



GRADUATE *and* PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GPSA Council Meeting Agenda

Saturday 21st of November 2015, 9:00am

Student Union Building, Acoma A&B

I. Roll Call

- a. Via sign in sheet – Attendance List Following Minutes

Call to Order by Hilary Wainwright, GPSA Council Chair 9:05 am

II. Opening Business:

- a. Approval of the Agenda

Added a discussion item for proposed changes to student fees for online courses

No discussion

Agenda approved as is

- b. Approval of the Minutes

No discussion

Minutes approved as is

- c. Media & Gallery

No comments

III. Guest Speakers:

- a. UNM Alumni- Kathie Scott

- Discussion of graduation and alumni benefits.
- Fall graduation a few weeks away - Diploma sign up in ballroom – ask Kathie for details

- No alumni dues required upon graduation with the main goal of the association to keep students connected.
- Benefits include receiving the alumni magazine twice per year and Howler newsletter. If you are eligible to receive the newsletter and do not, please contact Kathie to put you on the list.
- Please contribute to album section. Send in life updates and maybe you could be included in the publication as a feature story.
- Other benefits include a wine and cheese social the Thursday before graduation in the spring.
- As an alumni you can buy a brick or tile.
- There is also a career mentoring program. See Kathie for brochures. If you need a mentor for a sample interview or sample resume they are available even if you are planning a move, there are mentors all over the US. Think about becoming a mentor as you graduate.
- Continuing education classes are available as well as library passes or gym passes. Call alumni association to get confirmation of alumni status and then you can get access to library and gym after you graduate.
- There are UNM Chapters all over the US. They hold events, sponsor scholarships and participate in recruiting events.
- There are even insurance discounts available.
- Join young alumni chapters.
- UNM is your home – you are always a LOBO!

b. Finance Chair- Ngoc To

- Overview of 2015/2016 Finance Committee Standing Rules
 - Discussion of changes this year
 - Sections 1, 2, and 3 were unchanged.
 - Starting with section 4 - The meeting format under appropriation presentations for when groups come in to speak. Undergrads can not present. The change made it clear that only graduate students are allowed to present.
 - Section 5 for funding - Part a. Item 3 – There was a phrase added noting that computer supplies purchased with appropriations are to stay on campus and be used on campus.
 - Section 5 Item 4 – the appropriation of \$100 for conference fees was increased to \$200.
 - Section 12 added that the maximum travel allocation is limited to 2 students and can include per diem, travel and airfare.
 - Driving funding was updated to \$0.56 per mile to reflect UNM policy
 - If an event exceeds 21 persons then sign in sheet is not needed – if the meeting was funded by an appropriation.

Question: Discussion about using appropriations to fund multiple standing events.

Answer: This was not in standing rules. The rule states that 2 appropriations per semester are allowed, but does not state that the appropriation must be for one-time events.

c. Associate Provost Monica Orozco

- Proposed changes to student fees for online courses
 - 2.5 years in her role
 - The issue of online fees was uncovered early on in her term, but was not brought up until near the end of last year's budget process.
 - Online education at UNM began over 15 years ago. Her predecessor uncovered a need for a learning system to offer centralized courses. An online fee was created.
 - Currently there is a \$33 per credit hour fee for online courses. This fee goes to the technical foundation for instructional delivery of courses. It is only applied to 100% online courses.
 - There are 1200 students who only take online courses. They are required to pay campus fees in addition to the online fees. 5500 students take a combination of online and on-campus classes. They are getting double taxed as well.
 - 87% of all class sections use the learning management system. UNM wants to see this number go up. When the learning management system is used, the collected data can then be processed for use in analytics that help achieve student learning outcome.
 - Proposal is to flatten the fee in order to make it fairer and grow online learning.
 - This flat fee will grow revenue. Instead of a \$33 per hour per credit fee, a new charge of \$5.27- \$5.38 for every credit hour will be charged, regardless of how the course is delivered. This will result in an average \$150 increase for full time students.
 - Campus enrollments are flat, so 1200 students online needs to be grown. UNM wants to match the success of ASU with 20K students online and to be competitive on price.

Question: 87% of class sections use UNM learn, then you intend to roll out a fee for everyone. If I just conduct research and don't take classes why should I pay?

Answer: Finding each section in learn and coding them for billing would be a nightmare. Logistically it is difficult to differentiate students. Possible to keep a fee higher than \$5 mark, but lower than \$100 per course for online students. This fee is opposed because the online students are still paying for things they will never use. The concept is that we all need to pay a little bit. 15-20 years ago no one thought online learning would be so high and the use of UNM learn is not going away. The number of users is expected to rise.

Question: What is the success rate for online students? Statistically, the online High School course pass rate is low. Are people passing these courses?

