



GRADUATE *and* PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GPSA Council Meeting Agenda

Saturday 2nd of May 2015, 9:00am
Student Union Building, Lobo A & B

- I. Roll Call
 - Quorum was established (6 departments represented)
 - Jessica called meeting to order at 9:18am
- II. Opening Business
 - a. Approval of the Agenda
 - Agenda is approved as submitted
 - b. Approval of the Minutes
 - Minutes approved as submitted
 - c. Media & Gallery
 - none
- III. Guest Speakers:
 - a. none
- IV. Action Items
 - a. Mandated Items
 - i. Vote on GPSA Lab (Printing Cost Issues)
 - Handout given
 - Texana
 - There was zero funding for the Lab this year (paper, ink, etc.)
 - It was necessary to work with IT and come up with this plan. GPSA overview of printing included high usage on printers as well as replacement of printer (~ \$5000-6,000). This information comes from IT, as they have been tracking it since the beginning of term. GPSA printing lab is the 2nd highest printing lab on campus.
 - Asking for:
 - Funding for summer associated with costs of printing
 - Pilot program-IT would take over printing lab obligations. Instead of having free printing all the time, graduate students would get 10 on student cards, but would have a discounted rate.
 - If we don't want to do this, needs suggestions for a solution to the printing problem.
 - Questions: how would pilot be different from current system?
 - Graduate students would print at 4 cents/page vs. 8 cents/page other students pay. Currently there is no charge whatsoever in the GPSA

printing lab. If IT took over, there would be a charge (\$10 printing costs like everyone else).

Printer cost appropriations : computer up keep and toner cartridges

Why is there an appropriation request for Summer; Can we not change over to IT program now?

Projected start date was for fall, to get approval from Student Council as well as to make a slower transition. Current appropriation is for summer copier and printer only. Normally apart of appropriations, but due to budget constrictions, needed to come forward with this current summer appropriation.

By allowing IT to take over maintenance, it will be an expense we do not carry anymore; instead funds will go into the general fund for organizations to use.

GPSA computer lab includes the following amenities: stata, spss, photoshop, entire adobe system, all from last administration.

The vote is to change to IT so we have a fee at 4 cents/copy, therefore, do the people who use the lab see the 4 cents as a hardship?

Since 2nd highest printing rate on campus, people take advantage of the printing services, regardless of the 30 page limit. There is no current way to enforce the limit.

Other printing labs are better equipped to enforce page limits.

Does anyone here have issues with printing? We have assistantships, do those on council who do not have assistantship?

Yes, I use the lab. I have a 60 page paper due, etc. Since I constantly do research and school work. It would be a hardship for me.

Looking at how the printing has been used, it does seem a limited number of students do take advantage.

At 4 cent per page with 10 dollar allowance you'd be able to print 250 pages for free. Beginning of semester is the highest printing time. (February is the highest usage month)

With IT taking over, if there are any printing issues, IT would take care of it.

Why does IT want to do this?

IT has worked with GPSA in the past, and they know how important the lab is to students. They don't want us to close the doors since we do not have funding to continue the printing usage. They can't afford our program, so they offered the proposed pilot program. We will be able to watch if usage of the printing lab decreases among students, and if it hurts GPSA and students, then we don't have to continue. The pilot program will start in Fall 2015.

Previous Chief of Staff, bought a surplus of toners, we've constantly been buying since November, a printer went out in fall, which incurred a high cost; one that GPSA couldn't afford it. IT gave printer, but told GPSA to consider usage, since it was clear that people were using too much

paper/ink/etc. GPSA subsequently implemented a program to track the usage and to make a better future decision. It was determined that GPSA can't sustain current usage.

Combination of what we've been talking about? At American Indian Studies (10 free). Maybe first 30-40 pages free, put printer in office would help?

No. As office manager, I see over 100 people a day and it would be hard to enforce.

Can any person print in GPSA lab?

No. A person must have to have student ID.

It was determined by student representatives that:

\$7,500/year on current system.

\$6,400/year on IT pilot program, therefore it is cheaper for IT do this.

