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GPSA Council Regular Meeting
9:00am – 1:00pm
HSC Domenici West, Room 2112

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- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Opening Business
 - a) Approval of the Agenda
 - b) Approval of the December 3, 2011 Minutes
 - i) Guest Speaker – Andrew Cullen, AVP for UNM Planning, Budget & Analysis
[2012-13 UNM Strategic Financial Outline](#)
 - ii) Honorable Chief Justice Cory Kalm: Follow up/Feedback on the Judicial Processes
 - c) Gallery & Media
- 3) Action Items
 - a) Constitutional Action Items:
 - i)
 - b) Standing Committees
 - i) Finance Committee
 - (1) SA-12-001: Department of American Studies
 - (2) SA-12-002: Writing Across Communities
 - (3) SA-12-003: Political Science Graduate Student Association
 - (4) SA-12-004: GPSA Council-LFC Budget Process Hearings
 - (5) SA-12-005: Council Refreshments (Tabled)
 - (6) SA-12-006: Chair Educational Fund, per Bylaws (Tabled)
 - (7) SA-12-007: Recorder Additional Duties/Hours (Tabled)
 - ii) Steering Committee
 - (1) SR-12-002: Electronic Data Book
 - (2) SR-12-003: COR Disapproval
 - (3) SR-12-004: Honorary Degree Review
 - (4) SR-12-001: Transparency in Student/Faculty Investigations (Recommended to Working Group)
 - (5) SAmend-12-001: Individual Participation (Recommended to Working Group)
 - (6) SAmend-12-002: Veto Procedure (Recommended to Working Group)
 - iii) Emergency Items
- 4) Discussion Items
 - a) Office of Provost: Feedback/Follow up on Graduate & Professional Program Metrics (Katie Richardson)
- 5) Information Items
 - a) Council Reports
 - i) GPSA Council Chair Report
 - (1) Welcome – SP12 Mission & Goals
 - (2) From Debbie Morris, SAC & Melanie Baise, Esq., University Counsel: Finance Code still in Review
 - (3) From Honorable Justice Billy Jimenez: October Judicial Complaint Opinion Received
 - (4) Election –2012-13 GPSA Chair
 - ii) Legislative Standing Committee Reports

- (1) Finance Report with Current Council Operational Accounts & 2012-13 Budget Process
- (2) Steering Report and Bylaws Working Group Report

b) Executive Reports

- i) GPSA President's Report
- ii) Executive Standing Committee Reports
 - (1) Elections – Nas Manole
 - (2) Lobby – Allison / Travis
- iii) Executive Ad Hoc & University Committee Reports

6) Representative Announcements

7) **Upcoming meeting dates**

Next Regular Council Meeting
Saturday, February 25, 2012
HSC Domenici West #2112

Legislative Steering Committee Schedule

Legislative Finance Committee Schedule

8) Adjourn



GPSA Regular Council Meeting

Minutes

December 3, 2011

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PRESIDING OFFICER:	Megan O'Laughlin, Council Chair
REPRESENTATIVES:	Representative Sheet Attached
RECORDER / PARLIMENTARIAN:	Bernadette Fontenelle
SPEAKERS & GUESTS:	Gary Harrison, Dean, Office of Graduate Studies Reshma Ali Kamal, OGS Ombuds Dr. Lawrence Roybal, Graduate Resource Center

Agenda Items

I. ROLL CALL

ACTION	Meeting called to order by Chair Council Megan O'Laughlin at 9:16 A.M. Chair passed around sign-in sheet instead of roll call and visually sees a quorum. Meeting has quorum.
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II. OPENING BUSINESS

ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Today's agenda is accepted as amended without objection. Mr. Rush adds to 4a discussion item, judicial discussion about the actual complaint. No objections. Majority carries forward. Point of order by Corbin, move agenda item 3c- Emergency item to 3. No further objections. Amend agenda is approved.• Approval of the November 19, 2011 minutes is approved with amendments. Any corrections, no. Hearing no objections, minutes are approved.• Gary Harrison presented total number of graduate students, Ombuds position, ask GPSC about ideas on presented material. Reshma Ali Kamal is the Ombuds person, resolve disputes among students and a place for graduate students to go to resolve problems; contact info is 277-1135 email kamal@unm.edu• Dr. Lawrence Roybal presented appreciation for graduate students supporting the Office of Graduate Research.• Gallery & Media- send out survey on state legislative and hopes GPSA completes.• Annette Schaefer is soliciting funds for Casamalegro, for an amazing group of people; Contact information is Atschaefer@salud.unm.edu• Matt Rush presented on Thanksgiving dinner, no pictures brought but will give more update at a later time. Thank you. <p>Corbert motion to move 3b 1 & 2 to amended agenda to above appropriations. Motion carries. Now onto Action Items.</p>
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III. ACTION ITEMS

ACTION	a) Action items per 11-19-11 1) FR-11-009: Bylaws Amendments: After break, began original agenda. Casarez
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updated on procedural issues and ask Council to vote. Casarez motion to approve bylaws amendments 9 & 10 and ask council to vote down. Point of order to motion indefinitely. Casarez restated motion to fail resolutions 9 & 10. No discussion. 2 abstain, yays have it. Motion passes and resolution 9 & 10 are not adopted. Jump to Standing Committees agenda items.

2) FR-11-010: Bylaws Amendments

- b) Constitutional Action Items *first on action items* due to amended agenda. First item for agenda is the state legislative is based on the formula funding; they want to maximize formula. Second item is tax incentives; last items are to keep the bus passes and GRD funding back up per year. Asking for Council to approve these agenda items. Council asked questions such as what is the sample size, 92 people. Once retrieved better data, a one page handout will be created to take to the Round House. Move onto discussion, Rep. Dworak advice to be careful in how you collect the data. Some suggestions made. Corbin motion to approve Lobby Committee NM Legislative Session Priorities. Point of Order by Rush, motion on the floor. Council Chair unsure how to ask a question. No further discussion move to a vote. 1 abstain, yays have it. Motion is approved.

1) Approval of Lobby Committee NM Legislative Session Priorities

2) EI-FR-11-016

- c) Standing Committees

i. Finance Committee

- 1) FA-11-006: SS+A / Provost Town Hall- Dworak reviewed appropriation, it's pretty straight forward. Julie Kidder motion to approve appropriation. No discussion and move to a vote. Yays have it. No abstain. Appropriation is approved.

ii. Steering Committee

1) LSC Procedural Items

- a) LSC Action: Creation of Working Group- Casarez reviewed LSC guidelines. Open for discussion. Julie Kidder motion to approve working group with stipulations open to all branches. (Motion #15) Open for discussion. Casarez ask if someone be willing to be contact person. Rep. Gee volunteered. No other discussion, all in favor. 1 no, 0 abstain. Working will be created.

2) Resolutions

- a) FR-11-015: Amendments to Standing Rules- Casarez ask to speak to this by Council. Point of Information by Rep. Rogers. Is this a resolution? Basically an amendment to the standing rules. Rep. Matt Rush motion to approve changes to standing rules. Yays have it, unanimous by over 2/3s. Amendments are approved.
- b) FR-11-014: LSC Bylaws Amendments (11/19/11) – Finance Code- Casarez ask to speak to this by Council. Whatever we vote today will determine the bylaws, between wording, "must" and "should". Point of clarification by Dworak. Casarez motion to change the finance code in bylaws, "must" to "should". Motion under discussion. Division on motion #17: yes-13; no- 7; 5- abstain. Point of information by Casarez, we did not discuss process, ask chair about change but will take a final vote when done. Casarez motion to approve changes by majority and vote majority of bylaws by two-thirds. Open for discussion. Yays have it. Point of clarification by Rush to recount a vote. Recount division vote: yes- 16; no- 7; abstain- 4. Yays have it. "Should" will be used, motion is adopted. Council chair asked for a motion. Casarez motion to approve amended finance code and clarify academic calendar days. Open for discussion. Casarez motion (#20) to restate budget hearings, "Group that attends neither a budget workshop nor