Answer: Yes. The faculty is skeptical of online courses. They first gained a toe hold in 2 year colleges and are now gaining acceptance at 4 year schools. Delivery mode is not the requirement for success. Freshmen or people at risk of not being successful in a traditional environment are not advised to take the online courses. Overall it is very successful.

Question: Would this impact law and medical students?

Answer: This is still being determined, but understand that it would be on every credit hour. It is still unsure whether it would apply to branches as well.

Question: With the increased revenue will the online platform be better?

Answer: The University is not trying to generate extra revenue through these fees, they are just trying to redistribute funds more fairly.

The strategy is to offer more online programs. A number out there already, but in the beginning they weren't offered strategically with students in mind. UNM is now trying to align course design with the best practices in industry. They would like to standardize to 2 start times in fall and 2 start times in spring for 8 week sessions. This would enable better marketing and tracking.

Statement: Faculty get paid extra for online courses, depending on the department.

Statement: There is a discussion item later in the meeting for this topic. It must be responded to by December 10. Please evaluate and discuss.

Question: Are there other venues that would be available for students to voice their opinion on this topic.

Answer: Students can go to the Vice Provost's office, send feedback to Texanna, attend the board of regents. They will try to schedule a forum to discuss further.

Question: What is the student satisfaction level for online courses?

Answer: There is a welcome survey, mid course survey, and final survey. UNM generally gets good feedback. There are many people who would otherwise not have been able to complete their degree

Question: What is the rate of completion for surveys? When could a forum for further discussion be set up?

Answer: Leave it up to the council to schedule.

Question: What is the timeline?

Answer: If the proposal is approved it would be a part of the next budget schedule and implemented for next fall.

Point of order – the Vice Provost has the floor

Welcome to visit the vice provost or email orozcom@unm.edu

Office location 1800 sigma chi

IV. Action Items:

a. Finance Committee Appropriations – Hahn Nguyen

- Appropriation Summaries
- 16 requests, but not all were funded. Some groups were asked to come back since they don't need the money until later in the year.

- Taiwanese asked for 200 to show cultural aspects to APS – funded
- Physicians Assistant 2016 requested a lot of funding in part to be connected to populations that they will serve in they future. They asked for appropriations for decorations, to purchase material to produce things for families and children going into different programs. There is a \$3000 cap for the year, so not everything was funded only \$2240.
- Student association request for a celebration similar to Thai traditional festival of lights. Capped everything they requested and did not lift the standing rules.
- Physician Assistant class of 2107 funded \$425 plus the surcharge.
- American Studies requested \$92.50 – funded.
- Sociology was asked to come back next semester for one request, but their other request was reasonable and funded.
- Health science requested travel for 1 student. The standing rules were lifted and the requested amount was allowed.
- Society of Native American graduate students submitted an apparent budget request. A portion of the request was funded, but not all.
- Wilderness alliance requested appropriation for a film festival which was not very clear. It was not funded.
- Nepali group was not funded. They were asked to come back next semester. If event occurs before then, they can be reimbursed.
- Graduate arts – both requests funded
- Lobo horn – asked to come back next semester
- Student action network – requested a lot of funding – but only funded \$377
- Dream team – asked for many items. Some were reduced to conform to standing rules.
- The remaining balance is 23918.94

Question: Revisit the request by lobo horn club. Why was it declined?

Answer: It was not denied. They were asked to come back because the equipment they requested is supposed to remain on campus. They need to decide how to manage the key. If access is not easily handled it becomes a tricky situation.

Question: Appropriation 22: Why did they only submit a request for conference fees? Why did they not ask for travel or hotel funding?

Answer: They received help form other places.

Question: Appropriation 16: Is this part of the appropriation helping to finance charitable operations of the society?

Answer: Would you allow them to speak?

Speaker: Physician's Assistant Representative: It is important for people to understand that it isn't just direct health care expenses that need funding. It is to helpful to understand the patient population. This is the last push to be able to get a sense of who will be served in the community.

Council Chair: We are asking because there are rules as to where the money can go.

Debbie Morris (SAC): The University rules about political and charitable contributions to the community means you cannot fund to donate things. Because Carrie Tingely is part

of UNM, you can choose to fund that charitable part, giving them money for things to make to give to children is not allowed by university rules.

Clarification: Supplies naturally given to a student organization regardless of the work they are doing can be funded.

PA Rep: Many funding areas are for UNMH to help patients.

Items could be used as tools, providing environmental changes to patients

Chose to authorize charitable donation though operation hope – while funding lines which are donated to children at UNMH

Debbie Morris (SAC): UNM funds cannot go to APD. These cannot be funded. Operation Hope will not fit by UNM policy.

