



GPSA Council February 2026 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order:
 - a. Meeting was held on February 28, 2026, at 10:00 AM in SUB Lobo A & B Ballrooms. Meeting began at 10:05 AM and was presided over by Council Chair Jacob Griego
 - b. Roll Call:
 - i. American Studies, Hennessy Star - Present
 - ii. Biology, William Bieker - Present
 - iii. Biology, Dale Fastle - Absent
 - iv. Biomedical Engineering, Sydney Yazzie - Present
 - v. Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Emmanuel Quarty - Present
 - vi. Communication and Journalism, Saiqa Shahzadi - Absent
 - vii. Earth and Planetary Sciences, Aidan Dunne - Present
 - viii. Economics, Ziqing Xie - Absent
 - ix. Electrical and Computer Engineering, Milan Joshi - Present
 - x. Electrical and Computer Engineering, Nazmul Anik - Present
 - xi. History, Gavin Rogers - Present
 - xii. Law, Mason Leachman - Present
 - xiii. Law, Luisa Garcia-Teran - Absent
 - xiv. Law, Isabella Molina - Present
 - xv. Law, Vivian Tsai - Present
 - xvi. Medicine, Henry Sorto - Absent
 - xvii. Medicine, Julie Emeanuwa - Absent
 - xviii. Medicine, Roni Parrales - Absent
 - xix. Medicine, Sidney Aguilera - Absent
 - xx. Native American Studies, Marisa Page - Present
 - xxi. Occupational Therapy, Theresa Gagliano - Present
 - xxii. Physics, Saheed Oyeniran - Present
 - xxiii. Physics, Zahid Hasan - Present
 - xxiv. Psychology, Mikayla Poe - Absent
 - xxv. Public Policy, Gareth Ripol - Absent
 - xxvi. Sociology, Kodiak Ly - Present
 - c. Quorum was established (16 out of 26, FC members present at roll call).
 - d. Council Chair pointed out that Council Chair candidates have changed since the printing of the agenda; Wilfred Padmore Osei withdrew from the race. Motion to



approve agenda - motioned by Sociology, seconded from Law. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Indigenous People's Land & Territory Acknowledgement was read into the record by Marisa Page.
2. Opening Business
 - a. Motion to approve January 31, 2026 minutes - Earth and Planetary Sciences moved, History seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. No public comment.
3. Officer Reports
 - a. President Report - Read by LSC Chair David Lornegan
 - i. Hello Council, The spring semester has started swiftly for the executive branch. UNM Day resulted in a resounding success with the state legislature thanks to the efforts of Kaitlyn Harrison, our political director. She helped secure \$325,000 in commitments to our capital outlay projects of rainwater sensors on irrigation lines and solar panels on the roof of the SUB which should result in significant water and energy savings, respectively, for UNM. We also helped the Grad Worker's Union pass House Memorial 4, which commissions a statewide feasibility study to potentially bring state funded healthcare to graduate workers across the state, not just at UNM. Though our appropriations bill (SB 106) passed Senate Education committee unanimously, it failed to be heard at Senate Finance, so we will try again next year. Speaking of sustainability, Isabelle Van Dyke ran a second successful thrift swap two weeks ago, and is planning a second annual waste audit of the SUB for March 10th. Our PR Director, Ashik, has been busy with 7 events in February. This included Club 89: Music Showcase, a Valentine's Day arts and crafts fair, and trivia with the Grad Workers Union. We'll repeat the trivia again on north campus on March 24th at the Law School, and we hope to see you there! While we're on North Campus, I'm excited to announce that next month we will officially launch the collaboration between the dental student hygiene clinic and GPSA. We will raffle off five coupons for free dental cleanings at each GPSA event, available to any graduate student who attends that event as participation incentives for their attendance. This will ensure the service is available to all students and simultaneously not exceed the operational capacity of the clinic. Please feel free to spread the word about this new program as it was a major goal for our branch this



year! Additionally, spring grants are closed but the review process is in full swing. Finance committee is busy with the CSO budget season alongside appropriations. And of course it's election season, so please vote and encourage your friends to do so when the time comes next month. Finally, just yesterday the ASUNM president and I argued for UNM's budget leadership team to oppose raising tuition and fees next year, and we were successful by 1 vote. It's been a busy few months, but we've seen major progress! I apologize for not joining you in person for a council meeting since October. Thank you all for serving diligently under Jacob's leadership. I hope to give this report in person in March. If you have questions on anything I discussed, or GPSA matters I didn't have time to report on, please email me or visit me during office hours. Thank you. Kindest regards, Travis Broadhurst