	<p>a budget hearing shall be disqualified from the budget process." No discussion move to vote, 1 abstain. Motion is approved. Back to motion 19, vote has to be 2/3s. Division: yes- 25, no – 0; abstain- 0. Unanimous vote.</p> <p>iii. Emergency Items- second on agenda action items.</p> <p>a) EI-FR-11-016: Corbin Casarez motion to approve resolution 16. Any discussion. Rep. Casarez stated importance of credit. Travis motion to amend to add David Abby, Director of LFC. Open for discussion. Tuition credits define as a tax. Point of order by Casarez. Move forward to vote, motion is adopted. Main motion opens for discussion. No discussion and move forward to vote. Resolution 16 is adopted as amended.</p> <p>b) EI-FR-11-017- Chair announced for President Katie apologies about the delays. Sarah Coffey reviewed policy and urge council body to pass resolution; this would give graduates a different type of voice; 2 graduates and 5 undergraduate. Open for discussion ask, is policy attached to today's handouts and why is it an emergency item? Rush motion to approve SSRB. No further discussion move to a vote. 1 abstain, yays have it. Resolution is adopted.</p> <p>EI-FA-11-007- this submitted by Heather Berghmans. Council reviewing documents. Point of Order by Dworak, does it need 2/3 vote? Matt motion to pass appropriation, \$2,375.49, left out of budget. . Any discussion? Megan justify time spent. Casarez motion to amend recorder stipend to one thousand dollars. Discussion is, is the amount appropriable? GPSA Council Recorder stipend compared to this recorder; should be compensated recorder. 3 abstain, motion to pass student fee review board for 1,000. Motion #11 Dworak combine total to an event and total line item \$1376. Any discussion on combining, move forward to vote. 3 abstain, yays have it. Motion is adopted. Open discussion. Megan motion to add language about council acknowledges appropriation was decreased and how to justify hours. No further discussion. All in favor, 3 abstain. Motion is adopted. Back up to motion #9, any further discussion, move to a vote. 3 abstain, yays have it. <i>Motion passed. Council Chair motion for recess, adjourn at 10:53 a.m. Restarted meeting at 11:06 a.m.</i></p>
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IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

ACTION	<p>1) FR-11-0###: Bylaws: LFC Procedural Items- Rep. Rush asking for a discussion and ask chair to reference this discussion. Council body did discuss item. Casarez will write a resolution for the January council meeting about the delay in the process.</p>
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V. INFORMATION ITEMS

REPORTS	<p>a. Council Reports</p> <p>i. GPSA Council Chair Reported the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Debbie Morris- Council Chair Megan direct LSC to review. 2) Yvette Hall- note student organizational funds 3) Honorable Justice Kalm 4) Non-received Judicial Complaint 5) Student Funding & Appropriations 6) GPSA Office needs upgrades 7) Elections- 2012-13 GPSA Chair <p>ii. Legislative Standing Committee Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finance Report & Budget Report- Dworak budget process. Casarez motion to move meeting to 1:05 p.m.; motion passed. 2. Steering Report
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Executive Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. GPSA President's Report – no report received, Katie is heavily involved in President search committee. ii. Executive Standing Committee Reports- iii. Executive Ad Hoc & University Committee Reports
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VI. REPRESENTATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS ITEMS

REPORTS	a. Representative Documents
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VII. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

ADJOURN	<p>Next regular meeting on January 29, 2011 HSC Domenici West, Room 2112 All items due: 12/15, 5 p.m.</p>
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VIII. ADJOURN

REPORTS	<p>Chair motion to adjourn meeting. No objections. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned @ 1:05 p.m.</p>
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Council Recorder: Bernadette Fontenelle
Reviewed for draft: MCO/Chair

GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Department of American Studies

Name of Organization

1/12/2012

Date

\$1500.00

Total Request Amount

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Please select all of the following that apply.

The student group requesting appropriation funding:

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\$200 grant from the Woman's Resource Center. Applied to the Geminist Research Institute for \$250. Requested \$50 from the Womans Studies Program. American Studues Program is printing fliers. UNM School of Medicine put together panels and recieve financial support. Contacting Prime Time and the NM Senior Citizen to ask for publicity. Dept. of Long Term Services and

REQUEST INFORMATION

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- ☐ Unforeseen Expenditures/Other

Description:

See Attached

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Department of American Studies

Name of Organization

Category: Professional Services

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Screening of Dr. Cole's film Living with Stroke and his keynote address		\$1500

Category: Select a Category

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TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT:

\$1500.00

Please submit an additional Detail Sheet if necessary.

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Description of Event

We are requesting funding for a one-day, all-day conference entitled “What’s In an Age? Aging and Ageism in the 21st Century” to be held on March 22, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This conference will consist of a lunchtime showing of the prize-winning film, *Living With Stroke*, followed by a keynote lecture, “No Country for Old Men: The Search for Masculinity in Later Life,” both by Thomas Cole, PhD, McGovern Chair in Medical Humanities and Director of the McGovern Center for Humanities and Ethics at the University of Texas in Houston. Dr. Cole’s film and lecture will be complemented by four morning and four afternoon panels, talks, roundtables, or other innovative presentations and discussions concerning the meaning of aging and the experience of ageism from both a biomedical and a humanistic perspective. The panels will run two at a time, one hour and 20 minutes each with 10 minutes in between.

With degrees in both philosophy and history, Dr. Cole brings a distinctly humanistic perspective to an often biomedicalized, negative perception of what it means to grow old. From his book, *The Journey of Life: A Cultural History of Aging in America* (Cambridge University Press, 1992), which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for the way in which it illuminates the history of aging and humanistic gerontology, and his writing workshop program for elders, which was featured in the PBS documentary *Life Stories*, to his unique collaborative, fictional text in narrative ethics, *The Brewsters: An Active Learning Experience in Health Care Ethics* (UTHealth, 2011), and his forthcoming text, *Introduction to Medical Humanities*, Dr. Cole insists on making visible the impact of a medicalized view of aging on the everyday lives, opportunities, and expectations of all of us as we age.

In his keynote address for this symposium, Dr. Cole will use the experiences of Sheriff Bell in the movie *No Country for Old Men* to explore the intersections between our personal journey into old age and the larger social and cultural problems facing those of us growing older today. By analyzing this movie to highlight a theme of this conference, that growing old cannot be truly conceptualized apart from its subjective experience, his talk will draw on what he has called the generative power of the tension between the scientific quest for systematically predictive theories of aging and the existential quest for significance in our personal lives as we age, to bring to light the need for the creation of a common language that will encompass both the practical problems and the existential issues involved in growing older.

Therefore, just as feminists, gays and lesbians, blacks, and other disenfranchised groups called for the production of theories that included their lived experience, participants in this conference will call for theorizing age in a way that recognizes its social location, its implication in relations of power and authority, and its infusion with unacknowledged middle-class, masculine ideals. Only by recognizing that the differences attributed to old age are not “natural” but are shaped by relentlessly negative cultural attitudes towards dependency that lead us to interpret the changes occurring with age as signs of decline and deterioration rather the evidence of strength and adaptability, can we come to a shared acceptance of our common human condition that will give new value, purpose, and significance to the experience of growing old.

Expected Participants and Audience

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To date, we have talked to people who would like to participate from Women Studies, the Sociology Department, Southwest Studies, the Anderson School, the Office of Career Services, SHAC, the Department of Geriatrics, and the OASIS program. We have also contacted HSC's Center on Aging, and are working with the Office of Program Evaluation, Education, and Research (PEAR) to facilitate further participation from North campus. We are working with the Department of Aging and Long-term Services and have two panels being formed, one with the Alzheimer's Association and the other discussing issues of long-term care. We are also putting together a panel of women in their 80's and 90's who are politically active with the Raging Grannies. We intend to contact Continuing Ed and it's Lifelong Learning program, and the LGBTQ Resource Center, as well. This symposium should attract a wide audience from both undergraduate and graduate students in Women Studies, American Studies, English, Sociology, Family Studies, History, Psychology, from those in the fields of geriatrics and gerontology, and from the wider community. Due to our collaboration with the WRC, it will be advertised as part of the Women and Creativity series at the Hispanic Cultural Center, as well. We plan to publicize it widely both on campus and in the community, in newspapers, including *Prime Time* and *Senior Citizen*, and on the radio.

