



LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

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FALL 2025 SESSION

Constitution

Legislative Action:

Introduced by: LSC Chair David Lonergan

1st Reading: LSC Chair

Referred To: LSC

2nd Reading: LSC 11/12/25

Committee Action: Passed

3rd Reading: Council Meeting 11/22/25

Council Action: Introduced

4th Reading: 12/6/2025

Council Action: Passed

Executive Action:

✓ Approved       Vetoed

*David Lonergan*  
GPSA President

January 16, 2025  
Date

Unsigned by the President on this 16th day of January 2025. Bill automatically becomes law.

Legislative Response:

Veto override vote taken: \_\_\_\_\_ Council Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of key changes/points:

- *Changed chair/director terminology to be consistent.*
- *Clarified names of director positions with their respective duties.*
- *Added terminology linking payment scheme for graduate assistantships with the UGW's collective bargaining agreement.*
- *Added comparative language for stipend payments to be established by the President.*
- *Added discretionary language to committee member annual reports to make them mandatory only at the directions of the President.*

Found in GPSA Constitution: Article II, Section 3

Section 3. Executive ~~Directors~~ **Committees**

Executive ~~Directors~~ **Committees** shall be established for the purposes of effective governance and will report directly to the GPSA President. All ~~Directors~~ **committee members** must be members of GPSA. All Executive ~~Directors~~ **Committee Chairs** will be appointed by the President.

A. Executive Standing Committees **and Directors**

1. For all Executive Standing Committees, quorum shall be established if more than half of the voting members are physically present.
2. Grants ~~Director~~ **Committee**

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- 47 1. Shall, **with their respective committee**, allocate funds from all GPSA  
48 grants and scholarships.
- 49 3. **Boards, Committees, and Elections Committee-Director**
- 50 1. Shall, **with the Elections Committee**, administer GPSA elections  
51 according to the GPSA Bylaws.
- 52 2. Shall, **with the Elections Committee**, conduct themselves  
53 in a manner that promotes public confidence in the  
54 integrity and impartiality of the election process and will  
55 not publicly support or campaign for any candidate.
- 56 3. Shall distribute a written public report after every election.
- 57 4. ~~Political Lobby-Director-Committee~~
- 58 1. Coordinate long term research and study of  
59 legislative issues as directed by the President.
- 60 2. Produce the annual proposed legislative platform.
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- 62 3. Recommend to the President the appointment of student  
63 lobbyists during the annual New Mexico Legislative  
64 Session.
- 65 5. **Public Relations and Development Programs Director Committee**
- 66 1. Implement programs that serve and facilitate  
67 interaction between graduate and professional  
68 students and the University.
- 69 2. Foster positive relationships with the University  
70 and with the local community through service  
71 programs.
- 72 6. ~~Student Support and Advocacy Committee~~
- 73 1. ~~Assist and advocate for students requesting the support of GPSA.~~
- 74 2. ~~Act as a GPSA liaison for students and respond to student inquiries~~  
75 ~~about GPSA.~~
- 76 7. ~~Conduct on-campus outreach and education about services and resources~~  
77 ~~available through GPSA and the University. Collaborate with graduate and~~  
78 ~~professional student organizations.~~
- 79 B. Executive Standing Committee Chairs
- 80 1. Duties, Power, Responsibilities
- 81 1. Assemble and administer committees according to  
82 the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws.
- 83 2. Monitor committee budget and prepare annual budget request.
- 84 3. Provide annual written public report to the President to be included in  
85 annual GPSA report.
- 86 2. Term
- 87 Term of office is from the date of appointment until noon on the  
88 last day of the academic year or when letter of resignation is  
89 submitted to the President.
- 90 3. Payment
- 91 The Chairs shall receive financial payment for their services. **If that**  
92 **payment comes in the form of a Graduate Assistantship, the minimum**  
93 **compensation shall be in accordance with University policy and the**

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94 **minimum compensation set by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine**  
95 **Workers of America collective bargaining agreement. If that payment**  
96 **comes in the form of a stipend, it shall be established by the President.**

97 4. Removal **and Vacancies**

- 98 a. The President can remove a committee chair at any time,;  
99 ~~but~~  
100 b. ~~€~~**The President must appoint a replacement within twenty**  
101 **(20) academic days of any vacancy**~~the date of removal.~~

102 C. Executive Ad Hoc Committees **and Directors**

- 103 1. May be created by the President as deemed necessary.  
104 2. All Executive Ad Hoc Committees **and Directors** shall be  
105 dissolved at the end of the term of office of the president who  
106 created them.

107 D. Other Committees

- 108 1. May include, but is not limited to, Joint Student-Faculty,  
109 University Committees, and other policy making bodies.  
110 2. Representatives, as appointed by the President, shall  
111 maintain communication with the Executive Board of  
112 GPSA.  
113 3. Appointed representatives shall attend meetings of their respective  
114 committees.  
115 4. Committee representatives shall, **at the discretion of the**  
116 **President**, submit an annual written report to the President  
117 to be included in **the** annual GPSA report.