- b. Council Chair, Jacob Griego -
 - i. So hello! Happy Valentine's Day. We have charcuterie today because you all are my Valentines this year. So with that, I'm so glad to see that we're so full. I'm glad that we're all here for this meeting, but the next meeting is going to be the most important meeting of the entire year even though we did constitution last semester. The reason why that's when we'll be voting for our upcoming council chair. We can't speak to any specifics yet that's later on the agenda but just everybody here in person because it's an in person vote. And fun fact for that, that meeting is actually going to be at the law school. So, big one at the law school. I need everybody there. I'll make sure that makes it so you won't get a ticket...
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Election Committee, Wilfred Padmore Osei
 - i. Good morning. So, I'll begin with the updates from the board of elections. For all the reps that we have, we know they do their best to make sure that they represent collective voices. So I will start with parking advisory which is looking to adjust looking at the next years. So these are the plans they have for the year, they plan to adjust for faculty and staff and looking at renovating the parking facilities. We also have different graduate students teaching so we had applications this year [for the Susan Deese-Roberts Outstanding Teaching Assistant], we have 25 and they are from different departments and we are able to award 5. And then for the professional and community committee, they have some approvers of



curriculum revisions and also introduction of new programs so I will run through a few of those programs they have national security and intelligence analysis. They have graduate certificates in medical AI and then for some departments, life science, they have conditionally approved certain programs. Now onto the election, we have two candidates for president. We closed the applications on the 23rd and we have two candidates, so we have the current president and then also a council member here. And then for the GPSA council elections we have you very own recorder today. So we have two members to join to form the election committee which, if approved, we will start immediately for the election and then they will be in charge of that. I will please ask that our council participate in our forum, we expect that you come during the time with the candidates so that you can ask questions so we get the right people to lead us. Thank you very much and if I have time, I can take any questions please.

ii. LSC Chair David Lornegan

1. Thank you so much, And yes, Wilfred is right. Please tell your RDSAs to be voting for president as well as in favor of the constitutional amendments that we all passed last semester because again those have to get approved by the student body before they can actually be implemented.

b. Finance Committee, Charlotte Auh

- i. Thanks for listening to me talk today. We've had two finance meetings so far and we've allocated about half of our budget and we have two appropriation meetings left. We have 22 appropriations today. It's all been going well.

c. Legislative Steering Committee, David Lornegan

- i. So we had our second LSC meeting back on a day in February... Yes, the 17. So we just started the full revisions process for the bylaws. It's going to be a fairly intensive process. We're going to go as in depth as we possibly can. The bylaws obviously govern everything that we do here at GPSA. It was a big lift last semester doing the constitutional amendments this semester with bylaws revisions. I know Jacob said that this next meeting is going to be one of the most important meetings for full council but the meeting after that I would say is just as important because that's when we're going to be voting on all the bylaws amendments. I know every meeting can't be the most important meeting ever, but I promise you



these two are so we'll get back to you with more information on that as we sort of develop the process. So we're tracking changes, we're making comments. It's going to be a lot, but it's going to be very, very worth it and everyone will be able to put on their resume that they revised the entire bylaws for GPSA. That's all I got. Thanks everyone.

5. Action Items

a. Mandated Items

- i. Sweeping motion to open the confirmation of the executive appointments - moved by History, seconded by American Sciences. Motion passes unanimously.
- ii. Confirmation of Appointments for Elections Committee
 1. Executive Appointment - motion to open executive appointments - made by History, seconded by American Studies, Motion passes unanimously.
 - a. Nick Chavez
 - i. Motion to approve Nick Chavez for position - motioned by History, seconded by Earth and Planetary Sciences. Motion passes unanimously by roll call vote.
 2. Legislative Appointment - motion to open legislative appointments - made by American Studies, seconded by law. Motion passes unanimously.
 - a. Rashida Jeduah
 - i. Motion to approve Rashida Jeduah for position - motioned by Chemistry, seconded by Law. Motion passes unanimously by roll call vote.

b. Emergency Items

- i. None.

c. Unfinished Business

- i. None.

d. New Business

- i. Finance Appropriations (presented by Vice Chair Charlotte Auh)
 1. Council Chair reminded the council they could open all appropriations individually or make a sweeping motion to open all. Sweeping motion to open all finance appropriations - motioned by History, seconded by Law. Motion passes unanimously.
 2. Appropriation#1S – Communities in Health (CIH)

