



I. Call to Order

Okay, I'm going to call this meeting to order at 10.05 AM.

a. Roll Call

Biology William Bieker
Chemistry and Chemical Biology Emmanuel Quartey
Earth and Planetary Sciences Aidan Dunne
Economics Jiaqing Zhao
Electrical and Computer Engineering Milan Joshi
Electrical and Computer Engineering Nazmul Anik
History Gavin Rogers
Law Mason Leachman
Law Isabella Molina
Medicine Julie Emeanuwa
Medicine Roni Parrales
Medicine Henry Sorto
Native American Studies Marisa Page
Physics Saheed Oyeniran

b. Confirmation of Quorum

All right. Thank you. So we do have quorum with that.

c. Approval of Agenda

Is there a motion to approve the agenda as it is written? There's a copy in your folders as well. It should be up on the screen. Motion by Medicine. Any second. Second by History. All those in favor, say aye. Aye. All those opposed, say nay. All those, any abstentions? Seeing none, motion passes unanimously.

d. Indigenous People's Land and Territory Acknowledgment

Let's move on to the Indigenous Peoples' Land and Territory Acknowledgement. I forgot to pull it up. Just a little bit. Do we have a volunteer to read that for us today? Perfect, Marisa Page, whenever we get it.

Founded in 1889, the University of New Mexico sits on the traditional homelands of the Pueblo of Sandia. The original peoples of New Mexico – Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache – since time immemorial, have deep connections to the land and have made significant contributions to the broader community statewide. We honor the land itself and those who remain stewards of this land throughout the generations and also acknowledge our committed relationship to Indigenous peoples. We gratefully recognize our history.

II. Opening Business

a. Approval of last Meeting's Minutes

Thank you so much. With that, we're going to move on to approval of last meeting's minutes. Did somebody motion to approve last meeting's minutes? Motion by history, is there a second? Second. Second by Physics. All those in favor, say aye. Aye. All those opposed, say nay. Any abstentions? Seeing none, motion passes unanimously.

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

So with that, we're going to move on to public comment. Is there any members of the public who would like to comment at this period?

Public Comment by Ryan Regaldo wishing us well at the end of the semester and commending LSC's undertaking of the Constitutional rewrite.

III. Guest Speakers

a. UNM Arcoiris- Frankie Flores

This is my drag mother, my mentor, my friend, Frankie Flores.

Good morning, everyone. How y'all doing? Excited to be here on a Saturday.

My name is Frankie Flores. I am the director of the Arcoiris Center, Under the Division for Change and Empowerment. We have recently changed our names as our division and as a center, so we wanted to, we're going around the university and sharing some updates, why we changed our name, and fielding questions y'all may have. So we'll talk about our division's aspirations, mission, values, and portfolio. We'll talk about the Outlook Council and Outlook Center updates. So our logo was actually created by all staff members at a staff retreat a couple years ago. In fact, I don't remember which tile is mine. And neither does anyone else. So whichever one is the best that you think looks the best is mine. So, here is our team. So, we are led by our Vice President, Dr. Rosado Zaray, our Project Manager, Shana Lopez, and then we have our Assistant to the VP, Nayib Otaño-Gracia, myself, and then we also have Nicolette Schwartz, Mary Ann Scott, and Sophia Laborde and Monica Jenrette in our team. So in August, we did a very extensive, laborious, boring, headache-inducing, but ultimately rewarding retreat, and we came up with a new aspiration statement. So our hope for the future is we envision a university where all Lobos

are to pursue success without barriers. And our mission is we seek to elevate and strengthen UNM's core values by creating access for, cultivating the potential of, and inspiring all Lobos. We do so by learning from our legacies and fostering connections through energy, hope, and joy. Our values. As the heart of the pack, we've built on our roots to amplify the voices of UNM's communities by following these core values. Curiosity in the production of new knowledge, promotion of innovative research and artistic endeavors, creating and following best practices, meeting the changing needs of all LOBOs, minimizing harm, and remembering to dance even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Shit gets hard, I want to quit, I think about going into an MLM, I would be a wonderful Mary Kay salesperson, but I got gay and old, so I stayed here.

