



**General Council Meeting Minutes**  
**22 February, 2025**  
**Sub Lobo A&B**

1) Call to order at 10.05 am.

a) Roll call

All the representatives except those from communications, electrical engineering, and Native American studies were present.

a) Adoption of agenda

- The motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting was proposed, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- The indigenous peoples' land and territory acknowledgement and the statement acknowledging the labor and sacrifices of Black Americans were read out.

2) Opening business

- a) The Chair opened the minutes of the previous meeting to discussion. There were no questions or discussion points, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- b) First graduate social program happening on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> at 8.30 am was announced.
- c) The representative from economics raised a point about representatives speaking in their capacity as reps or executive /legislative council members.

3) Guest Speakers

1. Travis Broadhurst

- a) Travis Broadhurst introduced himself as a PhD candidate in civil engineering and presidential candidate for GPSA
- b) He outlined his experience, passion for GPSA, and reasons for running for president.
- c) He discussed his goals, including increased collaboration with the Graduate Workers Union and more events hosted by GPSA.
- d) Travis also mentioned his ideas for expanding the laptop loaner program and sponsoring dental clinic visits for graduate students.
- e) The possibility of expanding the laptop loaner program and sponsoring the dental clinic visits for students were mentioned as well.

2. Jordyn Gutierrez – no show

4) Officer Reports

- a) The President announced the passage of HB 89 and SB 68 in the New Mexico legislature.
- b) Elections for the new administration would take place in the first week of March.

5) Committee Reports

- a) Grants director provided updates on the spring grant cycle, including the review process and the number of awards expected.
- b) Boards and Committee director stated the University has chosen to pursue an equitable access policy and program for undergrads to get their textbooks and a major campus IT outage.

6) Council Member Reports

- a) Department of Biology was organizing a dunk tank event for fundraising.
- b) EPS reported on their graduate research symposium
- c) Department of Economics was piloting a sweatshirt program
- d) Department of History discussed its efforts to provide free books for students and the impact of funding cuts on students.

7) Action items

- a) The Chair presented a bill to allow the Finance Committee to operate during the summer and make decisions before the first council meeting.
- b) The bill passed with a roll call vote.
- c) The Chair presented a bill to increase the threshold limit for student organization budgets from \$1,000 to \$2,000.
- d) The bill passed with a sweeping motion and individual appropriations are discussed and approved

The meeting was adjourned at 11.39

### Attendance Record

| Member                 | Department             |  | Credentialed/Alternate/Proxy | Council Chair Comments                         |
|------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|
| Benjamin Garcia        | Biology                |  | Credentialed                 |  |
| Travis Broadhurst      | Civil                  |  | Credentialed                 |  |
|                        |                        |  |                              |  |
| Wilfred Padmore Osei   | Economics              |  | Credentialed                 |  |
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| Mehedi                 | Education              |  |                              |  |
| Marie Von Haas         | History                |  | Credentialed                 |  |
| Parker Murphy          | Law                    |  | Credentialed                 |  |
| David Lonergan         | Law                    |  | Credentialed                 |  |
| Hanumesh Sai Pamisetty | Mechanical Engineering |  | Credentialed                 |  |
| Arlin Bustillos        | Medicine               |  | Credentialed                 |  |
| Grace                  | OILS                   |  | Credentialed                 |  |
| Sarah Stamer           | Physics                |  | Credentialed                 |  |
|                        |                        |  |                              |  |
| Carlie                 | Psychology             |  | Credentialed                 |  |
| Gareth                 | Public Policy          |  | Credentialed                 |  |
| Kodiak                 | Sociology              |  | Credentialed                 |  |
|                        |                        |  |                              |  |
| Michel Rivera Ramirez  |                        |  |                              |  |
| Ryan Lindquist         |                        |  |                              |  |
| Mariano                |                        |  |                              |  |
| Kanchana               |                        |  |                              |  |
| Abdul                  |                        |  |                              | Members from the public in the gallery. Former |
| Ansbert                |                        |  |                              |  |

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