finance Committee.
- 57 iv. **Provide a report on the GPSA General Fund account balance, and current**
- 58 **appropriations for Council consideration at each regular Council meeting.**
- 59 d. The FC shall meet monthly after the first regularly scheduled Council meeting of the
- 60 fall semester until the end of the spring semester; an exception may be made for the
- 61 month of December, when the President, Council Chair, FC Chair, and FC Vice-
- 62 Chair may decide not to have an FC meeting due to time restrictions.
- 63 e. Emergency meetings may be called at the discretion of the FC Chair, FC Vice-Chair,
- 64 or by vote of Council.
- 65 f. The FC must adopt standing rules at its first meeting of the Council session.
- 66 g. FC standing rules shall be used as sole standing rules for all appropriations and
- 67 budget requests.
- 68 h. Standing rules must be approved by Council at a regularly scheduled Council
- 69 meeting.
- 70 ~~3. Reports~~
- 71 ~~a. At each regular Council meeting the FC Vice-Chair shall provide a report on the~~
- 72 ~~GPSA General Fund account balance, and current appropriations for Council~~
- 73 ~~consideration.~~
- 74 4. Payment
- 75 a. The amount of payment shall be determined through the annual budget process. The
- 76 payments for the FC Chair and Vice-Chair shall be equal.
- 77 b. Disbursement of FC Chair /Vice Chair payment shall be subject to fulfillment of
- 78 their duties as verified by President/Council Chair
- 79 c. Disbursement shall be at the end of each semester in which the Committee Chair and
- 80 Vice-Chair served.
- 81 5. Removal
- 82 a. The FC Chair and executive appointees may be removed by the President at any
- 83 time.
- 84 b. The FC Vice-Chair and legislative appointees may be removed by the Council Chair
- 85 at any time or by Council with a two-thirds (2/3) vote
- 86 c. If the FC Chair is removed or resigns, the Vice-Chair shall serve as interim Chair
- 87 and assume all responsibilities and duties of Chair and Vice-Chair until a
- 88 replacement is appointed by the President. The interim Chair shall not have a vote in
- 89 any actions before the Finance Committee, except in the case of a tie.
- 90 6. Annual Reports
- 91 a. FC shall include in the GPSA Annual Report all expenditures and year end balances.
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