Conference Schedule and Proposed Panels to date

9:00-10:20	2 simultaneous sessions (in a divided or in two smaller rooms)
10:30-11:50	2 simultaneous sessions
12:00-1:00	lunch and a screening of the film <i>Living With Stroke</i>
1:00-2:00	Dr. Cole's keynote (lunch and the address will be in one larger room)
2:10-3:30	2 simultaneous sessions
3:40-5:00	2 simultaneous sessions

Proposed and Firm Sessions to date (some of these sessions still have working titles):

Women in the Fourth Age—Carmen Samora, PhD, UNM and Elisa Facio, PhD, University of Colorado at Boulder

The Ethical Dimension of Geriatrics—Anne Simpson, MD

Memory and Witnessing in the Holocaust Testimony of Aged Survivors—Michael Nutkiewicz, PhD, UNM professor of Religions Studies and Executive Director of OASIS

The Changing Face of Alzheimers—Agnes Vallejo, Executive Director, Alzheimers Association

In Their Own Words: Raging Grannies and Gray Panthers—Enid Williams, PhD

How the Older Student is Changing Student Health and Counseling (SHAC)—Beverly Kloeppel, MD, Director of SHAC

Look at that Creativity!—Auralie Totorici, Carmela Martinez, and Tup Tupper, New Mexico Department of Long Term Services and Aging

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How Decisions about Aging Impact Families—Sondra Everhart, NM Department of Long Term Services and Aging

The Utopian Force of Representations of Aging in Film—Pamela Gravagne, PhD candidate

Qualifications of Applicant

I am an American Studies PhD candidate presently writing the last chapter of my dissertation, “The Becoming of Age: how discourses of aging and old age in contemporary, popular film both reinforce and reimagine the narrative of aging as decline.” My research investigates how the dominant narrative of decline—a linear and chronological biological, psychological, and social process of deterioration—is utilized in contemporary popular film. I hypothesize that the ways popular film uses this narrative of decline has a profound impact on the manner in which social, institutional, and theoretical age relations are structured, either to categorically disadvantage and discriminate against older people, or to allow them opportunities to continue to grow and develop. Through this research, I hope to provide a theoretical framework where differences associated with aging are read not as justification for practices of exclusion, but as evidence of continuing participation in the ongoing configuration of the world.

I am currently co-chair of the Aging and Ageism Caucus of the National Women Studies Association and recently moderated a panel I organized in collaboration with the European Network on Aging Studies (ENAS), “Live to Be a Hundred: Creative Interventions in Cultural Narratives of the Fourth Age,” at the NWSA conference in November. This October, I presented a paper, “Images of Age: The Porosity of Representation and Reality,” at the Theorizing Age: Challenging the Disciplines conference in Maastricht, The Netherlands, a collaborative effort between cultural gerontology and aging studies. Last spring, I organized a lecture by age-studies scholar Dr. Margaret Cruikshank here at UNM, and I brought Dr. Aagje Swinnen, professor at the Center for Gender and Diversity at Maastricht University, to UNM in 2009 to present several lectures on aging and ageism. I am presently serving on the advisory board of ENAS, helping to organize their next conference in two years, and am a founding member of the North American Network on Aging Studies (NANAS) here in the US.

GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Political Science Graduate Student Association

Name of Organization

1/13/2012

Date

1,058.50

Total Request Amount

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ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

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None

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- ☐ Unforeseen Expenditures/Other

Description:

The Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA) is requesting this appropriation to bring the political scientist, Christopher Mann, in for an invited presentation. Professor Mann is a distinguished Assistant Professor at the University of Miami, where he specializes in the field of American Politics. More specifically, his research focuses on voter mobilization with the use

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Political Science Graduate Student Association

Name of Organization

Category: Travel - Mileage

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Mileage between Boulder and Albuquerque: 475, with roundtrip, 950. During his sabbatical, Chris is living at his home in Boulder and has stated his preference to drive down to Albuquerque for his presentation.	\$0.51	\$484.50

Category: Travel - Per Diem

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Hotel (\$81) and Meals (\$56) for two days.	\$137	\$274.00

Category: Food & Refreshments

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Pizza for the presentation (from Slice Parlor).	\$25.00	\$50.00

Category: Professional Services

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Presentation fee.	\$250.00	\$250.00

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT:

1058.50

Please submit an additional Detail Sheet if necessary.

GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

WAC Alliance

Name of Organization

1/10/2012

Date

\$3,500.00

Total Request Amount

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Current Spring 2012 Writing the World Symposium Sponsors: Graduate Resource Center (\$1,500 - Paul Matsuda Prof Svcs); Core Writing Program, Department of English (\$1,000 - Michele Eodice Prof Svcs); 2010-2011 Sponsors (\$1,500 - Michele Eodice Prof Svcs). Prospective 2011-2012 WAC Initiative Co-Sponsors: ASUNM, College of Arts & Sciences, College of Education, Office of Equity &

REQUEST INFORMATION

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- ☐ **Travel** ☒ **Event** ☐ **One-Time Capital Outlay (ie: computer)**
- ☐ **Unforeseen Expenditures/Other**

Description:

Professional Services for the Spring 2012 Writing the World Symposium's Two Keynote Speakers (\$3,500): Stipend, Travel and Hotel Accommodations for Allen D. Kanner (\$2,500); Travel and Hotel Accommodations for Paul Kei Matsuda (\$1,000). The Spring 2012 Writing the World Symposium (April 18-20) is a regional, interdisciplinary, graduate student-centered conversation that focuses

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WAC Alliance

Name of Organization

Category: Professional Services

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Stipend for Symposium Keynote Allen D. Kanner	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Hotel (2 nights) for Symposium Keynote Allen D. Kanner	\$150.00	\$300.00

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Travel (Round-Trip Flight) for Symposium Keynote Allen D. Kanner	\$700.00	\$700.00

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Hotel (2 nights) for Symposium Keynote Paul Kei Matsuda	\$150.00	\$300.00

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Travel (Round-Trip Flight) for Symposium Keynote Paul Kei Matsuda	\$700.00	\$700.00

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Please see the attached document for a more detailed description of the event, projected and past expenditures, etc.		

TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT:

\$3,500.00

Please submit an additional Detail Sheet if necessary.

GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

GPSA Council

Name of Organization

1/13/2012

Date

\$660.00

Total Request Amount

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The LFC has no budget and is entirely dependant on funding from the GPSA Council. These funds will be allocated to the Council's account and given discretionary spending authorization by the Council Chair.

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☒ Unforeseen Expenditures/Other

Description:

The LFC will be meeting over 2 weekends from 9am to as late as 5pm. The committee is charged with hearing all budget requests and balancing a budget of nearly \$300,000.00. The members of the committee are not compensated for their time and it seems only appropriate to provide food during the day to the 11 committee members

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APPROPRIATION DETAIL SHEET

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APPROPRIATION DETAIL SHEET

GPSA Council

Name of Organization

Category: Food & Refreshments

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Breakfast for 11 members at \$5.00 per person for 3 days	\$5.00	\$165.00

Category: Food & Refreshments

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Lunch for 11 members at \$12.00 per person for 3 days	\$12.00	\$396.00

Category: Food & Refreshments

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Beverages and snacks provided during budget hearings for the committee at \$3.00 per person for 3 days	\$3.00	\$99.00

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

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TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT:

\$660.00

Please submit an additional Detail Sheet if necessary.

GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

GPSA Council: Operating / Refreshments

Name of Organization

1/13/2012

Date

400.00

Total Request Amount

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Primary Contact Name

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ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Please select all of the following that apply.

The student group requesting appropriation funding:

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Please describe below the source(s) and amount(s) of funding from other sources. Please include any GPSA funding from the past year.

REQUEST INFORMATION

Please select and describe what your student group is requesting funds for:

- ☐ Travel ☐ Event ☐ One-Time Capital Outlay (ie: computer)
- ☒ Unforeseen Expenditures/Other

Description:

Additonal funds to the Council Operating 'Refreshments fund. Due to extend meeting (breakfast & lunch) and additional meeting being held in the SUB, which charges very high prices, the Council refreshments fund requires additional funds for Spring 2012.

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APPROPRIATION DETAIL SHEET

GPSA Council: Operating / Refreshments

Name of Organization

Category: Food & Refreshments

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Refreshment for regular Council meetings	400	400

Category: Select a Category

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TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT:

400

Please submit an additional Detail Sheet if necessary.

GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

GPSA Council Operating / Salaries

Name of Organization

[Click here to enter a date.](#)

Date

2548.00

Total Request Amount

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ASm GA/TA contract, see below.

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Description:

Council Operating Budget was set at \$0 dollars for 2011-12 for the anticipated Council Chair 'Education Grant'. The Bylaws, as now approved, contain an education grant for the Council Chair (tuition and insurance), see Article V, Section 2 (B).

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APPROPRIATION DETAIL SHEET

GPSA Council Operating / Salaries

Name of Organization

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Tuition: Six (6) academic credits at the ASm rate of 424.59. Total of 2547.54, rounded to 2548.00 per SGOA guidelines	424.59	2548.00

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Insurance: Insurance is funding for an entire academic year and the charges have been incurred through the Chair's TA/GA contract.	0.00	0.00

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

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TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT:

2548.00

Please submit an additional Detail Sheet if necessary.

GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

GPSA Council: Operating / Stipends

Name of Organization

1/13/2012

Date

\$900.00

Total Request Amount

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Description:

To Council Stipends budget of the Council Operating Fund, see attached for details.