This is not my success number. It's wonderful. You can get a compliment later also. So a lot of the work we do falls under Goal 3 of UNM 2040. So Goal to 3 ensure UNM is inherently inclusive, accessible to most, and available accommodating to all students, staff, faculty, and community members. We strengthen the equity and inclusion of infrastructure across the university through enhanced coordination and communication. We focus on faculty and staff diversity, recruitment, retention, professional development, and career advancement and success to address historical and current injustices and inequities. We assess UNM's inclusive climate across all UNM sites to document and address concerns and actively work to evolve cultural humility and literacy within our communities. Increase student persistence by improving learning environments and inspiring students at branch campuses to consider four-year degrees. Create equitable strategies to improve output of terminal degrees compared to all students. One of the ways that we do this is we are doing workshops across all of our branch campuses. We do, Dr. Surai is actually out at a conference right now, so that's why she wasn't able to here with me. But we are making sure that we're going to all our branch campuses. We are making sure that we're going to as many as many departments as possible because we really do believe that everyone belongs everywhere. And so we are really good at telling people that we belong everywhere and making sure that we are seen everywhere. And one of the ways that we do this, and you can get involved, is so they also can So in Spanish, Arcoíris means to rise or to elevate, and it's a reflection of our mission to uplift and amplify voices that too often go unheard. We meet every first Wednesday of the month in Robert's room. Our meetings are hybrid as well. We're not meeting there this month, though. We're having a little celebration. But we do meet 1130 to 130, and some of the things that ALSA Council has done in the past is we were helping spearhead and helping, it's a Saturday, I forgot my words. We helped navigate the adopting of the new seal. We were the ones who were helping coordinate all of that and helping determine which seal we approved. Was anyone at UNM during those days of the seal approval process? We had, I think, like 75 submissions. Some were great. Some were real interesting, A for effort. But we wanted to make sure that everyone had a voice. And the fill that we eventually approved, I think, is really representative of the university. And so that's kind of the work that we do. So some resources for y'all. The biggest one that we have is the Wayfinder program. Have any of you ever used it before? So if you are experiencing bullying, harassment, sexual assault on campus, or you don't

know if you are, sometimes things happen and you're like, oh, this feels weird, but I don't know what to call it. I don't know how to actually describe it. You can go to the Wayfinder website and it'll help you navigate different experiences and who to contact and how to make sure that you are being Myself, I am a confidential advocate on campus. So if you are experiencing any of these things, you can come in, we can chat, and I do not have to report it. I am not mandated to report a number of things, which I'm very thankful for. So how many of y'all have been to the Center? None? Shame on you. I'm not judging you out loud, but, because Jacob just did it. For me. So we were founded in 2010. We are celebrating our 15 year anniversary. I have gifts for you all. So when we were founded, we were not expected to last very long. And we are celebrating 15 years, which is our or as we call it, our Queer Quincanera. Clever, right? And so when we were first created, I did not like the name. I felt LGBTQ did not fully encompass who we are. And it also doesn't include the vast majority of folks that we serve. We do serve all UNM students, staff, and faculty, and that includes cis and straight people. So we decided to change our name to Arcoíris. Arcoíris in Spanish is rainbow, which encompasses all colors, right? We serve everybody. We are very excited to be turning 15. Fun fact about UNM, we have one of the fifth oldest queer organizations that has been recognized by a university in the country. It's us, Columbia, NYU, There's two others, it doesn't matter. So we are, we have been part of history for a very long time. And the work that we've done is representative of these past 50 plus years that we've had a queer presence on this campus. Some of the stuff that we do, we do confidential advocacy, as I mentioned. We do HIV testing every second Tuesday of the month from 10 to two. We also have someone who comes in to do our HIV testing. It is confidential, it is rapid, and they can help you get on PrEP as well. For those of you who don't know, PrEP is pre-exposure prophylaxis. It is a pill that you can take that is like 97% effective? 99? I think it's 99. I'm not a med student. It's about 99% effective against the transmission of HIV. We also have peer counseling that is led by Shaq called Building Better Ships. We have a couple of student organizations that we work with. Our capstone program is our Safe Zone Workshop. And we do serve, again, all of us globally, students, staff, and faculty. We have our website. You can check it out. If you are on campus, This upcoming week, come by on Wednesday for Friendsgiving. It is from 1230 to three. I am cooking three turkeys, a ham, about 20 pounds of mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, dressing, cranberry, all with my own hands. Don't worry, I'd wash them, it's good. But it is a chance for us to be in community, spend time with each other. We do understand that UNM students, staff, and faculty all experience extreme food disparities. And so we try to combat that at all times. So we do have food available always at our center. Thank you. If you have any questions, you can email the vice president, Dr. Zarai. Does anyone have any questions right now for me?