Different departments get different printing programs.

Just don't want lab to close down. It would remain open, anyone with student ID would be able to print

Motion to approve IT to take care of GPSA printing lab and charge 4 cents/page.

Seconded.

Is there a way for default on 2 sided printing? 4 cents if for double sided, 3 cents for one-sided. Still a pilot, open for future discussion.

Vote taken.

Motion carries.

b. Standing Committees

i. Legislative Steering Committee

1. LS Report

Steering committee met, a lot of item submitted to the committee, minutes available online for more in depth discussion of items.

a. Items discussed at LSC:

i. Assistantship resolution (approved)

Council approved this resolution

ii. GRC resolution (approved)

Able to make edits-pertained to removing subjectively qualitative language, based in fact rather than opinion.

iii. PB Funds Guidance (not discussed by LSC- Done with working group)

Drafted by PB Funds working group, PB Funds Committee convened for guidance on how to appropriately spend funds.

- iv. Socially Responsible Investment (not discussed by LSC)

Would like to remove this from agenda.

Was not received by GPSA Council through LOBO mail. Thought we'd get Islamic Phobia, didn't get it.

Written as by-laws rather than appropriation, subjective qualitative language, sources were questionable.

2. LS Business

- a. Assistantship resolution

Should there be a specific request.

Assistantships are determined by Departments, but we can't go to each department to ask for a certain dollar amount. We don't have access to their plans.

Associate Dean asked for our help to ensure graduate students keep their assistantships. Came from Executive Branch. Departments also worried about funding for assistantships.

Texana-wanted to bring this forward, to get access to departments, to keep these jobs as a primary focus.

Motion to amend the resolution to say:

After the language the offices of the president and

provost, "chief Financial Officer/Chief Operational officer"

Why- to add David Harrison who runs the budget, in order to make sure who controls the budget also contributes to this that directly relates to the budget.

Seconded.

Discussion-none

Vote was taken.

Motion passes with amended language.

- b. GRC resolution
- c. PB Funds Guidance

One concern-financial reporting is given to officers and not the sponsoring school. We need to add language to the

Anderson wasn't aware of issue.

Motion to amend PB Guidance, to include language that any financial reports go to each department.

“LET IT BE RESOLVED that an effort to provide”
Include: “spending for each RDSA to the officers, GPSA Council representative of that RDSA, and the providing College's Accounting Department at the end of each year.”

Discussion

Not clear, accountant wouldn't know what to do with this language.

Expenditures in Business were questionable, created blind spot, where funds could be spent inappropriately.

Therefore, if any questionable expenditures come up we can address them.

Feels like we are getting a “babysitter” for our funds, which would be giving up part of our power.

Could someone else, like other RDSA's get a submission.

I'm not trying to ask permission, we represent those colleges, and they can get a copy to see how we represent them.

I don't think I represent the department of physics and astronomy.

One of my concerns, is that the departments may feel like they have a say, some people in my department already feel that way.

What if we agreed to publish the information on GPSA website, that way we do not have to go through departments.

Amend Motion. To publish reports at end of each month.

A part of working committee and didn't want to include financial reports, because felt like putting names out there was invasion of privacy. Also, didn't make these things monthly, it creates a lot of work for SGOO.

At the end of semester, even if accounting head gets a copy of expenditures, they'll be too busy to look over it properly. I do not think publishing monthly is appropriate.

Do all RDSA's have an advisor? Yes, required.

Are they active? I see where Anderson is coming from, perhaps they need this oversight. However, I see the advisors exerting more power over us. Should the advisor be included in this then?

Schools can't tell us how to spend our dollars. Perhaps it should go to faculty advisor then?

PB funds working group, the way we wrote them the way we did, was to create social enforcement. The idea was that if we send it to other members of RDSA, student council etc., people will be able to speak up about questionable expenses by peers instead of top-down enforcement. Balanced work load with enforcement. Student Council is technically the enforcement- part of duties. These are all GPSA fees, it's our responsibility. PB funds do not go through the budget process in my opinion, because we don't see how they are spent as a working body.

