Resolution for PB Funds

WHEREAS, Pro-rated Benefit funds, hereafter PB funds, are collected from graduate student fees and their intended purpose is to benefit graduate students; and

WHEREAS, the UNM Student Government Account Office (SGAO) approves expenditures of PB Funds that are allowable under current UNM policies; and

WHEREAS, an audit of the accounts of RDSAs by GPSA Council performed in Spring 2015 revealed that many RDSAs have reserves of funds; and

WHEREAS, transparency is of the utmost importance in the fair use of student fees; and

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the following items are provided as guidance for the spending of PB funds to enhance student experiences: the social and educational enrichment of graduates students, as well as travel, research, and scholarships to qualified students in that department; and

LET IT ALSO BE RESOLVED, that in an effort to provide transparency to graduate students about the use of their student fees, we hereby direct SGAO to send accounting records of the spending for each RDSA to the officers and GPSA Council representatives of that RDSA at the end of each semester; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that this accounting record will include categories of spending as well as the names of the person who received the reimbursement; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that this accounting record will also include the amount of funding received each semester, the balance remaining at the end of the semester, as well as a record of the dollar amounts of reverted back to the general fund at the end of the previous fiscal year; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that these accounting records will be made available to the GPSA Council Chair to be forwarded to the council Listserve at the time that these reports are created and that these are placed on the GPSA Council Agenda at the second meeting of the semester that follows the reporting period; and

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the SGAO, the officers for all chartered UNM RDSAs, President of the University of New Mexico, the Office of the Provost of the University of New Mexico, the Vice President of Student Affairs, the UNM Dean of Students Office, the Office of Graduate Studies, and the UNM Board of Regents.