Motion to move operation hope on Appropriation 16 to \$0

Motion Seconded

Vote: Motion carries. Appropriation approved for \$1240 minus a fee

Comment: Follow up – do they need food and refreshments?

Motion to lift standing rules regarding appropriations

Explain Motion: Standing rules limit the amount of money – appropriation as written hits maximum.

Motion seconded

Discussion: If rules lifted and amount for food and beverage increased...

But as the request is written they would prefer to have more money for food and beverages.

Require 2/3 vote to lift the standing rules

24 people eligible to vote

Vote: 18 in favor, 16 needed. The standing rules are lifted.

Motion: Increase line item for professional services to \$200 and add \$150 to food and refreshment item to make it a total of \$350.

Question: What would total amount be?

Answer: Up to \$1490 and the sur charge will change.

Vote: Motion carries and line items increased.

Any other finance appropriation discussions?

Question: Hess funding, there was only 1 student benefiting. Was student asked to speak on returning?

Answer: Yes. She spoke to students since she was the only UNM rep for student organizations at the conference.

Question: There are opportunities for single student grants. Aren't appropriations for groups? Did they want to sponsor her?

Answer: Yes, that is why they sent her. The conference was on behalf of Phys Ed.

Question: Why didn't Hess fund?

Answer: They received help from elsewhere – they were waiting on funds.

The date of the request is 11/09 – they needed money right away – the conference was from 10/27 to 10/31, but the cycle had closed on the 10/09.

Question: If this had been appropriately planned then a single student could have received funded from elsewhere.

- Amended phys assist society.
- Challenge to UNM wilderness alliance appropriation.
- Someone needs to ask him to speak.
- Wilderness Alliance Rep: Request for travel next spring and 3000k for telluride film festival- declined due to student admission charges. Group is ok to not charge for undergraduates if funding is approved. Telluride film festival to come to UNM show 3 films and raises awareness for function of group – keep community fee in place for others that want to attend. The Wilderness Alliance is seeking funding from other sources.
- No longer charging UNM students. Proposal to change to appropriation request.
- Can return to Finance Committee for funding next semester with the changed request.

Motion to block and approve appropriations as is and as amended.

Motion seconded.

Vote: Approved as amended.

Motion to reinstate standing rules.

Motion Seconded.

Vote: Approved.

- Approval of the following LSC changes to standing rules:
- Refer to supporting documents for details
- Section 2 send supporting docs/agenda items no later than 2 days prior to schedule.
- Section 3
- Section 4
- Other items – changed section 3 dates
- Standing rules adopted by 2/3
- 2 pages of amendments – in supporting docs

Motion to approve changes

Motion Seconded

Vote: Approved – LSC standing rules

Recess 10:25am

Call to Order 10:38 am

V. Officer Reports

a. Legislative Steering Chair Report- Cindy Nava

- LSC Bills to be voted on in December

1. FA_2015-001 – Remove section 4 in the bylaws
Appointments should be sent to LSC section 4 A2 – removed the ISC part – did not change “should be sent to council”.

2. FA_2015-002 – Change stipend to compensation in order to include assistantships

4. FA_2016-004 – From the finance code – Funds not requested in the semester, removing “PB funds not requested within the semester with” changing to “if not” in section 4 C1

3. FA_2015-003 – Out of constitution pages, section B line1 – regarding defining regular meetings – including at the “discretion of the council chair with the approval of council”.

5. FA_2015-005 – proposals from election committee

Pulled up proposals to go through...

Election code summary from Moses

- Please refer to the supporting documents Section C. Review summary section 8 broken into 2 parts - elections committee.
- Comments: 3 basic categories in changes to the code: 1. Language for write in candidates, 2. Language around the deadline for withdrawal of candidates, and 3. Creating uniform language around advertising with the daily lobo.
- One change made under election of the president - change to candidate from candidates.

- Next meeting: December 1st

b. President's Report - Texanna Martin

- ASUNM and GPSA want to show students that they are thankful for them. Collecting money for turkeys – enough for 100 to go to students. \$1123 was raised for turkeys which can be picked up first come, first serve on Tuesday morning around 10am. They will be frozen and between 10 -15 lbs.

- Hanging of the greens, enjoy luminarias, – 97 people coming to event at GPSA.
- Law school parking lot lighting project to start 12/14. It should be completed by 12/22.
- Zimmerman study space is in work for the graduate commons area. If it is to be moved or changed they need to ask 5863 students.
- Take back information about online fees to the departments and try to get some input so comments can be brought back to vice provost. What do you think and how do you feel about the proposal.
- Introductions – Around the room

c. Council Chair's Report - Hilary Wainwright

- Update: Preview of legislative action: The constitution and bylaws committee is still meeting – every month there will be a new batch of reviews, so by the end of the year there will be good progress.
- Margaux is graduating. There is a need for another legislative appointment to the finance committee.
- Next meeting is on 12/12 and we will need the Finance appointment by then.

