



GPSA Council Meeting Minutes

Nov 20, 2021 10:00 am – General Meeting

Zoom Meeting: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/6452510377>

Meeting ID: 6452510377

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- I. Roll Call and Acknowledgement
 - a. Roll Call
 1. Allen, Bio
 2. Baca, PAGSA
 3. Gerstner, Bio
 4. Block, P&A
 5. Henkel, COEHS
 6. Karmakar, P&A
 7. Lionbarger, Bus
 8. Olofinsao, Econ
 9. Pena-Parr, Span-Port
 10. Cowan, OILS
 11. Von Haas, HGSA
 12. Rojas, PAGSA
 - b. Confirmation of Quorum
Confirmed
 - c. Indigenous People's Land and Territory Acknowledgment
 - d. Introduction of New Members (if any)
 1. None noted
- II. Opening Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve by Pena-Parr
Seconded by Henkel
10 y, 0 n, 0 a
 - b. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes
Representative Grant Block was referred to by first name instead of last name
Von Hass was acknowledged in minutes but not on Roll Call
Motion to approve by Henkel and seconded by Block
10 y, 0 n, 0 a
 - c. Media & Gallery - *comments related to agenda items (3 minutes per)*
Video for one student org noted to be available, but more relevant for appropriations.
Should be played under discussion for appropriation
 - d. Guest speaker



Annual GPSA Give Back Program. Choose a non-profit for each year. Cuidando Los Ninos helps to alleviate child homelessness. Items to be collected are water bottles, snacks, soap, etc. Will send flyer with Venmo account and items to be collected.

Block: What organization are the donations going to?

Baca: Cuidando Los Ninos

Rojas: You can come on tour of facility. bjrojas@unm.edu. Tour Dec. 7th.

III. Officer Reports

President's Report: Congratulations to first place winner Pena-Parr of Shared Knowledge Conference and Lobo Bites

Report on SFRB requests from Budget leadership team. Some mandatory student fees will go up around 1% so it could mean about \$7.10 more for a full time graduate student.

Block: Last few communiques listed Novel Point as a sponsor, but the bill on sponsorship is still in LSC.

Saavedra: There currently is no legislation or recommended way that sponsorship is done, so executive has gone ahead and done this, but they are working on legislation with LSC to create a formal sponsorship process.

Henkel: Recommendation that people bring laptops to in person meeting so that people doing zoom can hear better

Olofinsao: What is rationale for giving first year graduates scholarship and could you provide number of applicants for NMRG.

Saavedra: Feels this aids with improving scarce funding and retaining diverse graduate student populations to allow even first year students to be eligible. There are disparities in graduate school populations that could be addressed this way.

Gerstner: Is administration looking at anything to minimize impact of inflation for graduation students?

Saavedra: Will add this to talking points to address with administration

Henkel: We appreciate your leadership in holding events for GPSA to bring people together.

Council Chair report

Took feedback and advice into consideration. We didn't have issue with passwords.

Worked with IT to prevent that. Also was able to locate some training resources.

Posted them with rest of meeting files. Orientation for new council representatives.

Also, a Parli Pro cheat sheet is available. Want to also have training provided by a parliamentarian. Also been in touch with several New Mexico student government organizations.

Looked at NMSU model for how graduate students are represented. NMSU website puts up opinions that they have about administration policy.

Different national organizations have membership for graduate leaders. Looked at putting meeting times on calendar. Victoria is assisting with this. Provided food for these meetings. Will RSVP for in person meetings. Attended events that GPSA offered. Also attended Sarah Belle Brown award and got to speak to President



Stokes. Continued to contact potential RDSAs, such as population health and medicine. Also produced some motion sheets.

Henkel: Does outlook allow us to RSVP for meeting and also say whether we are coming in person or via zoom? Also council rep Pena-Parr interested in helping train us in Parli Pro.

Cowan: Not everyone uses outlook and don't know if you can RSVP in different ways.

Gerstner: Excess of funds that will exist for food budget. Will we be able to put this on agenda for next meeting.

Cowan: We can consider it for donation to Lobo Food Pantry or possibly gift cards.

Olofinsao: Did you relate to President Stokes the concern of the Graduate Union.

Cowan: President Stokes considers this to be her last job and wants to build a positive, supportive environment. So we need to see action here where administration backs off from hard line she has already taken. Timer issue from last time.

IV. Committee Reports

LSC report: Didn't meet on Nov 12th due to lack of quorum. Nov 26th is next meeting. Please let chair know if you are not going to be at a meeting. Minutes are on website.

Cowan: Is it true that you could benefit from additional members.

FA report: Finance chair said she had conflict so vice chair reported. 4 appropriations. Accepted everything except full amount for 1st due to raffle funding which is not allowed. Resolanas approved for two events for full amount. SNAGUS for two huge events and also office supplies. NASIRG is also doing two large events with speakers.

V. Action Items

i. Motion to open LSC Recommendations by Pena-Parr seconded by Block
10y 0n 0a

Sponsorship bill failed in LSC due to need for changes and clarifications
Call for new members: Meetings Friday at 3pm on zoom. Need a vice chair.

ii. Motion to open SPGSA by Pena-Parr and seconded by Von Haas
7y 0n 0a

Call to vote on bill
7y 0n 0a

iii. Motion to open Resolanas by Pena-Parr and seconded by Karmakar
Call to vote 7y 0n 0a

iv. Motion to open SNAGUS and NASIRG as block vote by Pena-Parr and seconded by Block
Call to vote 7y 0n 0a

VI. Council Announcements



- a. Public Comment – *Comments not related to items on the agenda*
 - Gerstner: Decided to resign because of differences with council leadership
 - Henkel: Grad student leadership alliance is giving out grants in Fall.
 - Linguist: Missed past few meetings. Vouch for Pena-Parr to give workshops
 - Recommends creating a parliamentarian and/or attorney general
 - Cowan: Trying to take into consideration everything that you are asking and trying to improve cutting down meeting times.

- VII. Upcoming Meeting
 - a. Upcoming meeting – Saturday, Dec 4, 2021 10:00am via zoom only.
- VIII. Adjourn