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 Administraion 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:
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