



Link: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/98928600276> | Wednesday, November 19, 2025 | 4:00pm – 5:00pm MST

Location: SUB Cherry/Silver and Zoom (Hybrid)

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:16pm

- a. Roll Call
 - **Present: Victor Reyes (Student Regent), Travis Broadhurst, Jacob Griego, Joseph Conteh, Bhawana Kafle, Soumyodipta Karmakar, Wilfred Osei, David Lonergan, Kaitlyn Harrison, Cameron Powers, Isabelle Van Dyke**
 - **Absent: Ashik Istiak, Caitlyn Tullar, Haydee Liu**
- b. Confirmation of Quorum
 - **Quorum is confirmed (10/13 present)**
- c. Approval of Agenda
 - **Travis motions, Bhawana seconds**
- d. Indigenous Peoples' Land and Territory Acknowledgement
 - **Read by Jacob**

II. Opening Business

- a. Approval of last Meeting's Minutes
 - **Soumyodipta motions to approve, Travis seconds**
- b. Public Comments
 - **Victor sent email this morning requesting dissemination notice on the presential search comment process**
 - **Attendance was low at presidential search forums**
 - **Wants to encourage graduate students to submit comments**
 - **Soumyodipta added that very few RDSAs applied for PB funds so overall student involvement is low**
 - **Victor sent information about methods for students to submit feedback online**
 - **Victor noted that SSTAR will be discussing housing at the next Board of Regents meeting and he and Travis would love comments on this perspective**

III. Officers Reports:

- a. Council Chair – Jacob Griego
 - **Council meeting on Saturday**
 - **Emphasized the separation of powers and asked to make sure any requests and communication to legislative branch go through him**
- b. President – Travis Broadhurst

- **Chief Justice search**
 - **SFRB updates**
 - **GPSA taking the lead on planning events, especially in the SUB, for optics**
 - **Dental cleanings and anti donation clause**
 - **Stipends submitted**
- c. Chief of Staff – Joseph Conteh
- **Been meeting 1:1 with Executive Directors**
 - **Will continue doing this during office hours**
 - **Encourage directors to attend at least one GPSA event**
 - **We want to start planning for spring semester at the next cabinet meeting**
 - **Reminded directors to fill out monthly and semesterly reports and that the monthly reports make it easy to fill out semester reports**
 - **Soumyodipta asked about template for semester report**
- d. Grants Director – Bhawana Kafle
- **Fall 2025 grants have been awarded and disbursement process has been started through SGAO**
 - **Summer grants are still not fully paid out, but it's out of GPSA hands and is being delayed by Office of Financial Aid**
 - **Grants code changes are being proposed by committee and will go to Council in early spring 2026**
 - **Have one more meeting regarding appeals from the fall 2025 cycle**
- e. Public Relations & Development Director – Ashik Istiak
- **PR director did not submit a report but Travis gave one**
 - **Covered November events, promoted December events, and encouraged attendance from cabinet members at future events**
- f. Finance Committee – Soumyodipta Karmakar & Caitlyn Tullar
- **Final meeting of semester yesterday**
 - **First time we gave >50 appropriations in one semester**
 - **First time we gave \$130,000 in one semester to support CSOs**
 - **Thank you to the LSC for listening to financial edits to improve the constitution, including changes to PB funds and grant disbursement**
- g. Director of Boards, Committees & Elections – Wilfred Padmore Osei
- **Reviewing applications from graduate body to fill the vacant boards seats**
 - **We have advertised for the last ones because we couldn't fill them organically**
 - **Comparing notes about committees we sit on with ASUNM**
 - **Elections are coming up next semester, so Wilfred met with Rayan and will meet with Kaya about what they need in place next semester**
- h. Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) – David Lonergan
- **We had our monthly LSC meeting last Tuesday**
 - **We passed 9 amendments to the Constitution, which will be voted on by GPSA in March**

- **They will go to full council to be introduced this weekend but voted on the meeting after (December 6th).**
- **Jacob has been instrumental, but thank you to everyone else too**
- i. Political Director – Kaitlyn Harrison
 - **Got a new report from UGW on grad worker’s rights and compensation statewide**
 - **Pivoted from rainwater catchment program for capital outlay to instead do rainwater sensors on irrigation system to save water**
 - **Met with UNM Government Relations Office to discuss ideas on expanding NM HED Graduate Scholarship**
 - **Really make sure to involve the whole state of NM in this process**
 - **Victor encouraged GPSA to not work on the language regarding the act in danger of losing eligibility for international students**
- j. Attorney General – Cameron Powers
 - **Working to make sure all council legislation is up to date and accurate**
 - **Will be attending the December council meeting**
- k. Chief Justice – Vacant
 - **N/A**
- l. North-Campus Liaison – Ruixan (Haydee) Liu
 - **I received the excel sheet shared from Council chair. I am going down the list and comparing departments and programs on North Campus.**
 - **I am meeting and talking to different departments on North Campus (EMT, OT, PT, Nursing, Pharm, PhD programs) to see whether we can update the excel sheet to make sure we have correct representation of every program, and that every program have the opportunity to be supported by GPSA**
 - **Focus for next month:**
 - **I plan to meet with Graduate Study to see if i can get help on the spring poster session.**
 - **I plan to meet with the president and HSSC to help map out North Campus representation, as well as how GPSA and I can help bring the two campus together.**
 - **I plan to re-schedule the meeting with GPSA Political Director.**
 - **She requested an official email address for North Campus Liaison**
- m. Sustainability Director – Isabelle Van Dyke
 - **Working to gather seamstresses and volunteer repair technicians for the Fix it Fair in December**
 - **Sustainability strategic plan for all UNM released a few weeks ago**

IV. Other Information/Announcements

- a. Monthly reports submission
 - **Joseph reminded everyone to submit the monthly reports**

V. Adjourn:

- **Joseph adjourned the meeting at 4:53 pm**