



GPSA President's Cabinet Meeting

Link: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/93331436616> | Friday, January 30, 2026 | 11:00am – 12:30pm MST

Location: GPSA-Conference Room and Zoom (Hybrid)

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM.

a. Roll Call

Present:

- Travis Broadhurst, President
- Joseph Conteh, Chief of Staff
- Bhawana Kafle, Grants Director
- Wilfred Padmore Osei, Director of Boards, Committees & Elections
- Kaitlyn Harrison, Political Director
- Jim Williams, Chief Justice
- Isabelle Van Dyke, Sustainability Director (via Zoom)
- Ruixan (Haydee) Liu, North Campus Liaison
- Jacob Griego, Council Chair (arrived during meeting)
- Karl (Head Accountant, Student Government & Accounting Office – Guest)

Absent / Excused:

- Ashik Istiak, Public Relations & Development Director (Exam)
- Soumyodipta Karmakar, Finance Chair (arrived later)
- Cameron Powers, Attorney General (late due to class)
- David Lonergan, Legislative Steering Committee Chair (Invited)

b. Confirmation of Quorum

Quorum was confirmed with six executive members present.

c. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by motion and second, without amendments.

d. Indigenous Peoples' Land and Territory Acknowledgement

The land acknowledgment was read, recognizing the traditional homelands of the Indigenous peoples of New Mexico.

II. Opening Business

a. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

A correction was noted regarding the spelling and arrangement of Wilfred Padmore Osei's name. It was agreed that future minutes would reflect the correct format.

The minutes were approved with this notation.

b. Public Comments

Karl from the Student Government & Accounting Office (SGAO) attended to answer questions. No specific questions were raised. The Cabinet expressed appreciation for his continued support.

III. Officers Reports

a. Council Chair – Jacob

Council will consider:

- Two appropriations
- Revisions to Finance Committee standing rules
- One piece of legislation regarding renaming a medical school building

Bylaws revision discussions will begin at the next LSC meeting. Executive members were invited to participate.

b. President – Travis

Key updates included:

- **Proposed Tuition & Fee Increase:**
UNM is considering a tuition and fee increase. Concerns were raised regarding its potential impact on Opportunity and Lottery Scholarships. Discussions are ongoing with university administration; however, final approval rests with the Board of Regents.
- **Institutional Bonds:**
Two new institutional bonds were discussed, funding:
 - A new Humanities building
 - Renovations at Johnson Gym
- A listening session was hosted, and another is scheduled. Students are encouraged to participate and complete the survey.
- **Website Update:**
The GPSA website has been fully updated, including leadership bios, office hours, the organizational chart, and a self-subscription listserv feature.

- **Promotional Materials:**
New promotional items are being ordered. A button maker was purchased to reduce long-term costs.
- Upcoming events were highlighted, and members were encouraged to attend and assist.
- **Spring Goals:**
 - Increased Cabinet attendance at events (goal: at least one event per month per officer)
 - Implementation of a dental cleaning program structured as an educational series

c. Chief of Staff – Joseph

- Reviewed fall reports submitted by officers; expressed appreciation.
- Emphasized event participation and office hour visibility.
- Retractable banner design finalized and sent to UCAM for printing.
- Coordinating a volunteer initiative at the Roadrunner Food Bank (twice weekly). Students completing service hours will receive certificates.
- Supporting legislative advocacy efforts and encouraging student engagement.
- Scheduling one-on-one meetings with officers to align spring goals.

d. Grants Director – Bhawana

- Spring grant applications opened. Timeline available on website.
- Reviewer and applicant workshops scheduled for February.
- Process improvements:
 - Awardee lists now submitted in Excel instead of PDF to reduce errors.
 - Word-count adjustments implemented in application portal.
- Proposed revisions to grant language and codes will go through Legislative and Council review before implementation in the next funding cycle.

Public Relations & Development Director – Ashik

Excused absence due to an exam; no report provided.

Finance Committee - Soumyodipta

- Reported appropriations status: four requests received; two tabled due to nonappearance; two submitted to Council.
- Noted the upcoming annual budget process for FY27; deadlines and instructions are posted.
- CSO budget workshops are mandatory and begin next week.
- A proposed finance bylaws change was rejected and will be revisited with LSC.
- Reported a vice-chair transition (names partially unclear—verification needed) and a vacancy pending Council approval.

Director of Boards, Committees & Elections - Wilfred

Reported election timeline:

- First announcement next week (beginning Monday)
- Applications due February 23 at 11:59 PM
- Ballot opens February 24
- Presidential election: March 23–27
- Credentials: March 30
- Additional elections in April

Dates should be verified against the official elections calendar and announcement.

Legislative Steering Committee – David

Invited; no standalone report recorded.

Political Director - Kaitlyn

Provided a state legislative update.

- Reported securing \$50,000 for rainwater sensors.
- Indicated that the GPSA expansion bill hearing has been moved to Monday.
- Noted the need to confirm the solar panel cost figure and referenced an approximate \$5 million request.

Specific bill identifiers, sponsors, committees, and funding amounts should be verified from official legislative materials.

Plans for the upcoming legislative session were highlighted.

Attorney General - Cameron

Possible involvement with bylaws revisions and potential liaison work with the UGW.

Chief Justice - Jim

- Noted limited activity to date.
- Reviewed the website and related documents.
- Raised concerns regarding complaint form routing and visibility.
- Asked about test submissions.
- Suggested updating the form and process by coordinating with Kaya, who receives submissions through the UNM GPSA email.

North-Campus Liaison - Haydee

- Reported progress in promoting and supporting a Graduate Poster Showcase.
- Met with Graduate Studies leadership and a program director to increase North Campus participation.
- Offered logistical support.
- Described poster-session tracks, judging, and a raffle.
- Noted that the graduate studies poster presentation website-listed maximum of 75 participants and raised questions regarding over-capacity handling.

Sustainability Director - Isabelle

- Reported an upcoming thrift swap on February 13.
- Requested clothing donations and volunteer support for setup, cleanup, and post-event transport to the Animal Humane thrift store.
- Noted a March 8 meeting
- Announced a sustainability career fair scheduled for April 8 in the SUB atrium

Other information/announcements:

Discussion included:

- Future involvement of the Attorney General role (including possible liaison responsibilities).
- Reminders regarding CSO budgeting, workshops, and representation topics.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm (MST)