PB Funds, do go through the budget process.

Finance committee chair, specific allotment

Budget process, the RDSA's do not go through budget process

Instead of publishing on website, leave off name of person, and listed as an appropriation, so WHAT is being purchased is available, not who wants the funds.

Discussed publishing a reductive version, so that no names were posted (bottom part of IR) so that it wouldn't create undue burden.

I would support publishing more, but at end of semester and with no names. A lot of work for SGNO.

Does anyone have a reasonable expectation of privacy when spending student funds?

There are ways to remove student names for various reasons, but with money, I don't know if they should expect to be published, they were, but perhaps if they know that it will be published, perhaps they won't spend more.

Can we include language around putting bottom part of IR form? Can we have under finance chair and auditor look over. Can include that the Finance vice chair to give update at each council meeting.

What we discussed in working group meeting, we discussed flagging expenditures, but that was a judgement call (instances where it should and doesn't and vice versa) so thought it would be better to do one time each semester. We discussed that the website is public to non-university individuals, and UNM could take the wrap for items spent on and have negative consequences.

2 forms of transparency we are looking at.

Student Council Transparency

Public Transparency- if we go this route, nothing wrong with bottom IR forms publishing, but publishing names and amounts and category is wrong.

When I was President of Mens Ultimate Frisbee, spend 10,000/year for traveling to tournaments, put all expenses on his personal card and was reimbursed, if those were public records, with no context, it would be hard to defend to someone who doesn't understand how it works.

I don't want to publish this, faculty advisor, group acting autonomously without oversight, if we can ensure it goes to faculty advisor at end of semester.

Amend to say: spending for each RDSA to the officers, GPSA Council Representative of the RDSA, and send to the RDSA's faculty advisor at the end of each semester.

Motion to pass amendment to resolution.

Seconded.

Motion to block and approve the 3 resolutions on the floor.

Seconded.

Vote was taken.

Motion passes, resolutions approved as block.

d. Socially Responsible Investment

Motion to remove from agenda

Seconded.

Discussion

Read in Daily LOBO on divestment issue, report will be ready in summer, I do intend to be a representative for GPSA Council and I can communicate this better in the fall for transparency purposes.

Vote taken.

Motion passes

ii. Finance Committee

1. FC Report

a. See FC Summaries and Minutes

Passed the appropriation for:

Speech and Hearing

Foreign Language and Literature

Physics and Astronomy, second request

Computer Engineering, second request

Student interest group in Neurology

Persian Student association

American and Planning Association

Student Medical Society

GPSA –Summer Operation

GPSA Council

All on website for more details

Motion to block and approve as recommended by Finance committee

Seconded.

Discussion

Computer Lab taken over by IT, do they still need computer costs? For summer only, but IT will take over in Fall. We can have them take over in Summer if you want.

Can the Finance chair, comment on sending two students to Brazil.

Finance Chair, appropriations 41. Within the bounds of the bylaws that we can send students to do a project, line items were appropriate.

Are we funding their whole trip? No, a small portion coming from us. They need 26,000. More than two students our standing rules only allow for two student funding.

This feels like a grants process, circumventing this.

Individuals appropriations. Groups for grants.

Grants committee closed for Spring, could apply for Summer grants as another option. I am not sure when this trip is? 2016 trip. Advised at meeting to each individually apply, only 9 are graduate students. Asked for help for two per standing rules, but the other 7 could apply individually if they want, and it was recommended. Recommended to go to Anderson to ask for more money.

Trip on August 2nd, I find it confusing that they wouldn't know about Spring grants process, or didn't go through it, it would be more appropriate. More vetted process for sending students to travel. I feel this is irrelevant. I find it wrong do pass the due process.

Call to question. Move to Vote.

Vote was taken.

Motion passes and appropriation have been approved.

