



GRADUATE *and* PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GPSA Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday 18th of April 2015, 9:00am
Student Union Building, Lobo A & B

- I. Roll Call
 - Quorum was established
 - Meeting was called to order by the Council Chair, Jessica Marshal, at 9:15am
- II. Opening Business
 - a. Approval of the Agenda
 - Motion to include an emergency item to address PB funds
 - Seconded
 - 2/3 approval of council needed
 - Vote taken, motion passes, and is approved. .
 - b. Approval of the Minutes
 - March 28th, 2015 minutes are approved as submitted
 - c. Media & Gallery
 - None
- III. Guest Speakers:
 - a. None
- IV. Action Items
 - a. Mandated Items
 - i. Elections: Council Chair Election
 - Moses Allen:
 - Thank you for coming. As Elections Chair, one of the last actions we need to accomplish is to appoint the next Council Chair.
 - One candidate here to speak
 - List of reps eligible to vote, if proxy needs to sign next to person and print your name. Come one at a time to vote.
 - At end of meeting we will know the winner.
 - Hillary W. –first year MS student, involved with GPSA for last year in Finance committee. Really enjoyed being involved and does want to continue to be involved. Feel graduate student involvement needs to improve, and it should start with awareness. Wants to make sure all departments know GPSA council exists and that they know where their fees are going. Also recognizes that the budget will be different since the PB funds' distribution has changed. Wants students to benefit from the fees they are paying and would like to address the bylaws in order to address any ambiguous issues. Has a great relationship with Texanna and stressed the importance of interacting with the executive branch in order to foster healthy working relationships.
 - Questions-none
 - Voting process was initiated and concluded.
 - ii. Appointments:

Chief Justice spoke about candidates:

Candy Matos-MPA candidate, had in classes for a year now, she is interested in the position, getting involved with GPSA.

Mark Orgeron-Sports Administration student, pro-tempore just means that it is a temporary appointment to take care of some issues, but finding justices has been very difficult, so if you know anyone, make sure to refer them. (Need to know about GPSA and the constitutional bylaws).

Questions

Why is he temporary only?

He was appointed by President. If he decides to continue and doesn't graduate we can move to make his position permanent.

1. Associate Justice: Candy Matos

2. Pro-Tempore Justice: Mark Orgeron

Motion to approve appointment of both justices

Seconded

Discussion-none

Vote was taken, and passes, Justices have been appointed

b. Standing Committees

i. Legislative Steering Committee

1. LS Report

Amber Dukes-next meeting this Tuesday at 6pm in GPSA conference room.

Items that will be discussed:

Indigenous People's Day

Divestment Resolution

GRC

Islamophobia (possibly)

Resolution for Assistantships

PB funds Guidance

2. LS Business

a. None

ii. Finance Committee

1. FC Report

Next meeting 2pm in Spirit room of SUB

2. FC Business

a. None

c. Ad Hoc Committees

d. Emergency Items

PB funds added to emergency item

Travis-Physics and Astronomy

Big discussion on PB funds and how they work. Announced at last meeting for PB funds to be reverted back to GPSA general fund if they weren't used by departments.

I was reading bylaws that the court can interpret.

I reached out to Chief Justice, was given advice to formally ask the council to request. We can continue to discuss these official opinions. This is not a complaint. Would like a discussion. Should PB funds be reverted back to the general fund or not?

Page 27 section 24 of the bylaws:

TITLE 7 Sub section 9 Line 3

Motion to submit an official request on this opinion on behalf of council.

Need nomination to submit request-Nominated Travis

Seconded

Discussion-none

Vote taken, motion passes

e. Old Business

V. Discussion Items

VI. Officer Reports

a. President's Report

Went around council rep tables for introductions, talk about their departments, and when they'll graduate.

Psychology: April 28th- "Hunting Grounds" screening in SUB theatre at 6:30pm.

Accounting: putting together a graduation dinner, in talks still, nothing official yet. Elections are going on, any advice is welcome.

Speech and Hearing: just chartered GPSA

Sports and Science: put on triathlon last week

American Studies: will have resolutions next meeting

COE-last meeting this Thursday at 7pm at Travelstead Hall

Wayne T.- hope everyone enjoyed working with me, learned a lot, hope he made a difference in GPSA (good or bad).

