



GPSA Council Meeting Agenda

Oct 29, 2022 10:00 am - General Meeting

SUB Ballroom A and Zoom: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/96953351258>.

- I. Call to Order at 10:05 am
 - a. Confirm Quorum
 - i. 15 credentialed members
 1. Kodiak Ly - Sociology and Asian American Pacific Islander Center
 2. Benjamin Garcia- Biology
 3. Xiaoxuan Li - Physics
 4. Rupam - Chemistry
 5. Aisha Hamid - Biology
 6. Rebecca Owopetu- Chemistry GSA
 7. Tosin Olofinsao: Economics
 8. Veronica Mitchell- Chemical Engineering
 9. Duncan Haddock - Physics
 10. Christopher Pirrung - Psychology
 11. Celine Ayala - AASS Sociology
 12. Joy Osuoha - College of Education Graduate Student Alliance
 13. Eric Eke - Chemistry GSA
 14. Ansley Amanuwea - Business
 15. Jarrod Ronquillo: Council Chair
 16. Andrea Benites: Chief of Staff
 - b. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Motioned by Council Member Garcia
 - ii. Seconded by all Council Members
 - 16: yay 0: nay 0: abstain
 - c. Indigenous People's Land and Territory Acknowledgment
 - i. Read by Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo
- II. Opening Business
 - a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - b. Media, Gallery, And Public Comment - *comments related to agenda and nonagenda items*

- i. Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo informs GPSA that action towards raising student fees from \$25 to \$35 has been static. This relates to a previous general meeting conversation on 8/25/2022.

III. Officer Reports

a. Council Chair's Report

- i. Thank LSC for passing a resolution, to support the Grad Workers Union in getting fair wages and addressing the non-discrimination clause, to move to the council.

IV. President Report by Andrea Benites

- a. Andrea Benites Chief of Staff is grateful for the work of LSC and is excited to see new reform bills of a similar nature be brought to the table.

V. Action Items by Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo

1. First, Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo briefly goes through the union resolution document. Then he asks if anybody has questions.
2. Council member Haddock asks about the distinction between clarification between a minority institution versus a minority-serving institution.
 - a. Council member Garcia replies that the designation comes from grant agencies. Where UNM has shown particular dedication to serving Hispanic students in New Mexico. Therefore, we are eligible for certain grants and are pressured to meet the goals to serve minority students.
3. Council member Ly asks for clarification about international health insurance B.
 - a. Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo replies that it comes from NSU which is the only other school bargaining with UNM. They have a large international student body therefore, we include this to stand in solidarity with them and serve our international students.
4. Council member Garcia informs GPSA that the union has bargained to have salaries of \$18,731 based on the suitable cost of living published on UNM's website. (UNM has published on their Financial Aid office that the number above is the cost of attendance. This number has also not played a role in setting a proposed payrate by the UNM United Graduate Workers Union)
5. Council member Haddock asks about increasing the requested amount due to rising inflation in the next couple of years.
 - a. Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo replies that according to quick calculations \$28,000 would be reasonable to live in ABQ. This is still \$10,000 under what we put in the resolution.
6. Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo states another important part of the resolution is that Title IX doesn't protect against discrimination of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, religion. The non-discrimination clause would go beyond that to ensure that students are protected.
7. Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo conveys that we intend to send this resolution to everybody to show support for gradworkers.

- a. Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo replies that it will happen when we get the passed later today, he will print out a copy and place it in public view and send emails to follow up.
 - b. Council member Garcia confirms that the resolution has not been sent yet.
 - 7. Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo describes the same bill, but with edits that the president made. He states it is important to address his comments as the president's signature will make this a joint resolution forming a united front between the legislative and executive branch of student government.
 - i. All council members unanimously agree to motions the resolution under debate.
 - 8. Council member Ly asks how many graduate students are not grad workers?
 - a. Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo replies a significant amount, enough to represent.
 - 9. Council member Garcia states that it is important to keep in mind that passing policy to protect grad workers will not only improve the lives of workers, but have a broader impact to create a better education environment for undergraduate students.
 - 10. Council member Garcia requests to see the edits to the resolution document prior to a vote.
 - a. Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo states the president wants us to review the 2020-2023 statistics on health care and Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo says he did the research himself so the numbers should be correct.
 - 11. Council member Haddock asks about increasing the stipend to cover Summer funding.
 - a. Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo replies that later on we can edit the document and make a motion for full year pay.
 - b. Council member Garcia mentions that we should clarify the timeframe for pay.
 - 12. Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo is requesting edits to the word order of the resolution.
 - 13. Council member Garcia inquires about the word "supports" on line 21.
 - a. Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo states that the president has not made comments about this subject. This is a subject that we can make a motion to change the word from advises urges to.
 - i. There is a motion to vote on changing the word advises to urges
 - i. The motion fails and the verbage stays as advises.
 - 14. Council member Eke asks if it would be possible to add the Faculty Senate President to send.
 - i. All council members unanimously pass a vote to include the Faculty Senate President as a party send the resolution to.
 - i. Resolution 1F to support grad workers passes by majority vote
- VI. Officer Reports: Finance Committe
- 1. Council member Owopetu demonstrates which clubs received appropriations and how much.
 - 2. Council member Aisha asks what can clubs do about their received appropriations if they are in a situation where they need more.

- a. Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo recommends filing for appropriations again or reaching out to ASUNM
 - b. Council member Owopetu advises for the organizations to raise funds on their own as they can only file for appropriations once per semester.
 - c. Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo states that GoFundMe or the UNM foundation
3. Council member Am asks at the end of the semester do organizations have to right a report for how much they spend and where does the leftover money go?
- a. Council Chair Jarrod Ronquillo says budgeted items do not roll over for the next academic year, but funds that organizations are able to raise by themselves do roll over for as long as the org can keep the funding.
4. Council member Owopetu says that the organization members have to request funding and show up the the meeting to the finance meeting, the appropriations will not be allocated for that organization.
- i. A block vote is passed unanimously for the GPSA appropriations.

VII. Council Announcements

1. Club 89 will have a DJ and Karoke night at Draft and Table at 7:00pm 11/1/2022

VIII. Meeting is adjourned at 10:59am