VII. Executive Committee Reports

a. Finance Chair Ngoc To reporting as Guest Speaker

- Spoke at the beginning of the meeting

VIII. Discussion Items

a. Proposed changes to student fees for online courses

- UNM learn is used in all classes. The platform is essential for online and on campus students. It is only fair that all students pay a fair share of it.
- Let's hear from other TAs – why is it essential for students who don't use it.
- It should not be rolled in to online classes. UNM learn should be part of traditional fees.
- All online classes that meet face to face required to use learn.
- Traditional sense of interaction instead when it is not necessarily a hybrid class.
- Learn has been used as a library to access common resources – not moving the class into an online platform.
- Access to reserves at Zimmerman already

- Teachers can make items available via UNM
- The university generates a listserv for all classes, UNM learn is not necessarily needed.
- Teachers are required to use UNM learn because of administrative policy
- 100 level classes need a management system for large classes
- Online format pedagogically beneficial
- Issue is where the fees are coming from. Why can't they go through existing student fees
- Not applied for through FSRB
- Learn is a good resource. Why should students who don't use it, pay for it. What is revenue model?
- Learn is not 100% necessary. Some professors use a homepage.
- Learn is not used at the law school. Adding an extra 100 to fees would make no sense. The proposal will not go well there.
- Where do your fees go? Should everyone have to pay? Do we want to pay an online fee? We could be removing our voice to have our fees removed from the FSRB.
- Some faculty get paid extra for teaching online courses – vote on the 10th
- Learn removes the burden from teachers having to learn multiple technologies – 1 option is better than 50 or 60. We all pay for things we don't benefit from. We are all beneficiaries of the work we put together. This is not a simple exchange of value. We are building a society.
- Each teacher has a website – some have moved to similar platforms, they pay teachers to use their platforms, at least this way the fees will benefit UNM
- Essence is a change in how we run the institution, move from service to business, will the profit come back to the university? We are being mandated into supporting an online institution when that is not what I want to be part of. That is not the conducive environment for learning. It is a good platform to support students who need to take TA jobs, but teachers would rather teach face to face than online.
- Push for removing student voice but a push towards an online platform – that is not something to boast about - adamantly against – it can slip down hill too fast...
- Can we get the letter in electronic form? How can we petition constituents? What is number for students that need to be heard at an admin level?

GPSA President: Possible dates for town halls: 12/07 12/08 12/04

- Regents meeting: 12/10 Roberts Room at Scholes Hall – how to get information back to find a way to get over to law school
- Put together an email to send to Texanna about feelings about the proposal. Include Texanna on emails sent to the vice provost she can see the numbers.

Question: Send emails to the vice provost directly or to Texanna?

Council Chair: Will send out email with relevant email addresses. Texanna needs the feedback to go before regents on 12/10.

- The Student Regent, Ryan Barrymen, is standing strong against this - include him on emails

Question: Is it possible to submit handwritten testimony?

- Finance committee open to public – you can speak directly to the regents
- If it goes through f&f then goes to regents
- If the proposal passes on the 10th it will go in front of the full board on 12/11 when the 7 regents will be present.
- Can ask for a request to stall. If approved by full board and voted on it is automatically in.
- Come to meetings, flood emails, start talking – in order to stall the vote
- We should all go to the meeting on 12/10.

IX. Council Comments

- Katrina – book drive going well, can still donate more, k-12 appropriate – interviewed on wed by the daily lobo.
- Hanging of the greens will start at 5. GSLA will have an area near popejoy, with hot chocolate.
- 12/05 community engagement center – 5th symposium – register on website and think about submitting a proposal or poster.
- Council President is the recipient of the luminaria award on 12/10. Ivet will send out more information.
- SFRB emergency meeting today – honed in on \$0 Student Activity fee increase , Johnson Anderson and Smith plaza, less than 2% fee increase – fix a few things, including parking, 50K comes out of fees for bus passes
- Lobo football doing well, playing in Boise
- Sabrina is receiving a letter from the dean for being only Anderson participant in council

X. Upcoming Meetings

December 12th, SUB Ballroom A

XI. Adjourn 11:36

Attendees

Azul Cortes
Edria Mitchem
Glenda Lewis
Jeremy Benson
Katrina Edelmann
Mustafa Al-Mashhadani
Travis Scholten
Natalle Hernandez
Mark Holland

Cameron Goble
Elizabeth Zamudio
Hahn Nguyen
Johnny Kenton
Lauren Weiss
Sabrina Pickle
Kathie Scott
Sofeeul Bashir
Carmila Raybul

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