- a. Okay so our first one was actually a January appropriation but they weren't able to make the meeting so it was tabled and it was reopened in February. It was Communities in Health. They were asking for food funds to host two educational events and we gave them all the money they asked for because it was in accordance with our standing rules.
3. Appropriation#2S – American Civil Liberties Union - University of New Mexico School Of Law Chapter (ACLU-UNM)
 - a. Our second one was also a January appropriation that was tabled because they couldn't make it in January and reopened in February. She was asking for the ACLU UNM School of Law Chapter for food for their symposium that they had already hosted at the end of January so it was reimbursement. We gave them the max amount which was \$500 for the food. They had asked for other funds originally but she said they had gotten that money from other sources so they didn't need it anymore so that was funded at zero.
4. Appropriation#5S – National Organization for the Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCCHe)
 - a. The first actual appropriation of February was for the National Organization for the Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers. They were having a career development workshop. They asked for \$612 but since it was less than 100 grad students they were expecting, we gave them \$500.
5. Appropriation#6S – Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)
 - a. And then the next one was the Political Science Graduate Students Association. They were having some events and then they were trying to send students to conference. And yeah, just in accordance with our standing rules, we gave the amount that they were asking for food because it was less than our cap. We gave them our maximum for conference fees, which is \$900, and then we gave them the

75% of their airfare and then up to \$1,800 we give for lodging and food, so that was our math.

6. Appropriation#7S – Physics and Astronomy Graduate Student Association (PANDA GSA)
 - a. And then the next one was the Physics and Astronomy Graduate Stud Association. They were having a ping pong tournament and an end semester celebration. They asked for food, for those events, and they were expecting a lot of people, so we gave them our large event food amount and then their supply costs, we do 70% so we did 70%, \$140.
7. Appropriation#8S – Biomedical Sciences Graduate Student Society (BSGSS)
 - a. The next one was the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Stud Society, and they were just having one event. They asked for \$500 for food, and that is our cap so we gave to them.
8. Appropriation#9S – Albuquerque Students for Nuclear (AND)
 - a. And then, oh, it was Albuquerque Students for Nuclear Disarmament. They were asking for office supplies and... food for events and honorarium. We gave them their office supplies, their honorarium. Oh, yes, we fully funded all of them, except for those supply class we gave at 70% as is our rules.
9. Appropriation#10S – Language, Literacy, and Sociocultural Studies Graduate Student Association (LLSS-GSA)
 - a. And then the Language Literacy and Sociocultural Studies Graduate Student Association, they were hosting a symposium, and they were traveling to a conference. So we did our \$900 for conference fees, which was oh yeah, they had like already done all of our rules so we didn't even have to change anything. So it was all, like, they had already done the 75% of student airfare, so that's why it was fully funded.
10. Appropriation#11S – LAMBDA Law of UNM (LAMBDA)
 - a. And then the LAMBDA Law was asking for funding to go to Lavender Law. We gave 75% of airfare and then our max \$1,800 for lodging, all of those– two, three, and four kind

of bunched together to get \$1,800 so that was our max for that.

11. Appropriation#12S – Pentecost Students Associates (PENSA)
 - a. And then the Pentecost Students Association they were asking for food for their events, and it was less than our \$500 max so we gave them for both of their events
12. Appropriation#13S – Nepali Students Association (NSA)
 - a. And then the Nepali Student Association was asking for funding for their big events, Holi, and then they were also hosting Nepali Night. We gave them, you know, in the past, they had a lot of people go to Holy, so we gave them their food that they were asking for two events. Then rental fees come up again, but that's 70%. So it was 70% of rental fees, 70% of supply costs and then 70% of supply costs down there and they got their copying for the flyers
13. Appropriation#14S – Women in Physics, Astro, Optics (WiPAO)
 - a. Women in Physics Astronomy and Optics, they were asking for food for their events, and we gave them, and then books for their book club were supply costs, so they were 70%.
14. Appropriation#15S – History Graduate Student Association (HGSA)
 - a. The History Graduate Student Association asked for a printer and we could only fund it at 70% because that's not in our standing rules. So we funded that at 70%.
15. Appropriation#16S – Badminton Club at UNM (Feather Flyers)
 - a. Then the Feather Flyers Badminton Club asked for more funding for rackets, and we did give them some funding last semester, but they said they had more people, and they needed more rackets. So we funded that at 70%, and then they were asking for food for their events, and we gave that to them, too. They're doing really great.
16. Appropriation#17S – Environmental Law Society (University of New Mexico) (ELS)
 - a. The Environmental Law Society was asking for food for their general body meetings and one event and then copying. And yeah, they were pretty much fully funded. In

the past, we did \$200 per GBM and now it's just \$150, so that was changed. They didn't know.