2. FC Business

- a. SPR 015-032
- b. SPR 015-033
- c. SPR 015-034
- d. SPR 015-035
- e. SPR 015-036
- f. SPR 015-037
- g. SPR 015-038
- h. SPR 015-039
- i. SPR 015-040
- j. SPR 015-041
- k. SPR 015-042
- l. SPR 015-043
- m. SPR 015-044
- n. SPR 015-045

c. Ad Hoc Committees

d. Emergency Items

e. Old Business

V. Discussion Items

VI. Officer Reports

a. President's Report

Texana-

Lobbying for us at Capital Out Lay

Wasn't in the initial budget recommendation, when legislature starts in January, budget recommendation (two) submitted when it starts. We are trying to get the safety lighting into the process so it feeds into recommendation. What we did was try to slip it in during legislative process, during an appropriation for a senator. (Tack on to bill). Gas and Oil went down, so good for consumer bad for government. Had legislators tack on to budget out lay project (back door process), but the day before the session ended, the governor gutted it and reallocated funds from senior centers to roads in southwest NM, didn't have time to pass her changes, so nothing got passed, still in Capital, but session ended before it could be addressed. There may be a special session to address, we'll have to wait and see, but there is good indication that we'll still get money. UNM has capital out lay money.

List of priorities from UNM, released during reagents meeting. Look at it to see what is happening with administration. They have started to negotiating, going through institutional bonds. If you have any questions after looking over priority list, contact Texana.

PB Funds

I'm going in front of arts and sciences faculty and will be calling out the Chemistry department because they have not chartered and accepting their PB funds since 2010, and a few other departments. Responsibilities go further than who is accounting for the money because there are groups who are not spending any money on their students.

Others include Music, Theatre and Dance.

Graduation last night, Zola spoke, headed to Houston to law School. Big supporter of College of Education.

Official Graduation is May 8th – Wise Pies Arena (The Pitt)

There will be food changes on campus, contract has not been signed. Two big areas, Law School and Med 2 building.

Student Reagent has been reopened, if anyone interested in Student reagent, it is a two year appointment. A lot of the applicants withdrew, because it took too long. Reconnect with those who applied and solicit more people to apply, applications due Wednesday.

Why weren't things approved sooner?

Contacted Governor, talked to reps, decision was put off till May, not sure why, no clarification.

If interested in government, bottom lines, budgets, best possible thing you could do is to be a student reagent. Involved in all UNM budget process, help with a 2 million dollar budget. Get to vote. I highly recommended, resume boost and experience. (Note: It's a huge time commitment and responsibility as well).

May 8th is the next inauguration.

Do you have a plan for implementing for these departments that have not spent their PB funds? Orientations? Do you go to department orientations and speak about GPSA funds?

Texana: I've been aggressively pursuing those people in charge of the departments. When I took office last year, we hit ALL the orientations. I get invited now, which wasn't done in the past. If you don't see GPSA on orientation lists, we have to chase the information on orientations down, it is not shared.

We are doing it again this year. We created the graduate survival guide- tells you what graduate information is available. This is the phone number to call, etc. Zola, invited Travis and other Student Council Reps to look over PB Committee minutes, since the discussion over PB funds was very detailed. Thought it was great to bring up, but the minutes are available for those needing more information.

- b. Council Chair's Report
- VII. Executive Committee Reports:
- VIII. Closing Announcements

IX. Upcoming Meetings

Get with Hillary and RDSA's and get credential forms done over the summer.

Hillary will reach out over the summer to see who will still be involved.

I'll be on campus all summer if you have any questions. You can send GPSA business for Hillary to the Council Chair email, which will switch over to her.

It's been a pleasure to work with the student council; I've enjoyed the debates and discussion. Have a great summer!

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:08am.

Attendance

Speech and Hearing Sciences:

Maria Elana Corral

College of Education:

Zoila Alvarez

Carrie Booth

Katrina Edelmann

Glenda Lewis

Kelly Johnson

Association of Graduate Business Students:

Zachary Telford

Philip Stella

Physics and Astronomy:

Travis Sholten

Travis McIntyre

Psychology:

Amber Dukes

Public Administration:

Rachael Riley

Elva Murillo

Student Bar Association:

Matthew Barceleau

Concetta Tsosie