



GPSA Council Meeting Agenda

August 27, 2022 10:00 am – General Meeting

SUB Ballroom A and Zoom: [https:// unm.zoom.us/j/92758682783](https://unm.zoom.us/j/92758682783)

- I. Call to Order at 10:23 am
 - a. Confirmation of Quorum
 - i. 18 Members both credentialed and soon to be credentialed members
 - 1 Veronica Mitchell- Chemical and Biological Engineering
 - 2 Benjamin Garcia- Biology
 - 3 Souymyodipta Karmakar- Physics and Astronomy
 - 4 Grant Block- Physics and Astronomy
 - 5 Aisha Hamid- Biology
 - 6 Misha Lockamy- AGSP and Chemistry
 - 7 MD Rafiqul Islam Rupam- Chemistry & Chemical Biology
 - 8 Ansely Emeanuwa- Business and Elections Director
 - 9 Marie Von Haas- History GSA
 - 10 Kodiak Ly- Sociology and Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center
 - 11 Rebecca Owopetu- Chemistry GSA
 - 12 Nicole Reyna- Psychology GAS
 - 13 Celine Ayala- Sociology African American Student Services
 - 14 Olivia Fadul- College of Education Graduate Student Alliance
 - 15 Denis Schulz- College of Education Graduate Student Alliance
 - 16 Hongyoung Kim- College of Education Graduate Student Alliance
 - 17 Sasha Escamilla- College of Biology & Women’s Resource Center
 - 18 Joy Osuoha- College of Education Graduate Student Alliance
 - 19 Yan Zhao- Communication & Journalism
 - 20 Eric Eke- Chemistry GSA
 - b. Adoption of Agenda
 - i. Motioned by Council Member Garcia
 - ii. Seconded by Council Member Lockamy18: yay 0: nay 0: abstain
 - c. Indigenous People's Land and Territory Acknowledgment
 - i. Read by Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo
- II. Opening Business
 - a. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes

- i Retrieval of minutes is still ongoing, or minutes were never taken
 - b. Media, Gallery, And Public Comment - *comments related to agenda and non-agenda items*
 - i Ryan Lindquist Director of Student Activities: Introduction strongly experienced and here to assist with everyone's needs can be reached at depar@unm.edu
 - ii Council Member Hamid- Where can Council Members learn parliamentary procedure?
 - 1 Council Chair Ronquillo suggest attendance to ASUNM senate meeting
 - 2 Ryan Lindquist recommends parliamentary procedure documents
 - 3 Council Member Van Hoss- Suggests positioning name cards in order to distinguish voting
 - a Seconded
 - b 18 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain
 - iii Council Member Fadul- Asks how we can accommodate for students with disabilities
 - 1 Council Chair Ronquillo suggests we improve our legislation so that we may better accommodate every students accessibility across campus

III. Officer Reports

- a. Council Chair's Report
 - i. Call for LSC Committee Members, Finance Committee Members, and Council Clerk
 - 1. Several members interested in both positions
 - ii. Stipend Information for Council Members
 - 2. Jarrod Ronquillo gave general information about the stipend
 - 3. Council member Block asked question about office transitions and the stipend
 - a. Answered the question stating that stipend will be divided accordingly to

new and old members

4. Council Member Ly asked if advocacy centers can be registered as RDSA's
 - a. They do not have that ability RDSA's are reserved for the academic colleges
5. Council Member Lockamy asked about changing the constitution to include advocacy centers
 - a. Council Chair Jarrod agrees and suggests we should change the constitution and make council more inclusive
6. Council member Garcia suggests Ex-official positions for advocacy centers in the future
 - a. Council Member Lockamy suggests that members should be separate entities
7. Council Member Mitchell recommends that there could be a more formal public forum for advocacy centers and other entities
 - a. Lindquist advised that the new standing rules have accounted and improved past situations

b. President's Report

- i Shaikh Ahmad introduced himself and gave a presentation
- ii Council Member Islam Rupam asks who is eligible for grants process
 - 1 President Ahmad replies that all registered graduate students are eligible once they attend a workshop and directly apply for GPSA
 - 2 President Ahmad and Grants Director look at grants individually
- iii Council Member Ly asks if she could get funding to start a tutoring service with undergrads
 - 1 President Ahmad recommends that ASUNM would be a good route to seek funding
 - 2 Council Chair Ronquillo says they can advertise in the Communique
- iv Council Member Islam Rupam asks if this will affect Assistantships

- 1 President Ahmad says that it will not
- v Council Member Eke asks how many times we can apply to these grants
 - 1 President Ahmad states that each one can be applied for once a year
- vi Council Member Ayala asks if there is an emergency scholarship fund for struggling students
 - 1 President Ahmad states that the Graduate Student Fund is meant for this purpose
 - 2 Lindquist states that most emergency scholarship funds are through the resource centers

IV. Action Items

a. Approve the Standing Rules

- i 18 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain

V. Council Announcements

- a. Council Chair Ronquillo thanked Council for their attendance

VI. Upcoming Meeting

- a. Upcoming meeting – Saturday Sept 24, 2022, 10:00am In Lobo A & B

VII. Adjourn at 11:43am