

**LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE**

**BILL SP 2022-001**

**SPRING 2022 SESSION**

Constitution

**Legislative Action:**

Introduced by: David C. Saavedra

1st Reading: LSC Chair

Referred To: LSC

2nd Reading: LSC

Committee Action: Made changes & sent to Council

3rd Reading: Council

Council Action: Discussed on 03.26.2022

4<sup>th</sup> Reading: Council on 04.23.2022

Council Action: \_\_\_\_\_

**Executive Action:**

Approved     Vetoed

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GPSA President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Unsigned by the President on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2022. Bill automatically becomes law.

**Legislative Response:**

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

*Summary of key points:*

*This proposed legislation addresses the GPSA President's priority of assessing GPSA to modernize and improve the functionality and overall structure of the organization.*

- *Rename all (Executive Board) Chair titles to (Executive Director) titles*
- *Rename Lobby to (Political Committee & Political Director)*
- *Remove Programs Committee and Chair*
- *Remove Student Support and Advocacy Committee and Chair*
- *Removes the Executive Board and replaced with the President's Cabinet*

Found in GPSA Constitution. 2, Article II, Sec.1, A.6. & 9. Sec. 3, A. 4. & 5. & 6. B. 3. & 10., Sec. 4, Article V. Sec.2 3 a.

**ARTICLE II. EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

The Executive Branch is composed of the President, Chief of Staff, Executive Committees, presidential appointees, and staff.

**Section 1. President**

The President is head of the Executive Branch. Any GPSA member is eligible to run for the position.

**A. Duties, Powers, and Responsibilities**

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- 45 1. Serve as the official representative of GPSA to the Board of Regents and the public.
- 46 2. Serve as Chairperson of the Student Fee Review Board in accordance with its
- 47 governing documents.
- 48 3. Have a working knowledge of the GPSA Constitution, Bylaws, policies, and the
- 49 duties of positions within GPSA.
- 50 4. Shall have the authority to approve or veto all GPSA legislation, excluding
- 51 resolutions. The President shall have the authority to sign on to joint resolutions
- 52 with the legislative branch.
- 53 5. Oversee the finances of the Executive Branch, including the executive budget.
- 54 6. Coordinate with Executive Committee **Chairs-Directors** and executive staff to
- 55 prepare and submit a budget for the Executive Branch to the Council in accordance
- 56 with budget procedures.
- 57 7. Supervise the administration of the GPSA Office.
- 58 8. Chair and coordinate the Executive Board.
- 59 9. Appoint Executive Standing Committee **chairs Directors**, with approval from
- 60 Council, and appoint representatives to joint Student-Faculty Senate and University
- 61 committees.

### 62 **Section 3. Executive Committees**

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

#### 66 A. Executive Standing Committees

- 67 1. For all Executive Standing Committees, quorum shall be established if more than
- 68 half of the voting members are physically present.
- 69 2. Grants Committee
- 70 a. Shall allocate funds from all GPSA grants and scholarships.
- 71 3. Elections Committee
- 72 a. Shall administer GPSA elections according to the GPSA Bylaws.
- 73 b. Shall conduct themselves in a manner that promotes public confidence in the
- 74 integrity and impartiality of the election process and will not publicly support
- 75 or campaign for any candidate.
- 76 c. Shall distribute a written public report after every election.
- 77 4. **Lobby Political** Committee
- 78 a. Coordinate long term research and study of legislative issues as directed by the
- 79 President.
- 80 b. Produce the annual proposed legislative platform.
- 81 c. Recommend to the President the appointment of student lobbyists during the
- 82 annual New Mexico Legislative Session.

#### 83 ~~5. Programs Committee~~

- 84 ~~a. Implement programs that serve and facilitate interaction between graduate and~~
- 85 ~~professional students and the University.~~

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86 b. Foster positive relationships with the University and with the local community  
87 through service programs.

88 **6. Student Support and Advocacy Committee**

89 a. Assist and advocate for students requesting the support of GPSA.

90 b. Act as a GPSA liaison for students and respond to student inquiries about  
91 GPSA.

92 c. Conduct on-campus outreach and education about services and resources  
93 available through GPSA and the University. Collaborate with graduate and  
94 professional student organizations.

95 **B. Executive Standing Committee Chairs Directors**

96 1. Duties, Power, Responsibilities

97 a. Assemble and administer committees according to the GPSA Constitution and  
98 Bylaws.

99 b. Monitor committee budget and prepare annual budget request.

100 a. Provide annual written public report to the President to be included in annual  
101 GPSA report.

102 2. Term

103 Term of office is from the date of appointment until noon on the last day of the  
104 academic year or when letter of resignation is submitted to the President.

105 3. Payment

106 The **Chairs Directors** shall receive financial payment for their services.

107 10. Removal

108 The President can remove a committee **chair director** at any time, but the  
109 president must appoint a replacement within twenty (20) academic days of the  
110 date of removal.

111 **Section 4. Executive Board**

112 ~~An Executive Board consisting of the President, Chief of Staff, Council Chair, and the Chairs of~~  
113 ~~the Executive Standing Committees and Joint Standing Committees shall be established for the~~  
114 ~~purposes of effective governance by the Executive Branch.~~

115 **Section 4. President's Cabinet**

116 **The President's Cabinet shall consist of the President, Chief of Staff, Public Affairs**  
117 **Director, Executive Committee Directors, Ad hoc Committee Directors, and Joint**  
118 **Standing Committees. The President's Cabinet shall be established for the purposes of**  
119 **advisement and effective governance by the Executive Branch.**

120 **ARTICLE V. FINANCE**

121 **Section 2. Oversight and Distribution**

122 **A. The Finance Committee (FC)**

123 1. The FC shall be established as a Joint Standing Committee.

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- 128 2. The FC shall make recommendations to Council on appropriations and compile and  
129 recommend the GPSA budget in accordance with the GPSA Constitution and  
130 Bylaws.
- 131 3. The Finance Committee ~~Chair~~ **Director** and/or ~~Vice Chair~~ **Associate Director** shall  
132 have all necessary authority to approve budget revisions. The FC shall prepare a  
133 monthly report of revisions to be included as a supporting document for the next  
134 Council Meeting.
- 135 a. When Council is not in session, the President, Council Chair, and ~~Grants Chair~~  
136 **Director** must jointly review and decide on budget revisions.

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