Native American Studies: Thank you for doing what you do.

Thank you, thank you. I'm going to thank myself afterwards with the mimosa. Or two. Anyone else? All right, well, thank you so much.

IV. Officer Reports

a. President Report- Travis Broadhurst (5 minutes)

Thank you. All right. Moving on to officer reports. Travis can't be here. He's currently at the UNM law mock trial and said he was going to send me a paragraph and did not. So I imagine everything's going great with the executive branch so we can just move on to mine.

b. Council Chair- Jacob Griego (5 minutes)

So for my report, I just wanted to explain a little bit about the stipends because that's the way that it's worded. So what stipends are is they are actually a scholarship. And that scholarship is to incentivize your participation. That's why the requirements are that you have to be here for at least three full meetings. So if you're not here for at least three full meetings, you do not qualify to receive that scholarship. It's not a stipend as in you're getting paid for work. No, no, no. It is a scholarship for you to incentivize you to come to these meetings. So with that, there's like some confusion. Some people are emailing me and they've already missed three meetings.

Unfortunately, they don't qualify.

So that's kind of the way that works. Questions about that, let me know. But I'm going to be submitting most of that paperwork tomorrow. Some of them will be done after the December 9th meeting, just because we're already kind of at the two-meeting mark, and I want to make sure that everyone who receives that qualifies. So with that, we're going to move on into committee reports. Finance chair.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee; Budget Report:

Hello everyone, I'm the finance director of GPSA. So we just finished this week the last finance committee meeting of this semester and this semester was great for GPSA because first time we allocated funds to 50 appropriations which was great never happened and we also allocated all total around 130k which actually exceeded the allocated amount of the fall 120k but we will manage it from the spring one but it was great like it never happened like even the whole year in the many previous years so basically in this meeting I just submitted the executive and council branches appropriations budget bills. The remaining one I will submit in the next upcoming GPSA council because coincidentally our both meetings, finance committee and council meeting were on the same week. So we need one week gap, but those two are important because it is rated to all of your scholarships increments. So it has to be approved by today. And next spring, the budget will come. So whoever is associated with any non-RDSAs, CFO, please be prepared. From the next semester onwards, we will start the advertisement. And the appropriations, as well, it will be started. And also, I think the bills will come out. So if anyone has any questions under finance part, you can ask me, because I forwarded some requests to the legislative branch. Yeah, thank you.

Moving on to the Legislative Steering Committee, David is also participating in the mock trial, but Mason's going to be giving the update so I don't have to talk the entire thing.

b. Legislative Steering Committee: Mason Leachman

The Legislative Steering Committee met this week, well last week, to review some proposed changes to the Constitution. We reviewed those changes, we voted put it on those changes amended them as needed and ultimately passed, I believe it was nine bills to make edits to our Constitution.

Yeah, they worked really hard. I'm very proud of the LSE committee. So with that we'll move into action items. We have no mandated items no emergency items no unfinished business so we're going to go straight to new business. With that we're going into the legislative committee bills. So the way it works is four constitutional amendments is they're introduced at one meeting. We can discuss them, we can make changes to them, but we will not vote on them until the next meeting. They're not officially passed until the next meeting. So that's why it's important we have quorum today and why it's important we have quorum on December 6th for our next meeting. So that way we can actually get these changes passed. We can put them on the ballot for the presidential election.

d. New Business

i. Legislative Steering Committee Bills

So, with that, do you want to come up and introduce all of those? I have them here. But you're up to that's so this is bill f1 right yes okay and this is just the logo change for Constitution.

Should I Read these like in order verbatim? Okay yeah so the Constitution of the Graduate Professional Student Association the University of New Mexico and you can find the new Constitution title page and then if we scroll down cross out that and then we gave it a more bold and official title page and a new logo.

That's pretty much that.

So then here's bill F2 and here we changed, so we said under for the presidential section, we said, I think it is worth having a longer timeline if the president is removed in order to elect another candidate. And we thought it would give more time for qualified candidates to come forward and prepare an election.

Can you speak up just a little bit?

Oh, sorry. So we basically are increasing the time to elect, okay, to elect a new president if the previous president is removed. So I think that interval goes from 20 days to, okay.

