



General Council Meeting

December 2nd, 2023

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I. Call to order

a. Confirmation of Quorum 9:59 AM

RDSA 1: Architecture

1 Hanel Jun

RDSA 2: Biology

2 Ben Garcia

3 Maya Shamsid-Deen

RDSA 3: Chemistry (only 1 person votes)

4 Basirat Raji Adefila

5 Blessing Akinlabi

6 Emmanuel Quartey

7 Md Rafiqul Islam Rupam

8 Rebecca Owopetu

9 Seyi Adekoya

RDSA 4: Education (COEHS-GSLA)

10 Hongyoung Kim

11 Olivia Fadul

RDSA 5: Communication

12 Naadiyantu Iddrisu

RDSA 6: Economics

13 Tosin Olofinsao

14 Wilfred Osei

RDSA 7: Education (COEHS-GSLA)

15 Hongyoung Kim

RDSA 8: History

16 Marie Von Haas

RDSA 9: Law

17 Megan Looney

18 David Lonergan

RDSA 10: Math and Stats

19 Afeez Adefila

RDSA 11: Medicine

20 Julie Emeanuwa

RDSA 12: Physics

21 Srinidhi Pawar

RDSA 13: Psychology

22 Carlie Sivils

Other Attendees

23 Travis Broadhurst Sustainability Director

24 Joseph Conteh PR Chair

25 Jarrod Ronquillo Council Chair

26 Aaron Sharratt Grants Director

27 Justin Lauriano GPSA President

28 Ryan Linquist GPSA Advisor

29 Tory Works - Accounting no RSDA?

30 Eric

b. Adoption of Agenda

i. Hongyoung Kim moved

ii. David Longeran and Rafiqul Islam Rupam seconded motion

iii. passed unanimously

c. Indigenous People's Land and Territory Acknowledgment read by Chair Ronquillo

II. Opening Business

a. Approval of the Minutes

i. Moved to approve Maria von Haus

ii. Ben Garcia and Rafiqul Islam Rupam seconded motion

iii. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Media, Gallery, and Public Comments (Both related to the agenda, and not related to the agenda)

i. David Longeran asked about the status of the student regent search. Student regent search commenced and forwarded them to the president and governor's office. Interviews may have been already scheduled.

ii. Srinidhi Pawar newest rep introduced herself from physics.

- iii. Travis Broadhurst Sustainability Director Email with sustainability themed project ideas and any hazards that currently affect your department (social, natural hazards, overall safety, etc.). Large environmental hazards have been identified (lights, blind spots, erosion, safety, etc.). Please email Gpsasustain@unm.edu for the plan. This hasn't been updated since 2015 under UNM's comprehensive plan. Clarifying questions were asked about the scope of projects that are being asked for.
- iv. Marie von Haus thank you for the scholarship and identified that a repair Zimmerman library front tile is needed– fall hazard.
- v. The newly acquired building for the law school will likely be assessed – question from David Longeran
- vi. Olivia – hearing loss and ADA accessibility is often not included in these plans. Does the plan currently address accessibility? Safety and infrastructure for students with disabilities. Common breakdown of the elevator in Lobo Rainforest. Answer: It's comprehensive but if you have specific questions and examples, please email the sustainability director Justin Lauriano, GPSA President, will also engage in the campus safety and safe living committees, which are working on key card access for all buildings. This a slow and expensive process. Additional cameras are also expensive as are AI assisted cameras. The law school building hasn't been renovated since the 60s, but funding is being requested. [Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)

III. Guest Speakers – None

IV. Officer Reports

a. President Lauriano

Continuing to work on the graduate scholarship act and making it germane to be heard by the legislature in collaboration with Senator Pope. Would fund \$5 million recurring. Over a dozen applications received for the student regents' position and all of them were forwarded to the governor's office. Discussed the trivia event last night and their team won. Preparing for UNM day and hopes that the council will be able to go. Legislators love student interaction. SFRB 91k stays with GPSA and their budget proposal was well received.

b. Council Chair Ronquillo

Trivia night was hosted with about 50 attendees and collaboration with the union. Hoping to have a town hall style discussion to ensure the student fee

increase is transparent and passed. Will work on this over winter break to ensure the students funds are being used appropriately. Student fee review board budget presentation went well, and it was supported.

- i. Ben Garcia wants to see the hours per week worked and transparency for the 4 GA lines that GPSA is funding along with the events participation and price per attendee as a result. The council approved this, but it failed via the students.
- ii. Wilfred asked for clarification – which are the 4 GA lines and whether cutting those lines is a way to reduce funds. Ben said that transparency in the hours works and what is being done to fulfill a .5 FTE so that we can explain that to the constituents. Wilfred's concern is how we get that information out there. Question on whether you can hold another GA line – the answer is yes, but you cannot go over .75 FTE.
- iii. Tosin Olofinsao recommended that council members convey why this is important and draft a plan for talking to students to convince them to vote in favor especially given inflation. Council needs to do more. Council chair – more defined roles for each GAship will help with the concerns about the GA lines will collaborate with the Union to transmit the information.
- iv. Maya Shamsid-Deen emphasized that this conversation has been reoccurring since her last term on council (2 years ago). The issues and resolutions have already been identified, and we are duplicating efforts. That is available in the Saavedra's administration [strategic plan](#) pages 89-91 and crafted by Benjamin Gerstner.

V. Committee Reports

- i. Aaron Sharratt Grants Director reported that 176 awards were given this year so far, and \$140k to 157 awardees for the HSC grant. Spring applications will open as soon as the spring semester begins.
- ii. Joseph Conteh PR Chair gave background on his experience and approach to the position. Joseph reviewed all the recommendations from Club89 and their will be a collaborative Black History Month Club89 on March 1st at Draft and Table. There is a proposed grad fest collaboration with the alumni association, career services, PNMGC to have graduate students interact with professionals. Reached out to the young professionals of Albuquerque to collaborate. Collaborating on organizing a sustainability fair. Please send recommendations for any events.

VI. Action Items – None

VII. Upcoming Meetings – Saturday, January 27th 10 AM

VIII. Adjourn 10:59 am

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