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GPSA Council: Operating / Stipends

Name of Organization

Category: Professional Services

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Per Attached, additional hours and duties for the Council Recorder. Up to twelve (12) hours at the approved \$15/hr. rate for February through June 2012. Remaining funds will revert as per GPSA law.	180	900

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

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TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT:

900.00

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GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE ITEM TRACKING FORM

LEGISLATIVE ITEM

Legislation #: FR-12-001

Council Session: 2011-2012

Type of Legislation: Resolution Amendment Appropriation Other _____

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Introduced by: Von Jones

Referred to: Finance/Steering Committee

Committee Action:

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

Summary of Recommendation:

Council should recommit this resolution to a working group of the LSC to be prepared for the February Council meeting. The working group should consist of Von Jones, Council Representatives, and any GPSA member affected by this issue. There are legal, privacy, and practical issues surrounding this resolution, and the LSC believes a

Date: 1/21/12

Committee Chair Signature Corbin Casarez

Council Action:

Council Vote:

Summary of Action:

Date: Select Date

Council Chair Signature

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE ITEM TRACKING FORM

Executive Action: (if applicable)

Approved: ☐ Vetoed: ☐

Summary of Rationale:

Date: Select Date

GPSA President Signature

Council Response to Veto: (if applicable)

Council Override Vote:

Date: Select Date

Council Chair Signature

Outcome:_____

RESOLUTION

***Whereas,** all of the aft-mentioned determinations represent considerations that have been violated by UNM administrators' dubious handling of an incident involving a University professor who was exhibited with a student on an illicit, sexually oriented website;*

***Whereas,** University administrators have shown a propensity to protect their own interests over the need to provide a safe and harassment-free atmosphere for its students;*

***Whereas,** there is a need for renewed vigilance to avoid professors taking unfair advantage of students' immaturity by indoctrinating them with ideas and inducing them into activities that are clearly outside of the principles and values of the University;*

***Whereas,** University student rights should include voicing opinions concerning investigations of improper faculty/student relationships and participating in discussions regarding such relationships;*

***Whereas,** University students and faculty must be guaranteed the right to actively participate in the process to pursue the truth regarding alleged infractions of University policies and to object to all self-interested administrative decisions that may prevent learning and functioning in a pluralistic academic environment;*

***Whereas,** faculty must not use their courses for the purpose of political, ideological, sexual, religious or anti-religious indoctrination;*

***Whereas,** University students should be free to take reasoned exception to the findings and opinions resulting from any and all internal examination of issues directly or indirectly affecting them and their ability to have access to all ensuing documents of inquiry, reports, and investigative studies paid for by using public funds and tuition-generated monies;*

***Whereas,** it is recommended that all legal disputes and all outstanding official differences dividing UNM administrators, faculty, and students relating to the handling of an incident involving a University professor who was exhibited with a student on an illicit, sexually oriented website be immediately finalized and settled among all participants;*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the GPSA Council affirms the rights of students and faculty to require that University administrators provide transparency regarding investigations into improper student/faculty relationships and that all relevant investigations be thorough and only be culminated when a majority of interested parties are satisfied.*

***LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution be electronically forwarded within one business day of its enactment to: GPSA President, ASUNM President, UNM President, UNM Board of Regents, Faculty Senate President, Staff Council President, Daily Lobo News Editor, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Albuquerque Journal News Editor.*

Penn State Scandal Hits Close to Home at UNM

By VON JONES
UNM Student

As a University of New Mexico graduate student, I earnestly hope Penn State University's sexual abuse scandal teaches UNM administrators a heartfelt lesson about how not to handle charges of unethical sexual behavior between its faculty and its students.

Hell broke loose recently in Pennsylvania when allegations that 67-year-old former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky raped eight boys over a period of 15 years. Fueling the fire at Penn State are the accusations that university officials knew about Sandusky's alleged reprehensible activities, but did nothing to stop it.

UNM is currently embroiled in a legal clash that puts administrators in the center of an ethics conflict that has left some faculty and students wondering if our university also is too eager to turn a blind eye to blatant student/teacher relationship abuse.

For more than three years, UNM creative writing professor Sharon O. Warner has been one of the strongest voices warning against the university's noticeably inadequate response to a 2008 incident in

which a faculty member was discovered on an Internet website posing in sexually evocative photographs with a graduate student. The website promoted sadomasochism, fetishism and bondage.

UNM associate professor Lisa Chavez, whose dominatrix alter-ego, Mistress Jade, was the focus of a weak administrative probe, caused a storm of concern throughout the university's English Department. Despite faculty and student objections to her role in the sex photograph scandal, Chavez was never penalized and she continues to teach at UNM. ...

According to the University of New Mexico's Board of Regents Policy Manual, "Employees are expected to ... never give rise to suspicion of improper conflict with the interests of the university." The administration conducted a superficial investigation that all but exonerated Chavez, even though her activities go against our university's stated policy. ...

The administration's reluctance to properly investigate the matter prompted Warner to file a civil complaint, charging UNM with "breach of contract, acting in bad faith and violation of the New Mexico Human Rights Amendment."

Yet, somehow the tables have been turned on Warner, who now finds that she is accused of homophobia and of being racist against Chavez, who is Latina.

Critics of UNM's attempt to dismiss the episode see the administration's effort as sweeping disgraceful conduct under the rug, perhaps to avoid public scrutiny and to prevent possible monetary losses. UNM is New Mexico's flagship research institution and, therefore, officials may be placing their instinct to protect its income of federal dollars over their required duty to provide a safe and harassment-free environment for its students.

There are similarities between the Penn State scandal and UNM's ongoing struggle to silence sexually charged claims.

Both Penn State and UNM are accused of covering up misconduct.

Penn State is accused of doing nothing while supposedly possessing knowledge that a staff member allegedly was

using his powerful position to sexually molest underage boys. UNM is being accused of allowing a professor to get away with abusing her authority to enlist students to join her in illicit behavior. Although the students at UNM were of consenting age, some of them allege they were victims of intimidation and an egregious misuse of authority.

Warner resigned her post as director of the creative writing program. She continues to teach while carrying the financial burdens of a lawsuit. University administrators are using the school's resources to stall and stonewall on its obligation to properly address the scandal.

Penn State's sullied reputation will linger in the national news for years. UNM's attempts to hush-up its embarrassing scandal has already risen to a regrettable level of local notoriety.

The lesson for UNM is to not let the big brute university machine roll over the voices that call out a warning.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE ITEM TRACKING FORM

LEGISLATIVE ITEM

Legislation #: FR-12-002

Council Session: 2011-2012

Type of Legislation: Resolution Amendment Appropriation Other _____

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Introduced by: Katie Richardson

Referred to: Finance/Steering Committee

Committee Action:

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

Summary of Recommendation:

LSC recommends approving the resolution as amended in committee.

Date: 1/21/12

Committee Chair Signature Corbin Casarez

Council Action:

Council Vote:

Summary of Action:

Date: Select Date

Council Chair Signature _____

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE ITEM TRACKING FORM

Executive Action: (if applicable)

Approved: ☐ Vetoed: ☐

Summary of Rationale:

Date: Select Date

GPSA President Signature

Council Response to Veto: (if applicable)

Council Override Vote:

Date: Select Date

Council Chair Signature

Outcome:_____



GPSA Resolution in Support of Electronic Salary Book

Submitted by Katie Richardson December 15, 2011

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WHEREAS budgetary transparency ensures that UNM wisely invests resources toward our public mission; and

WHEREAS state law requires that state employee salaries be publicly available; and

WHEREAS UNM received more than \$274 million in state appropriations for 2011-2012; and

WHEREAS a paper copy of the UNM salary book each year is made publicly available in the Zimmerman library; and

WHEREAS the salary book in the library can only be used as a reference; and

WHEREAS the salary book is not available for check out; and

WHEREAS the lack of an electronic copy of the salary book is an impediment to transparency **and accessibility**; and

WHEREAS graduate assistants teach or support forty percent of UNM classes, and graduate research assistants are an essential part of realizing the UNM research mission; and

WHEREAS understanding the compensation of faculty, graduate assistants and administration is of primary concern in making sure UNM is able to attract the best and brightest in the higher education market while maintaining financial responsibility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of New Mexico provide an electronic spreadsheet of the salary book online; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that salaries be identified by position and not names of individuals; and

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a means of exemption for reasons of security be allowed for and provided by the UNM budgeting office for all members who respectfully request to be omitted from such documentation;~~

BE IT ULTIMATELY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to UNM President Dr. David J. Schmidly, Executive Vice President David Harris, Vice President of Human Resources Helen Gonzales, Associate Vice President Andrew Cullen, ASUNM President Jaymie Roybal, GPSA

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RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL REGARDING DELAYS AND
COMMUNICATION OF THE GPSA COURT OF REVIEW

WHEREAS the Court of Review serves as the Judicial Branch of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA);