17. Appropriation#18S – Bangladesh Student Association at University of New Mexico (BSAUNM)
 - a. And now the Bangladesh Student Association was also asking for money for two big events, their Mother Language Day and then their Bengali New Year. So we gave them the max for a big event, 70% for facility rental, and then 70% for supply costs for those events.
18. Appropriation#19S – Hindu YUVA
 - a. I don't know if this is important for you guys, but if two groups are co- sponsoring an event, we're not really supposed to think about that and just stick to our standing animals. So they did ask for some of the similar things, but we just kind of fund it no matter what. Even though Nepali Student Association asked for it too. So that's why they also got money for Holi. So they got for food, for supply cost at 70%, the professional services, I think is the DJ, and those are 70%.
19. Appropriation#20S – Student Association of Geography and Environmental Studies (SAGES)
 - a. Yeah. And then the Student Association of Geography and Environmental Studies was just asking for food for the general body meetings and an end of semester event, and those were fully funded based on how they are.
20. Appropriation#21S – Black Law Student Association (BLSA)
 - a. The Black Law Student Association was asking for funding, two of their members were going to moot court, so we can give 75% of their airfare and then a total of \$1,800 for their... or even less, it was our, you know, per diem rules for lodging and food. And then their conference fees were in check, and then their food was good, and then it was 70% for facility rentals.
21. Appropriation#22S – Graduate Association of Students of Psychology (GASP)
 - a. And then the Graduate Association of the Students of Psychology. Oh, yeah, they were asking for supplies for

their craft night and they put everything in a separate line. So it was just 70% of all of it, so they're little tiny numbers. It was like paint.

22. Appropriation#23S – Sri Lankan Students' Association (SLSA)

- a. And then the Sri Lankan Students Association was having a Sri Lankan New Year event, and were asking for food and supply costs and rental fees for that. And it was 70% of supply costs.

23. Appropriation#24S – Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA)

- a. And then the student Occupational Therapy Association asked for facility rentals and food for their graduation event. So the facility rentals we gave at 70%, the food because they were expecting less than 100 graduate students, we could only give our \$500. Then there's apply class for \$70, the non-capital equipment, the way it was put in the appropriation was worded so that it would benefit the classroom and not the student org. And our SGAO accountant said, like, classroom things need to come from the department and not finance committee, so we had to fund those at zero. And I think that's the last one.

24. Roll call motion to approve all appropriations passed unanimously.

6. Council Announcements

- a. American Studies, Hennessy Star - Nothing to announce.
- b. Biomedical Engineering, Sydney Yazzie - Biomedical sciences graduate program, we have our graduate student research day Friday, May 6th. So if you're on North Campus, come by and see our posters. That's it.
- c. Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Emmanuel Quarty - Nothing to announce.
- d. Earth and Planetary Sciences, Aidan Dunne - We have our graduate research symposium next Friday from 2pm-6pm. Please come, you know, if you're curious about any of the research that we do and see some talks and posters.
- e. Electrical and Computer Engineering, Milan Joshi - Nothing to announce.
- f. Electrical and Computer Engineering, Nazmul Anik - Nothing to announce.
- g. History, Gavin Rogers - I am sad to announce the passing of my predecessor on the GPSA Council, Maria Von Hass. She died a couple weeks ago on, I don't know what the date is. Oh, it's actually not on the announcement. Sorry, I do apologize. That hit the department rather hard. She was defending her dissertation



this year and so we're working on getting her doctorate through the department and through the university. And I know some of you have known her as my predecessor here, so I don't know what else to say.

- h. Law, Mason Leachman - No announcements.
 - i. Law, Luisa Garcia-Teran -
 - j. Law, Isabella Molina -
 - k. Law, Vivian Tsai -
 - l. Native American Studies, Marisa Page - Marisa asked for the council members' dietary restrictions as she is making breakfast burritos for the next council meeting.
 - m. Occupational Therapy, Theresa Gagliano - No announcement
 - n. Physics, Saheed Oyeniran - No announcement
 - o. Physics, Zahid Hasan -
 - p. Sociology, Kodiak Ly - No announcements at this session, but I would like to acknowledge that Maria served like six years on counsel, and I am so sad to hear about her passing earlier, last couple weeks ago.
7. Upcoming Meetings
- a. Full Council (Including Council Chair Election)
 - i. March 28, 2028 at 10:00am at the UNM School of Law
 - b. Finance Committee
 - i. March 10, 2026 @ 6:00pm SUB Fiesta A&B
 - c. Legislative Steering Committee
 - i. Tuesday, March 17, 2026 @ 4:00pm MST via zoom
8. Adjourn
- a. Meeting adjourned at 10:46 AM.