Okay, cool. If you scroll down, we can add account number, change some grammar. And so then, yeah, we changed the minimum compensation. Oh, so sorry, I missed that. So we changed the way that the president is paid. Basically, it was kind of a set salary and we wanted it to be changed with inflation. So we basically set it at what the union sets graduate wages at. So that basically makes sure that there's oversight to the president's wages, but also that the president's wages aren't being inflated. Yeah. Yep, and we changed from, I think it was 20 days to 30 days. I think that's good, yeah. Here's Bill F3. So we made edits to the financial payments or committee member services, and then we did returns in accordance with the university policy and the minimum compensation set by graduate workers. So a lot of this is basically changing how wages are paid to make them reflect what the union sets wages at.

Here's Bill 4.

We changed chair and director terminologies. It's consistent. Clarified names of directors and positions with their respective duties, added terminology linking payment scheme for graduate assistantships with the UGW collective bargaining agreement, added comparative language for stipend payments to be established by the president, added discretionary language to committee members and annual reports to make them mandatory only for the of the president. Adding quantitative descriptions of each RDSA voting right depending on the number of constituent members. Provisions of contractual bargaining or backing to the council chair payments for consistent across the Constitution, refined grammar, and made numbering and lettering of sections consistent. Number six, we have, we changed the title to Edit Justices to Chief Justice, clarifying the positions tasked with the responsibility of appointing the Chief Justice, grammar edits, reconciling the term of chief justice to terminate at the end of spring semester, not guaranteeing each chief justice will be appointed for one calendar year, ensuring chief justice is paid fairly, tasking president with establishing the payment. Correct spelling. Clarifies at what point referendum and approval by Board of Regents is needed to increase the GPSA fee, added the term annual where applicable in the GPSA budget section, specified that chartered students organizations seeking either GPSA funding or semester-wise appropriations must do so in compliance with the guidelines set by our financial finance committee. Number eight, we added language clarifying the budget and annual to match the revisions from article five. Change formatting on the preamble and all articles. So the titles are center formatted.

Thank you. All right, so like I said, we can make changes on those today. If any of you watched through them, you have really deep desire to get started on changing all of those today. If not, you have access to all of them. They were emailed to you as a link. So you can go through, look at them, meditate on them, really decide, and then come that next meeting, we can actually have those conversations to make the changes. Or as always, you can trust the LSE committee and the fact that we went through that with the fine tune comb multiple times to try to give you the best

possible version as well. So like I said, we can't vote on them, they're just introduced. So with that, we're gonna move on to the finance appropriations. Yes.

So as an advisor, GSPA has needed this overhaul for probably 15 to 20 plus years. So I applaud LSC for taking the initiative to get this done and Jacobs leadership in getting this done. So please take some time to look through this. This is your Constitution. Make sure you agree with those changes. Make any suggested edits. Try not to do that Try to have conversations with LSE prior to the meeting, so that those can be implemented easier at the next meeting. Because trying to make changes and discussing some of those things, have some of those discussions behind the scenes before you get to your next meeting. So that'll make getting edits a lot easier. So thank you for these changes.

Of course, yes. And that's going to be where it is really important, is whenever we do decide to make changes So don't forget, you each have speaking rights twice, each motion or each piece of business. I look forward to it. It's going to be a fun meeting. So finance appropriations, we'll start with 51F.

ii. Finance

1. 12. Appropriation#51F – Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Council Branch

Hi, so this is appropriation 51F from GPSA council branch. So as you all remember, like in our last council meeting, we also presented like an appropriation from council branch as well as executive branch since they are deficient bodies so they can apply more than one time per semester. So basically if you remember like they requested for different purposes like if I specifically talk about council branch like they requested different stops like fridge, microwave, and along with that to uh they plan to increase the stipend of each member whether it's a council member legislative member but uh the thing happened um the document the explanation they mentioned in the appropriation form and the presentation they did like it was not appropriate uh to increase the stipend uh the intention was good but like the way of approach is not good so that's why was like uh striked out last time so that's why this appropriation is solely on the stipend increment if you close the loop so they changed the language and they again applied and now it was approved so basically our council chair uh requested uh for like to increment to increase the stipends of council recorder lsc chair vice chair and uh He also requested to add another LSC member based on the bylaws. They have the right to increase the number of LSC member. If you have any detailed questions, you can ask them. Lastly, they requested for a food reimbursement, which they already paid out of pocket, I think for earlier meeting. So that's the other thing. Thank you.

Also I must, so do we have a motion to open up appropriation? 51F. Motion by History, second by Medicine. All those in favor say aye.

Aye.