WHEREAS the Court of Review has been charged with resolving disputes within GPSA;

WHEREAS a Complaint was filed on October 5 (and modified on October 6) by the GPSA President on behalf of the GPSA membership with the utmost urgency, since it was not clear which governing documents were authorizing and constraining GPSA activities and practices;

WHEREAS the new Constitution had gone into effect on September 24 with the approval of the 2010-2011 Council, the GPSA membership by popular vote, and the Board of Regents;

WHEREAS this Constitution introduced new standing committees, a veto procedure, new financial structures and procedures, and the possibility of popular referenda, among other provisions;

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WHEREAS the new Bylaws were intended to accompany and supplement the new Constitution so that GPSA members and leaders would know what policies and procedures would be followed in implementing the provisions of the new Constitution;

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WHEREAS the Chief Justice advised the President in the determination of the Complaint, saying “I spoke with Katie, and we agreed that our goal” in an e-mail on October 8, and later recused himself on October 24;

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WHEREAS the Court of Review never articulated what standard they would be using in determining the hearing, even though the question of authority had been raised;

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WHEREAS the hearing's closing statements took place on November 11, and the Court stated that it would provide a decision within fourteen days, which was November 25;

WHEREAS the Chief of Staff for the President, who also acted as advisor to the Plaintiff, **revealed that the Court of Review had shared its process for reaching a decision even though that process had not been shared with Council or the Defense;** ~~expressed inside intelligence about the proceedings of the Court of Review, specifically that Justices were to write an opinion prior to joint deliberation so as to minimize influence from discussion;~~

WHEREAS the procedures and delays from the Court of Review have not been publicized or communicated to the parties involved;

WHEREAS **the Court's decision was issued January 19th, 2012, sixty-nine days had passed before the decision was returned;** ~~at the submission of this resolution for consideration by the Legislative Steering Committee on December 15, thirty five days had passed without a decision being returned;~~

LET IT BE RESOLVED that Council disapproves of the delay in reaching a decision regarding such an important issue for GPSA;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that Council disapproves of the appearance **of imbalance in communication between the two parties;** ~~that communication is happening behind the scenes to persons involved on one side of the hearing, which suggests undue influence on the process;~~

~~LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that Council requests the Court of Review for rationale regarding the delays and communication issues, and that a decision be made as soon as reasonably possible; and~~

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GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE ITEM TRACKING FORM

LEGISLATIVE ITEM

Legislation #: FR-12-004

Council Session: 2011-2012

Type of Legislation: Resolution Amendment Appropriation Other _____

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Introduced by: Corbin Casarez

Referred to: Finance/Steering Committee

Committee Action:

Committee Vote: 2-0-1

Summary of Recommendation:

LSC recommends approving the resolution as submitted.

Date: 1/21/12

Committee Chair Signature Corbin Casarez

Council Action:

Council Vote:

Summary of Action:

Date: Select Date

Council Chair Signature _____

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE ITEM TRACKING FORM

Executive Action: (if applicable)

Approved: ☐ Vetoed: ☐

Summary of Rationale:

Date: Select Date

GPSA President Signature

Council Response to Veto: (if applicable)

Council Override Vote:

Date: Select Date

Council Chair Signature

Outcome:_____

RESOLUTION FOR A PROCESS REVIEW IN HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATIONS

WHEREAS the awarding of honorary degrees is an excellent opportunity for the University of New Mexico to acknowledge and celebrate outstanding individual contributions to the social welfare;

WHEREAS the Honorary Degree Subcommittee (HDS) of the Faculty Senate Graduate and Professional Committee (SGPC) determines the nominees that are considered for honorary degrees;

WHEREAS nominations are provided to the HDS by advocates and personal acquaintances of the nominees;

WHEREAS no additional information or research is required before considering a nominee for an honorary degree;

WHEREAS the confidentiality of each nominee is important, especially when considering public figures for meritorious recognition;

WHEREAS the HDS-determined nominations are forwarded to the SGPC and eventually the Board of Regents for approval, but only a brief biography of each is provided for a decision regarding approval;

WHEREAS a Regent raised concern about the process of reviewing candidates since no counter-evidence is presented;

WHEREAS the HDS Chair stated that members of the HDS are responsible for due diligence before voting to forward a nomination, that additional information that arises after the fact should not affect the decision-making process, that when concerns about process are raised no one follows up to ensure process review, and that nominations should be taken on good faith because no one would try to embarrass the University;

WHEREAS good intentions should not proscribe a thorough review process to ensure that the integrity of an honorary degree from UNM is not compromised;

WHEREAS from time to time process review is a healthy activity that strengthens our public institutions; and

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate should be responsible for determining its own policies and procedures, while being responsive to their impact on the University;

LET IT BE RESOLVED that GPSA asks the SGPC commit to reviewing the process of determining honorary degree nominees to ensure it balances thorough scrutiny with respect for confidentiality;

FINALLY LET IT BE RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to GPSA President Katie Richardson, SGPC Chair Linney Wix, HDS Chair Dena Kinney, and Faculty Senate President Tim Ross.

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WHEREAS nominations are provided to the HDS by advocates and personal acquaintances of the nominees;

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WHEREAS the confidentiality of each nominee is important, especially when considering public figures for meritorious recognition;

WHEREAS the HDS-determined nominations are forwarded to the SGPC and eventually the Board of Regents for approval, but only a brief biography of each is provided for a decision regarding approval;

WHEREAS a Regent raised concern about the process of reviewing candidates since no counter-evidence is presented;

WHEREAS the HDS Chair stated that members of the HDS are responsible for due diligence before voting to forward a nomination, that additional information that arises after the fact should not affect the decision-making process, that when concerns about process are raised no one follows up to ensure process review, and that nominations should be taken on good faith because no one would try to embarrass the University;

WHEREAS good intentions should not proscribe a thorough review process to ensure that the integrity of an honorary degree from UNM is not compromised;

WHEREAS from time to time process review is a healthy activity that strengthens our public institutions; and

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate should be responsible for determining its own policies and procedures, while being responsive to their impact on the University;

LET IT BE RESOLVED that GPSA asks the SGPC commit to reviewing the process of determining honorary degree nominees to ensure it balances thorough scrutiny with respect for confidentiality;

FINALLY LET IT BE RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to GPSA President Katie Richardson, SGPC Chair Linney Wix, HDS Chair Dena Kinney, and Faculty Senate President Tim Ross.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE ITEM TRACKING FORM

LEGISLATIVE ITEM

Legislation #: FAmend-12-001

Council Session: 2011-2012

Type of Legislation: Resolution Amendment AppropriationOther _____

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Introduced by: Megan O'Laughlin

Referred to: Finance/Steering Committee

Committee Action:

Committee Vote: 3-0-0

Summary of Recommendation:

LSC recommends committing the amendment to the Constitution/Bylaws Working Group, with the following issues noted: justifying the number 5, clarifying how positions will be counted, protecting elected and ex officio requirements, and clarifying if this affects Council Representatives.

Date: 1/21/12

Committee Chair Signature Corbin Casarez

Council Action:

Council Vote:

Summary of Action:

Date: Select Date

Council Chair Signature _____

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE ITEM TRACKING FORM

Executive Action: (if applicable)

Approved: ☐ Vetoed: ☐

Summary of Rationale:

Date: Select Date

GPSA President Signature

Council Response to Veto: (if applicable)

Council Override Vote:

Date: Select Date

Council Chair Signature

Outcome: _____

BYLAW AMENDMENT

Individual Participation Limitation

Submitted by: Megan O'Laughlin, Council Chair

Bylaws Article II. Section 3. I. (insert):

"No individual GPSA member shall hold more than five (5) combined GPSA appointed positions and/or serve and vote on GPSA standing, ad hoc, and/or University committees. Inclusive of this rule are GPSA funding project assistantships."

Rationale: To aid the importance of member inclusion, investing in leadership, minimizing group think. Also assists with innate conflicts of interest with members serving in multiple positions in multiple branches.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE ITEM TRACKING FORM

LEGISLATIVE ITEM

Legislation #: FAmend-12-002

Council Session: 2011-2012

Type of Legislation: Resolution ☒ Amendment Appropriation ☐ Other ☐

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Introduced by: Megan O'Laughlin

Referred to: Finance/Steering Committee

Committee Action:

Committee Vote: 3-0-0

Summary of Recommendation:

LSC recommends committing the amendment to the
Constitution/Bylaws Working Group for further review.

