

LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION # 1F

2022 FALL SESSION

Legislative Action:

Introduced by: GPSA Council Member Lobo, GPSA Council Chair Louie, GPSA President Lucy

1st Reading:	LSC Chair	Referred To: LSC
2nd Reading:	LSC 10/12/22	Committee Action: Passed 5-0-0
3rd Reading:	Council Meeting 10/29/22	Council Action: Passed 12-1-2

Executive Action:



GPSA President

10/31/22

Date

WHEREAS, the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) of the University of New Mexico is the representative body of the graduate and professional students; and

WHEREAS, the University of New Mexico (UNM) is the flagship university of one of the most diverse states in the United States and carries the responsibility to incorporate the state's diversity and reflect the values of inclusion in higher education; and

WHEREAS, the UNM Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan required under the ADA is currently obsolete and incomplete¹; and

WHEREAS, record of design changes that have been made to improve accessibility under UNM's ADA Transition Plan have not been monitored; and

WHEREAS, there are buildings and spaces on campus that are explicitly inaccessible to students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, there are students on this campus who are affected by the lack of accessibility to the detriment of their educational and overall collegiate experience; and

WHEREAS, the University lacks a fund with the specific purpose of addressing accessibility barriers, and forcing so UNM Departments must to use existing budgets to provide accommodations or correct accessibility barriers; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that GPSA supports creating and implementing a current ADA T transition Pplan that complies with ADA standards; and

¹https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleII_2010/title_ii_primer.html

1 NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that GPSA supports the creation of
2 an easily accessible campus for students with disabilities that ensures they feel welcomed at
3 UNM; and

4 NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that GPSA supports the efforts of all
5 students, staff, and faculty working to ensure campus-wide accessibility and disability inclusion;
6 and

7 NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that GPSA encourages
8 administration to create a committee, with student representation, to address ADA compliance on
9 campus
10 and

11 NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be
12 forwarded to the UNM Board of Regents, the UNM President Garnett Stokes, Provost James
13 Holloway, the Vice President of Student Affairs Eric Scott, the UNM Dean of Students Nasha
14 Torrez, **UNM Accessibility Resource Center Director Amanda Gerrard**, and the UNM
15 Facilities Management Department, **and The Office of Equal Opportunity, Representative**
16 **Melanie Stansbury, and Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham.**