All those opposed say nay. All those abstain. Okay, so we're gonna pretend that that speech happened after. And then with that, is there any motion, is there any discussion on 51F? Are there any questions on 51F? Seeing none, we're going to do a roll call vote.

This is the general council meeting roll call vote for appropriation 51F

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With that motion passed.

2. 13. Appropriation#52F – Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Executive Branch

With that motion passed, Is there a motion to open Appropriation 52-F? Second by history. All those in favor, say aye.

Aye. Opposed, say nay. Any abstentions? Seeing none, motion passes unanimously.

Thank you, Council Chair. So similarly like Appropriation 51-F, this is also the same, like it was submitted by our president for the executive branch. It is mainly about the increment of the stipends of the respective positions. So unlike like what council chair explicitly requested for

each position, our president combined all the positions that requested under one category, which is good, but still he missed one positions. So which he requested during the presentation, which is about the director of boards, committees and election. So that's how you can see the original request like 4,050 but we added \$400 because he missed that in part of the respective position. But I think I also missed. So this one for the executive branch is this semester, fall 2025. He didn't request for the whole year. So basically I just, I will take one minute. So when the budget happened last spring for this academic year, so there was a set stipend. Now, these are the increments. So to get the payment, they have to apply through appropriation because the budget was fixed. So this is the increment part. And the budget, which was set in spring, it was for the full academic year. Generally, you all, including me, I will get semester-wise, this semester and next semester. So this is because of the tight money per semester, like fall and spring. So he requested for fall. And he will again request the increment amount for spring next semester. I don't know about council, whether they applied for the whole year or semester that I know. Thank you.

All right. So with that, is there a motion to, or sorry, is there any discussion on 52F? Seeing none, are there any questions? The motion's on 52F. Seeing none, we'll do the roll call vote again.

Okay, this is a roll call vote for Appropriation 52F.

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Seeing that motion passes unanimously. With that, we will move on to- Thank you guys. With that, we'll move on to council announcements.

VI. Council Announcements

So instead of passing around the microphone, we're gonna pass around Alyssa's phone so that way it records it for the minutes. But Alyssa's actually has her own announcement to start with.

Alyssa Pattee: My announcement is today is my last in-person meeting as your council recorder. As I have accepted a job out of state. So it's been a tough market guys. Thank you so much. It's been a pleasure working with you all. And it's actually also been a pleasure to be appointed by my peers to this position, which is amazing. So thank you all.
No announcements.

So I have an announcement from the ECE So in ECE department, we are making the launch for all the graduate students or engineering students, basically. So we are making like TV and buying some games I'm like, you know, people can play ping pong, table tennis, and you see department, let's see next semester. Before I'm graduating, I can have that job in the department. Yeah, that's our announcement from our side. Thank you.

Medicine: Wanted to thank the law school for a riveting game of soccer with the Malpractice Cup. Good sportsmanship. I had a good time afterwards. And the School of Medicine won 6-2. But we appreciate just every year being able to get together with our law colleagues and have a good spirit game of soccer.

Native American Studies Graduate Collective is doing a take back Thanksgiving where we will show the documentary gather. It's a food sovereignty document this Tuesday at 530. We will have snacks and you all invited. Thank you. I'm sorry, I forgot the place. It'll be at Mesa Vista Hall. For Tuesday.

Physics: The only thing I have to say is that we have a potluck happening. So you guys are invited if you have the time. It's happening by 12 p.m. To 3 p.m. I guess.

We have the Med Law Psychology January 31st being held at the med school. We still have some time. It'll be prior to the January. It is the same day as the January full council meeting. So I went in RSVP, if you all want to kind of join us, I think it'll be fun.

VIII. Upcoming Meetings

a. Full Council

i. December, 6 2025 at 10 am Lobo A and B.

But with that, upcoming meetings, all we have left is it's actually the December 6th. Yeah, the December 6th meeting this Saturday, same place, same time, 10 a.m. I have food coming again. I'll make sure you eat these snacks as well in the back. And finance are done for this semester, so all we will be doing, there's like a good 10 appropriation requests that we'll be receiving for that last meeting, as well as all nine constitutional amendments. So it'll be a longer meeting, but it'll be a fun meeting. Again, if we kind of meet and talk about everything earlier, it'll go by a little bit faster. But good luck as things wrap up, and I will see you in a couple of weeks.

IX. Adjourn:

I adjourn this meeting at 10.49 a.m.