Date: 1/21/12

Committee Chair Signature Corbin Casarez

Council Action:

Council Vote:

Summary of Action:

Date: Select Date

Council Chair Signature

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE ITEM TRACKING FORM

Executive Action: (if applicable)

Approved: ☐ Vetoed: ☐

Summary of Rationale:

Date: Select Date

GPSA President Signature

Council Response to Veto: (if applicable)

Council Override Vote:

Date: Select Date

Council Chair Signature

Outcome:_____

BYLAW AMENDMENT

Veto Procedure

Submitted by: Megan O’Laughlin, Council Chair

Bylaws Article II. Section 7. A. and Bylaws Article II. Section 9. C.

Amend language:

A. Presidential Action

1. A copy of the legislation with signature lines for approval or veto will be sent ~~in hard~~ and an electronic copy to the President’s office within one (1) academic day of the posting of the draft of the Council meeting minutes in which the legislation was passed.
2. The President may take action on Resolutions, Bills and Amendments by legislation, approval or veto, within five (5) academic days of the posting of the draft of the minutes.
 - a. If the President takes action, it shall be on the legislation in totum and as is. Legislation shall not be vetoed by line item.
 - b. If the President does not take action within the allotted time, the legislation becomes binding.
 - c. The President may take action on legislation with an Electronic Signature.
 - d. If a veto is cast, it shall be accompanied by a rationale for the veto.

B. ...

- C. Council Chair shall submit amendments to University Counsel within three (3) academic days from receipt of action, approval or veto, from the President (see lines A.2. above).

Comment [MO1]: We all have printers, no need to kill trees or require a Chair, who may live far away or have no consistent transportation to incur expenses by having to obtain a car, or FedEx a hard copy...especially if it is only 1 academic day.

Comment [MO2]: Clarify Legislation...this includes appropriations as per definitions.

“Legislative Item: An appropriation, resolution, amendment to the GPSA Constitution or Bylaws, or other piece of legislation submitted for Council consideration.

This includes Standing Rules. As well as Appropriations come out of the Council budget and funds.

Comment [MO3]: Word?

Comment [MO4]: The GPSA submits to Student Activities, who then submits to University Counsel. Also, the Chair submits to the President, who then has (5) academic days to review and veto, and then the Chair needs the same time frame to resubmit veto to Council or THEN submit approved changes to University Counsel.

**GPSA Court of Review
Opinion of the Court
Complaint 10/06/2011**

Majority opinion authored by Associate Justice Billy Jimenez:

On the morning of September 24, 2011, the University of New Mexico Graduate and Professional Student Association (“GPSA”) operated according to a set of governing bylaws (herein referred to as the “Established Bylaws”). By sunset, the Organization was left with little more than a constitution and an unclear ethos.

I. Pre-Meeting Events

The events that set this process into motion began in the summer of 2011 as GPSA set out to amend its Established Bylaws in pursuit of a new set of bylaws (herein referred to as the “Desired Bylaws”). Ordinarily, the Established Bylaws require that UNM Office of Legal Counsel review all proposed bylaw changes to confirm that the proposed bylaws do not conflict with UNM Policy or state and federal law. This requirement is memorialized in the Rules of the Graduate and Professional Student Association of the University of New Mexico¹ (“GPSA Rules”):

The Council Chair shall seek an advisory ruling² from the University Council’s office regarding the consistency of the proposed amendment with current University Policy, and State and Federal laws within five (5) working days of the presentation of proposed amendment at a regularly scheduled Council meeting. The advisory ruling must be provided to Council prior to a vote on any proposed amendment. Article X (d)(2).

While appropriate for GPSA, this process proved to be inefficient for the University Legal Counsel charged with reviewing the amended bylaw provisions (the “Promising Provisions”). The reason being that, pre-approval of Promising Provisions by the University Legal Counsel would not necessarily equate to their incorporation in the Desired Bylaws since they would still be subject to further amendment during deliberation in subsequent GPSA Council Meetings. If amended, the Promising Provisions would have to be re-submitted to UNM Legal Counsel for review. Understandably, UNM Legal Counsel forbade the perpetual submission of Promising Provisions, and instead, requested that GPSA submit the Desired Bylaws for UNM Legal Counsel review once they were incorporated in their entirety.

¹ Before the adoption of separate bylaws and constitutional documents, GPSA’s governing document incorporated both its constitution and bylaws.

² “Advisory ruling” is taken to mean an approval of the proposed amendment once reviewed by UNM Legal Counsel. It is not taken to mean a set of advisory directions, such as the email correspondence from UNM Legal Counsel on September 19, 2011, as has been suggested by the parties.

This required directive³ was revealed to the GPSA Council Chair Meghan O’Laughlin, and GPSA President Katie Richardson the morning of September 19, 2011 by an email sent by UNM Legal Counsel. Of crucial note, the email stated the following directive:

“What makes the most sense is that GPSA finalizes a proposed set of bylaws and that is what I will review.”—UNM Legal Counsel

At this point, GPSA was operating outside the bounds of the GPSA Rules and the Established bylaws. GPSA was now acting under the direction of UNM Legal Counsel.

II. The GPSA Council Meeting

At the GPSA Council meeting held on September 24, 2011, the GPSA Council entered the room fully aware of the long day ahead. Specifically, the legislators were aware that they would be voting on Promising Provisions that would eventually, but maybe not necessarily on that day, be incorporated into the Desired Bylaws.

As the meeting began, Council Chair orally notified the legislators about the directions given by UNM Legal Counsel, and notified the legislators that the original email from UNM Legal Counsel was available to everyone in the room on their flash drive binders in the form of a pdf. file, allowing everyone in the room to verify the information independently for themselves. The GPSA Council proceeded by undertaking the strenuous task of amending specific Promising Provisions, vote by vote. As the minutes show, this was an exhausting five hour long procedure.

The task given to the GPSA Council was to pass a finalized and proposed set of Desired Bylaws for UNM Legal Counsel to review at a later date....

What happened was, the GPSA Council proceeded by systematically passing/approving the Desired Bylaws (not proposed Desired Bylaws), article by article, in a series of five votes. Further, the GPSA Council ended the day by voting to nullify the Established Bylaws by removing them from “existence.” These actions, presumably, had the effect of allowing GPSA to adopt a completely new set of Desired Bylaws (without having been reviewed by UNM Legal Counsel), and prevented GPSA from reverting back to the Established Bylaws set forth in the GPSA Rules, which had been eliminated from existence.

That seems to be the extent of our facts, but not our inquiry.

Even if conspired to do so, the approval and adoption of Desired Bylaws by the GPSA Council could never actually happen in its above mentioned context. Why? Because even though

³ UNM Legal Counsel is responsible for insuring that GPSA does not expose itself to potential legal liability by creating bylaws that violate individual rights established by state and federal constitutional principles. Accordingly, any directive by UNM Legal Counsel requires GPSA’s adherence.

the process for submitting Promising Provisions for University review had been diverted around the GPSA Rules, the proviso for effectiveness had not:

Approved amendments shall not take effect until the approved amendment language is evaluated by the University Council's Office relative to current University Policy, and State and Federal. GPSA Rules, Art. X (D)(4)(ii).

This governing language still requires that no Promising Provision, approved or not, can take effect until it is evaluated by University Counsel. If one were to conclude that the Desired Bylaws were passed, approved, and adopted on September 24, 2011, that conclusion would violate both the directive issued from UNM Legal Counsel on September 19 and Article X of the GPSA Rules cited above. Therefore, even though the Desired Bylaws were passed, and presumably adopted on September 24, they in fact, were just a set of Proposed Desired Bylaws made ready for final approval by UNM Legal Counsel shortly thereafter.⁴

Accordingly, since no Desired Bylaws were passed and officially adopted, the Established Bylaws, though thought to be eliminated from existence, could not be nullified without leaving the Graduate and Professional Student Association in a dire predicament indeed. That would mean that GPSA is currently operating under no bylaws. That would mean that GPSA finances, duties, and the very procedure requiring the creation of this opinion you are reading, would have no existence, meaning, or necessity.

Assuming that GPSA operates under the implied assumption that operation under no bylaws would be detrimental to the organization, we conclude that the Established Bylaws could not be nullified if no effective bylaws had been approved by UNM Legal Counsel. Therefore, the Established Bylaws govern the GPSA until the Desired Bylaws are approved by UNM Legal Counsel. Once approved by UNM Legal Counsel, the Desired Bylaws shall become a governing instrument.

We now move to the specific complaint items.

III. Complaint items

- A. Were amendments, made in the September meeting, to the bylaws that were presented in the August meeting, adopted?

No, the amendments made to the GPSA Bylaws on September 24, cannot be adopted until they are approved by UNM Legal Counsel, under Article X of the GPSA Constitution. However, those amendments will become effective upon approval by UNM Legal Counsel.

⁴ To the Court's knowledge, the Proposed Desired Bylaws are currently in review with UNM Legal Counsel.

