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2 **GPSA Council Meeting Minutes**

3 August 28, 2021 10:00 am – General Meeting

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- 5 I. Call to Order – 10:06am
- 6 a. Confirmation of Quorum
- 7 1. Henkel (COEHS)
- 8 2. Preciado (COEHS)
- 9 3. Von Haas (History)
- 10 4. Gerstner (Biology)
- 11 5. Allen (Biology)
- 12 6. Baca (PAGSA)
- 13 7. Rojas (PAGSA)
- 14 8. Nana (C & J)
- 15 9. Birdwell (Physics and Astronomy)
- 16 10. Oddo (Physics and Astronomy)
- 17 11. Rodriguez (Psychology)
- 18 12. Pena-Parr (Spanish/Portuguese)
- 19 13. Cowan (OILS)
- 20 b. Gerstner motion to amend for standing rules
- 21 (motion withdrawn, standing rules to be discussed for next meeting)
- 22 c. Adoption of Agenda
- 23 o Motion to adopt by Baca
- 24 o Seconded by Pena-Parr
- 25 • 11y, 0n, 0a
- 26 d. Motion to reopen agenda to move item c to item a for student support and
- 27 advocacy nominee
- 28 i. Friendly amendment to move Springfield and Katie to action items b and c
- 29 ii. Motion to adopt by Pena-Parr
- 30 iii. Seconded by Gerstner
- 31 • 11y, 0n, 0a
- 32 e. Indigenous Peoples’ Land and Territory Acknowledgement
- 33 i. Read by Henkel
- 34 II. Opening Business
- 35 a. Approval of May 2021 Meeting Minutes
- 36 o Motion to adopt by Gerstner
- 37 o Seconded by Henkel
- 38 • 11y, 0n, 0a
- 39 o Minutes adopted as is
- 40 b. Media & Gallery – *public comments*
- 41 o Cowan: Introduce our notetaker Mohammed Khorasani Civil
- 42 Engineering
- 43 o Lindquist: Introduces himself and speaks of his involvement with
- 44 student government and activities for over 20 years.



ASUNM

GPSA

Graduate & Professional Student Association

- 88 like to establish presence on North Campus. Want to establish GPSAs
89 reputation as only graduate and professional government in NM with 85%
90 of state's graduate and professional students. Has meetings with President
91 Stokes, Dean Holloway, Ryan Linquist, ASUNM leadership. Meets with
92 Security Council run by Dean Torres. Found official sponsor Novel Point
93 Coffee. Also have participated in Welcome Back Days and spoken to many
94 organizations about GPSA. Additionally, has created a newsletter. Has
95 made many appointments for executive offices including creation of a new
96 policy and compliance chair. Wants a chief health advisor position that will
97 connect with north campus.
- 98 b. Chief of Staff: Xavier Vallejo. Undergraduate in population health, and
99 presently studying for MBA.
- 100 i. Questions/Comments
- 101 ii. Pena-Parr: The budget leadership team turned the budgets of
102 athletics and SHAC into headcount models without approval of
103 SFRB. How is your admin planning on addressing this?
- 104 iii. President Saavedra: GPSA President serves as chair of the SFRB and
105 ASUNM president is vice chair. Right now have to wait and see
106 how things go before making policy changes.
- 107 iv. Pena-Parr: As a followup, many students are negatively impacted by
108 the increased fees for athletics and SHAC which are so high due to
109 these changes.
- 110 v. Gerstner: What is status of filling SFRB board positions?
- 111 vi. President Saavedra: positions have been filled for SFRB.
- 112 vii. Gerstner: What does sponsorship mean and what criteria are used for
113 an organization to be a sponsor?.
- 114 viii. Pres. Saavedra: GPSA, according to our summer survey, is mainly
115 known for offering free coffee. Met with Alex Espinosa of Novel
116 Point Coffee and talked about how they might be able to work with
117 us. Chief of Staff can address issue.
- 118 ix. Chief of Staff: No legal obligations. No financial obligations. Either
119 side could terminate at any time. Just effort to get free coffee and
120 discounts for students.
- 121 x. Gerstner: Still don't feel like question was addressed about criteria.
122 What if a sponsor was selected with political leanings that the
123 majority of council disagreed with, for example. Need to be careful
124 about putting GPSA's reputation on the line.
- 125 xi. Gerstner: Final question is about what the role of the policy and
126 compliance chair might be?
- 127 xii. Pres. Saavedra: Main role is making sure executive branch abides
128 by constitution and bylaws. Similar to "attorney general" which
129 exists in ASUNM.



130 xiii. Cowan: Just pointing out that GPSA could introduce legislation
131 that specified criteria for sponsorship

132 IV. Action Items

133 Motion to open item a by Henkel

134 Secoded by Baca

- 135 • 10y, 0n, 0a

136 a. Ansely Emeanuwa – Student Support & Advocacy Chair

137 Motion to approve by Henkel

138 Secoded by Baca

- 139 • 10y, 0n, 0a

140 Motion to open item b by Henkel

141 Secoded by Baca

- 142 • 10y, 0n, 0a

143 b. Rae Stringfield – Public Relations (Ad hoc)

144 Motion to approve by Henkel

145 Secoded by Baca

- 146 • 10y, 0n, 0a

147 Motion to open item c by Henkel

148 Secoded by Baca

- 149 • 10y, 0n, 0a

150 c. Katie Rodarte – Finance Chair

151 Motion to approve by Henkel

152 Secoded by Baca

- 153 • 10y, 0n, 0a

154 Motion to open item d by Henkel

155 Secoded by Baca

- 156 • 10y, 0n, 0a

157 d. Olaitan Anifowoshe – Grants Chair

158 Motion to approve by Henkel

159 Secoded by Baca

- 160 • 10y, 0n, 0a

161 Motion to open item e by Henkel

162 Secoded by Baca

- 163 • 10y, 0n, 0a

164 e. Ana Paula Milan – Elections Chair

165 Motion to approve by Henkel

166 Secoded by Baca

- 167 • 10y, 0n, 0a

168 Motion to open item f by Henkel

169 Secoded by Baca

- 170 • 10y, 0n, 0a

171 f. Tara Memarian – Programs Chair

172 Motion to approve by Henkel