Texanna- wanted to do this activity because we sit with each other every Saturday morning, and no one knows the other reps and what their goals for working in GPSA are exactly.

Announcements:

Tuition increase of 3.7%. Slight hold- (cut constituents because of the hold, rumor). Handed out information on tuition increase. 5% of GPSA budget will be held, will impact PB funds and scholarships. Held until enrollment numbers are confirmed.

Reagents have been talking about recruitment initiatives. Departments need to add to this conversation and bring in before the council.

Bullet point 5 is the most important for GPSA. Increased fees to 4.66% in mandatory fees due to low enrollment numbers. Budget shortage for university, deficit of \$3.6 Billion.

This memorandum is the plan for next year.

Discussion-I think it's hard to increase enrollment if we keep increasing tuition AND not providing assistantships. Over the history of education, administration has increased exponentially. Why aren't additional administrator positions put on hold before assistantships?

Provost can't micromanage their departments. Provost is making graduate assistantships priorities.

Can you talk about recruiting: what is needed?

We need to work to create interest and dialog with people in undergraduate studies. They need help, and we need to promote our programs like we are proud of them.

We did get approval for marketing materials and money was put in the GRC.

You said it will impact PB funds, how?

The 5% hold includes everything in our budget. All departments take a hit.

Enrollment report was displayed.

Just waiting for enrollment numbers? Yes, worried undergraduates will not carry us monetarily; they are the majority of the population. If numbers lower, there will be less money. Budget is projected/forecasted. Trying to fix the uncertainty by holding the 5%. The reality is that fewer students need CORE classes (Psychology), it will impact our assistantships for students. Assistantships are considered "soft money."

We need volunteers to help Stephanie on resolution for Graduate Assistantships. Monday and Tuesday, of this next week, she will be in the office all day.

I challenge you all to RSVP to "Geeks Who Drink" 6:30-9:30pm on Monday. Joint collaboration with UNM departments.

Travis and I have been working on biking work group (not motorcycles).

Working with city to improve perimeter, Lomas, University, Central and Girard

Plan to improve the area-invited Mayor to ride bike with students, which he agreed to but only on weekends. Travis has done a lot of the writing/advocacy work for this plan.

Bike sharing program in discussion at UNM

Questions: what is the hold up, you said this plan was approved by only 30%, why?

Voting approval comes from Public, meaning the City Council needs to be involved.

List of City Council reps can be found online. Get in contact if you want this plan to move forward.

Bike Friendly Committee on campus will meet on the 21st, if interested, let Texanna know as soon as possible (Work on stations where you can air up your tires, etc.).

Suggestion: putting street lights over bike racks in order to deter bike theft which is prevalent.

We can bring this up in Bike Friendly Committee meeting

b. Council Chair's Report

Student Council's next meeting will be May 2nd

It is generally a long meeting so make time in your schedule. If you have any business to attend to, get it in before next meeting.

VII. Executive Committee Reports:

A big congratulations to Hillary W., who is now our new Council Chair (Votes were counted during meeting, with a second person overseeing the count).

VIII. Closing Announcements

Amber Dukes- PB funds, a lot of discussion regarding the money, how it's spent, and enforcement, before we set forth any recommendation.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

May 2nd at 9am LOBO A & B.

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:17am.

Attendance:

American Studies:

Elizabeth Perkal

Speech and Hearing Sciences:

Alternate-Marcella Baileys

College of Education:

Zoila Alvarez

Nick Wainwright

George Jacob

Hahn Nguyen

Proxy-Stephanie Everett

Proxy-Moses Allen

Kelly Johnson

Alt-Daniel Olufemi

Kaitlin Coalson

Business:

Zachary Telford

Ariel Lybarger

Philip Stella

Sabrina Pickle

Heather Burdge

Anthropology:

Gandhi Yetish

Physics and Astronomy:

Travis Scholten

Psychology:

Amber Dukes

Public Admin:

Rachael Riley

Student Bar Association:

Matthew Barceleau