- B. Did the separate vote to nullify the previous GPSA bylaws follow the proper protocol of presentation as well?

There is no proper presentation for nullifying bylaws. However, the existing GPSA bylaws could not be nullified without leaving GPSA without an operating set of bylaws.

- C. Critically, and pursuant to the answers above, what are the current governing GPSA bylaws?

The GPSA is currently operating under its existing bylaws until UNM Legal Counsel approves the amended bylaws passed in the September 24 meeting.

- D. Did the Council Chair follow the governing GPSA bylaws and constitution protocol after the August meeting concerning contact with UNM Legal after the presentation of the bylaws?

No, the Council Chair was instructed to follow UNM Legal Counsel protocol for the purposes of the September 24 meeting. UNM Legal Counsel protocol supersedes the authority of the GPSA Rules.

- E. If the protocol was not followed, what is the impact on the bylaws amendments adopted by Council at the September meeting?

The bylaw amendments were approved and will be effective upon approval from UNM Legal Counsel.

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 18-JAN-2012

Called to Order at: 6:05 PM

Committee Members Present:

Chair Dworak	P	L	A
Rep. Baca	P	L	A
Rep. Delacour	P	L	A
Rep. Guimaraes	P	L	A
Rep. Hundal	P	L	A
Rep. Pintor	P	L	A
Vice Chair Rogers	P	L	A
Rep. Sample	P	L	A
Rep. Shaughnessy	P	L	A
Rep. Verrilli	P	L	A
Rep. Wood	P	L	A

Ex-Officio:

Heather Berghmans	P	L	A
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Approval of Agenda: Y / N / Amended: Moved (Verrilli), 2nd, Passes 6-0-0

Approval of Minutes: Y / N / Amended: Moved (Verrilli), 2nd, Passes 6-0-0

Speakers / Gallery / Media: None

Executive Finance Report: deferred to next meeting.

Chair Report: February 1 at 10:00 am, February 2nd at 5:00 pm, and February 3rd at noon are the dates of the budget workshops; members are not required to attend these meetings.

Locations will be announced as soon as possible. Budget hearings will be on February 26th, March 3rd, and March 4th.

Business:

- Old Business:
- New Business:
 - Budget packet will become available this Friday by noon. A flier advertising the process will be posted by Friday as well.
 - It is important to stress that any organization that is chartered, has active graduate students, and who don't directly apply for PB funds are eligible.
 - Budgets are due on February 10th by 5:00 PM.

- The Chair is very open to suggestions, comments, and meetings on an individual basis. Please talk to him at any point with any concerns.
 - Members of the Committee would like status updates on what documents and events are being worked on so their opinions and feedback can be delivered.
- Appropriations: see attached forms.
 - Department of American Studies
 - Passes 7-0-0 at \$1,500.00
 - Writing Across Communities
 - Passes 6-0-1 at \$3,100.00
 - Political Science Graduate Student Association
 - Passes 7-0-0 at \$1049.00
 - GPSA Council – LFC
 - Passed 4-1-2 at \$250.00
 - GPSA Council – Salaries
 - Tabled 7-0-0 to February 15th LFC meeting
 - GPSA Council – Recorder
 - Tabled 7-0-0 to February 15th LFC meeting
 - GPSA Council – Food/Refreshments
 - Tabled 7-0-0 to February 15th LFC meeting

Closing:

Chair / Member Comments:

- Rep. Pintor: all members should work as a team and work together.
- Rep. Verrilli: LLSS GSA is looking for an appropriation, but extreme circumstances have prevented this appropriation from materializing for presentation to the Committee. ASUNM, GRC, PNMGC are potential funding sources.

Called to Close at: 8:30 PM

GPSA Council, 2011-2012
Legislative Steering Committee
Chair's Report, January

Meeting

The LSC met on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in SUB Santa Ana A and B. During public comment, it was pointed out that the supporting documents had not been posted in accordance with TPNR and that the LSC was in violation of the Bylaws. The committee decided to use the standing rules provision to adjourn to another date, giving the Chair enough time to correct the error and still meet the deadlines for bringing items to Council. This required that all items on the LSC Agenda appear on the Council Agenda, even if items were ultimately recommended to be tabled or recommitted. The LSC met again on Saturday, January 21, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. in SUB 1021 (the GPSA Office Conference Room).

1/17: The agenda, minutes from 11/14/11, and recorder for the meeting were approved. After public comment raised the concern about taking action on items not properly publicized, the Chair gave his report and the meeting was adjourned to 1/21/12.

1/21: A different recorder was approved, and then the committee reviewed the six business items. Von Jones presented his resolution and answered questions. Recommendations were made for four resolutions (Transparency in Faculty-Student Investigations, Electronic Data Book, Court of Review Disapproval, and Honorary Degree Process Review) and two amendments (Individual Participation Limits and Veto Procedure).

Administrative

The LSC Chair met with Jee Hwang, the Constitution/Bylaws Working Group Lead, in December to provide documents, history, and the process for submitting recommendations from the working group to the committee. Hwang has already contacted members from all three branches of GPSA, but if you are interested in participating, or know someone who is, please contact Jee at jhwang@unm.edu.

During the interim between the start of the 1/17 meeting and its continuance on 1/21, Tatiana Falcon-Rodriguez (Public Health) notified the LSC Chair that she will no longer be able to serve as a committee member. The LSC still has six members and satisfies the Constitutional requirements, but up to six more are permitted. If you are interested in serving this semester, please contact the LSC Chair, Corbin Casarez, at legsteer@unm.edu.

As a reminder, the LSC Chair will be in class until 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in the spring, but the committee desired to still meet at that time, with the understanding that meetings will probably start a few minutes late.

The next LSC meeting is Monday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m. in SUB Santa Ana A and B. Forms are available on the GPSA website:

http://www.unm.edu/~gpsa/GPSA/Legislative_Steering_Committee.html

Please contact the LSC Chair at legsteer@unm.edu with any questions.

LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Open Meeting
January 17, 2012

Minutes

Called to order at 6:46 p.m.

Members present: Corbin Casarez (Philosophy, Chair), Jon Lee (COE), Matthew Rush (NSMS), Beth Birky (COE), Julie Kidder (AIAS)

Members absent: David Medrano (MSA), Tatiana Falcon-Rodriguez (Public Health)*

Public Addressing the Committee: Japji Hundal, Megan O'Laughlin, Von Jones, Katie Richardson

Conflicts of Interest:

-Casarez submitted in writing conflicts regarding the two resolutions he wrote (Court of Review Disapproval and Honorary Degree Process Review).

-Rush and Lee stated conflicts of interest regarding the Court of Review Disapproval Resolution as participants in the hearing which was the subject of the resolution.

Agenda approved without objection.

Minutes approved without objection.

Rush selected as meeting's recorder.

Public Comment:

-Hundal raised a concern to the committee that supporting documents had not been posted on the website or sent by the electronic mailing list, in violation of Council Resolution FR-11-002 and the Bylaws adopted September 24, 2011. The Committee discussed options for satisfying the bylaws requirements without completely canceling the meeting. The Committee agreed to respect the appeal in the following way: after the Chair's report and before taking action on the business items, the Committee will adjourn the meeting to Saturday, January 21. Chair Casarez will forward the agenda items to the Council Chair on Wednesday and the supporting documents by Monday, in accordance with the timeline in the Bylaws. Chair Casarez will also satisfy the Transparency and Public Notice Requirements for Saturday's continuance of the meeting. Hundal asked if new items could be added to the agenda; the Chair answered negatively, stating that the agenda of the meeting could not change, since it was a continuance.

-Megan O'Laughlin, the Council Chair, asked for clarification of the process from the informal discussion to an actual timeline. Committee specified steps to satisfying TPNR and Bylaws.

-Von Jones, author of the Transparency in Student/Faculty Investigations Resolution, stated his ability and willingness to come to Saturday's meeting, but also stated that he would like the resolution to be as binding as it could be.

-Katie Richardson, the President, lauded the integrity of the Committee in handling the appeal in a way that satisfies the concern, the Bylaws, and students' needs.

Chair Update

-Chair met with Jee Hwang, the lead of the Constitution/Bylaws Working Group, in December. Hwang seems motivated and responsible, and he has already contacted members in every branch of

government. Chair reminded Committee that the working group is open to GPSA membership and encouraged committee members to let people know their participation is desired.

- The LSC Calendar has been updated with locations, so future alterations of the calendar require Committee vote.

- The Council Chair and the Legislative Committee Chairs have developed a tracking form for all legislative items to mark progress from committee to its end. Rush asked that the form be presented at the next meeting.

