



Minutes

Saturday, Jan 29th, 2022, 10:00 AM MST

via zoom (see below)

- I. Roll Call and Acknowledgement
Meeting called to order at 10:02am
 1. Gudbergson, COEHS
 2. Street, (non-voting Law school rep)
 3. Reina, Psych
 4. Baca, PAGSA
 5. Allen, Biology
 6. Block, P&A
 7. Henkel, COEHS
 8. Karmakar (P&A)
 9. Olofinsao, (Econ)
 10. Hamid, Bio
 11. Von Haas (HGSA)
 12. Fadul, COEHS

Confirmation of Quorum

- II. Opening Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Allen and seconded
Passes 10 y, 0n, 0a
 - b. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes
Moved by Block and seconded (Baca)
9y, 0n, 0a
Moved to amend by Allen and seconded (Block)
10y, 0n, 0a
 - c. Media & Gallery - *comments related to agenda items (3 minutes per)*
 - d. Guest Speakers
 - i. PNMGC
Valerie Chavez and Shaikh Ahmad discussed Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color. Student led program working to retain graduate and undergraduate students of color through peer mentorship. Started 20 years ago. Provide networking and leadership opportunities. Also have scholarships. Office located in SUB Lobo Lair 1046. Also have website pnmgc.unm.edu



Questions: What kinds of workshops do you offer.

Chavez: We collaborate with career services. Also International Women's Day, Self-care, trans visibility, etc

Olofinsao: PNMGC has done great stuff. Can mentee and mentor both get scholarship

Ahmad: Not your fault of mentorship has stopped. Can sign you up with another mentor. Can also work with you directly.

Fadul: Clarifying how to get reassigned to a different mentor.

Ahmad: Yes, you can be reassigned. Also please visit office.

Nana: When can you sign up? Is it on rolling basis?

Chavez: Best time to start is at beginning of semester so that you can attend orientation

Public Comments:

Linqvist: Advisor. Please feel free to stop by my office. Compliment David and Xavi who are working hard at legislative session.

III. Officer Reports

a. President's Report

Xavi, Election Chair Miller, and Damon Alvarez have all been doing some great work. Senate bill 48 fully funds our GPSA initiatives. Thank you to Senators O'Neill and Ivey-Soto.

Also worked on NM Graduate Achievement Scholarship. Has been changed to Graduate Scholarship Act. Bill was introduced and will go to committees.

Also wrote an Op-Ed.

GPSA Office updated. New paint, new computers.

GPSA website also updated to be more intuitive. Using calendar functions more.

Annual budgets are coming up again for organizations. New For You tab. Has newsletter.

Looking for new positions, like Council Recorder, Elections Committee, Athletics Council, and KUNM board.

Club 89 has gotten great traction. Will do a couple more this year.

Questions/Comments:

Baca: Wanted to thank Pres. Saavedra for efforts in making all this happen.

Cowan: Did great job with office and computers are very nice. More pleasant environment.

b. Council Chair's Report

Welcome back to 2022. Coming out of long and difficult time. Did discuss idea of donating money from food funding to individual counsellors. Would violate Anti-donation clause to distribute it directly. Even if we have done this in previous semester, it would still not be advisable to continue doing it. Could have



workarounds. Could buy food to be available in GPSA office. Could also direct food money into pens and pencils and pads.

Had a training in Parliamentary Procedures. Wanted to thank rep. Pena-Parr for very professional and useful training session.

Will be holding at least one more training session.

Can help us do meetings faster.

Can hold a review presentation during our meetings at the beginning, when everyone is present, to help make sure everyone is familiar with procedure.

Looking for a person who wants to serve on Elections Committee

Are advertising for Council Recorder position.

Will look at more in-person meetings in person in March, but will always include hybrid option

Questions/Comments:

Henkel: 2 questions. Is it still at \$900

Cowan: It's about \$890 for whole year. Come out to like \$31 a person.

Henkel: Suggestion, let people know days in future, like a Wednesday when we can stop by. Also want to know qualifications of Council Recorder. Are you looking into raising stipend?

Cowan: Requirement is that recorder cannot be council representative.

Otherwise, no other restriction. We are looking at raising stipend and will send a proposal to LSC and work with them on this.

Olofinsao: Thought an update on distribution of food budget would have been helpful in December. Also can we give out money as donations of any kind.

Cowan: We can give money as donation to a group like Lobo Food Pantry and all students are eligible there. I thought it was best to update people in person at the meeting with showstopper issues like anti-donation clause, rather than just do an email. Originally this was only for discussion.

Henkel: Need to have food budget allocation be put on agenda and addressed.

Cowan: The money is allocated, so it is possible to just spend it on certain items like we already discussed, but I would like feedback from you all.

IV. Committee Reports

a. LSC Report

Don't have any new bills. Just existing ones.

Bills 001 and 002 are same bill about sponsorship.

Will skip to 003 first if there are no correction

b. Finance Committee Report

News about Annual Budgets.

Key dates for funding. New tab on website for funding.

Each student organization has to be chartered through student activities.

Budget workshop is mandatory for student organizations. Some on Saturday



Need to submit application by February 18th. Will make schedule where each group will be able to make request in about 6 minutes time frame.

Last year granted 35 organizations funding

Questions Comments:

Karmakar: Budget application is not for travel. One-time expenses would be submitted through appropriate

V. Action Items

Motion to open by Block, seconded (Baca)

13 y, 0n, 0a

a. Judicial Confirmations

i. Alexis Munoz Riviera, Associate Justice
Unanimously confirmed

ii. Jocelyn Ronquillo, Associate Justice
Unanimously confirmed

b. Executive Appointment

i. Nana Kwame Osei Fordjour, Elections Committee
Unanimously confirmed

c. LSC bills

Motion to open by Karmakar, seconded (Baca)

i. FA 2021-001

ii. FA 2021-002

No corrections for previous bill

iii. FA 2021-003

Vote:

8y, 0n, 1a

iv. FA 2021-004

Vote:

9y, 0n, 1a

d. Finance appropriations

Motion to open by Baca, seconded (Karmakar)

9y, 0n, 1a

i. Appropriation 2A – UNM Hockey Team

Motion to vote on appropriations separately by Block and seconded (Olofinsao)

11y, 0n, 1a

ii. Appropriation 2B – GPSA Executive Branch

6y, 5n, 1a with Council chair tie breaker

VI. Council Announcements

a. Public Comment – *Comments not related to items on the agenda*

Saavedra: Thanks for vote and anyone who wants to help develop survey, please send an email



Linguist: Lobo Leadership and Involvement applications. Recommend that you all fill this out.

Cowan: Appreciative of all the involvement. Very encouraged to see engagement and involvement. Participation of you all is making a difference and helping.

Saavedra: Please reach out to legislators to support Senate bill 180.

Von Haas: Move to adjourn.

Karmakar: Will meeting be in zoom or in-person

- VII. Upcoming Meeting
 - a. Upcoming meeting – Saturday, February 26, 2022 10:00am via zoom
- VIII. Adjourn at 12:52