Motion by Rush to adjourn the meeting to SUB 1021 (GPSA Office Conference Room) at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan 21; seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at (about) 8:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m., Saturday, January 21.

*Falcon-Rodriguez resigned her membership between the start and the continuance of the meeting.

Meeting called back to order at 8:06 a.m., Saturday, January 21. Meeting relocated to SUB 1021.

Members Present: Casarez (Chair), Lee, Kidder, Birky, Rush

Members Absent: Medrano

Addressing the Committee: Von Jones

Lee selected as recorder without objection.

Resolution: Transparency in Student/Faculty Investigations

- Von Jones presented the resolution and the background reasons for his submitting it: There is tension in the English Department from a five-year old conflict. Professor Sharon Warner was the head of the Department until the Mistress Jade situation. Creative Writing program ranked 115 out of 125 on a university program rating website (gradinsider.com/programs/ratings/university_of_new_mexico_creative_writing_program...), used to be ranked around 50. A graduate titled her review of the program "Run Screaming," and she said she would not recommend the program due to sexual harrassment claims. President Schmidly responded to Jones's op ed, saying the allegations are untrue. Jones responded to the President but has not received another response.

- Lee raised concerns about privacy (and Rush echoed regarding sensitivity and Casarez regarding legality).

- Rush pointed out the new ombudsperson is a possible route for healing the specific conflict.

- Kidder asked us to look more general for future practices rather than addressing the specifics.

- Casarez suggested a working group to draft a new resolution that captures the intent while satisfying the larger concerns and respects the legal issues. Lee also mentioned that Council may not approve in its current form and thinks the working group is the best way to get a strong document to Council.

- Jones okay with further working on the document, expressed concern about it being too metaphorical.

- Rush motions to recommend this resolution be committed to the LSC who will form a working group comprised of Von Jones, GPSA members currently affected by this issue, and Council members, to present in the February Council meeting; seconded. 5-0

- Lee expressed the desire that the working group is not constructed along a bias on the issue, and is open to those affected on both sides.

Resolution: Electronic Data Book

- Rush stated that State employee records were recently made public, and there were concerns raised in

response about the safety and privacy of particular individuals (e.g., witness protection, domestic conflicts, etc.).

- Birky expressed concern about safety of individuals from unknown threats and desired to see salaries posted without names (positions only).

- Lee expressed a conflict of interest: he is currently a graduate assistant. Echoed by Kidder, Casarez, Birky, and Rush.

- Rush expressed the ambiguity of “student employee” in regards to how they are being paid (whether from the University, private fellowships, etc.).

- Language was reviewed and amended.

- Rush motioned to recommend amended resolution; seconded. Approved 5-0.

Birky left at 9:30 a.m.

Resolution: Court of Review Disapproval

- Rush wondered if this resolution was still needed.

- Casarez won't be voting on this issue, but suggested that LSC could recommend rejection of the resolution, and that it being on the agenda may be enough to raise public awareness of the issue, thus satisfying Council's desire.

- Rush concerned with the “whereas” clause about the Chief of Staff; it seemed unnecessary or needed to be worded to show Court of Review wrongdoing, not executive wrongdoing.

- Language was reviewed and amended, though rejection of the resolution remained an option.

- Lee motioned that LSC recommend that Council either accept the amended resolution or reject it altogether; seconded. Approved 3-0-1 (Casarez abstained).

Resolution: Honorary Degree Review

- Casarez presented background for the resolution. A Regent had raised questions about the recommendation process, and the question was re-raised in the following SGPC meeting. The HDS Chair stated that these kinds of concerns were frequently raised but no follow-up was ever made. This resolution is a desire not to recommend a particular process but that the Faculty Senate be responsible for its own internal review of the process, especially in light of the questions raised this year.

- Lee expressed conflict of interest: SGPC Chair Wix is his professor and the supervisor for his assistantship.

Recess at 9:57 a.m. for ten minutes. Rush left during recess after issuing opinions on the last two agenda items.

Called back to order at 10:09 a.m.

- Lee motioned to recommend that Council adopt this resolution as is; seconded. Approved 2-0-1 (Casarez abstained).

Amendment: Individual Participation Limit

- Rush is not opposed to the idea, but stated that elected positions need to be protected.

- Lee believes that the issue restricts only appointments, not elected positions. Lee wondered about the number 5. He is okay with it being arbitrary, but just wondered if there was rationale.

- Kidder hopes this change would not include or affect Council Representatives. Representatives are not appointed by GPSA, so it is unclear if this is included in the language.

- Casarez raised concerns about the ambiguity of how the positions will be counted (e.g., does an executive standing committee chair who must serve on the Executive Board as part of the chairship count as having one or two positions?).

-Kidder motioned that Council commit this amendment to the Constitution/Bylaws working group with these issues highlighted; seconded. Approved 3-0.

Amendment: Veto Procedure

-Rush strongly opposed, and wished the Council Chair was present to answer questions about the rationale.

-Casarez agreed that the process from Council to President to external organizations (e.g., Legal Counsel) needs to be clarified, but that the working group might be able to work this process out with respect to all branches and consistency within the Bylaws.

-Lee motioned that Council commit this amendment to the Constitution/Bylaws working group for further review; seconded. Approved 3-0.

Adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENT

Meeting: Legislative Steering Committee, Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

Member: Corbin Casarez

1) Resolution: Court of Review Disapproval

Potential Conflict: author of resolution; called as witness for both Plaintiff and Defense

Comment: Though asked by Council to write a resolution as the LSC Chair, I received no input from other Council Representatives (despite my request). I have had a negative reaction to the process; even though I tried to be factual and careful in the resolution, there is a chance that personal frustrations influenced the writing. I ask the Committee to review the resolution carefully before making any recommendation. I will participate in conversations, but I will not be voting.

2) Resolution: Honorary Degree Review

Potential Conflict: author of resolution; member of the Faculty Senate Graduate and Professional Committee (SGPC); member of the Honorary Degree Subcommittee; resigning from the SGPC at the same time as this resolution would go public

Comment: A comment was made in defense of the nondisclosure practices of the subcommittee that people complain but never follow up, which prompted me to ask for some accountability. A scheduling conflict has arisen that requires I resign from my appointment as the GPSA member on the SGPC. The SGPC probably will not learn this fact until February 3, about the same time that they would receive this resolution. The facts are unrelated, but it could look like I left in protest. I am also concerned about how this resolution may affect our relations with faculty; however, I am disappointed to hear that review is deemed necessary only in response to external pressure. The resolution was drafted prior to the schedule conflict arising, but the timing is inconvenient and may influence my position on this resolution. I will participate in conversation so I can provide background information, but I will not be voting.

LSC Conflict of Interest (1/17/12 meeting):

I, Matthew Rush do recognize the presence of a conflict of interest as a witness in the court of review hearing to which the Court or Review Disapproval hearing resolution is in reference to. As well as I brought up this original issue in the Council meeting of Council in December.

Matthew Rush,
NSMS Council Chair
LSC Committee Member

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Rush". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.



UNM GPSA Council <unmgpsacouncil@gmail.com>

[GPSA-L] Committee Chair VACANCIES

1 message

GPSA President <gpsapres@unm.edu>

Wed, Jan 18, 2012 at 7:03 PM

Reply-To: GPSA President <gpsapres@unm.edu>

To: GPSA-L@list.unm.edu

Hi GPSA,

With the start of a new semester, we're looking to fill two committee chairships: Student Support & Advocacy (SS+AC), and Information Technology (IT).

SS+AC

The Student Support and Advocacy Committee works with UNM's graduate and professional students at the individual and institutional levels through one-on-one assistance, collaboration with existing departments and organizations, and participation in campus community.

The SS+AC Committee Chair is responsible for calling and organizing monthly meetings, attending Executive Board meetings, and maintaining familiarity with GPSA process. Chair is also responsible for coordinating committee activities and events, including: holding weekly office hours in the GPSA office, maintaining the GPSA Resource Manual, holding events that support GPSA member needs, and supporting students seeking to access GPSA.

IT

The Information Technology Committee is responsible for maintaining the printers and terminals in the GPSA office computer lab and at the front desk. IT also helps update and alter the GPSA website.

Preferred candidates will have the experience and expertise to manage a network of six computers and one printer. Printing in the office lab is one of GPSA's primary services, and has been somewhat difficult for the past several months. At the moment the networking may have to be done from scratch, with all six computers having their hard drives cleaned and reformatted. The IT Chair may also have to liaise with UNM Information Technologies for this task.

Preferred candidates will also have fluency with iWeb, the program used to manage the GPSA website. Like the SS+AC Chair, the IT Chair will be responsible for organizing monthly committee meetings and attending Executive Board meetings.

How to Apply

Both these positions report to the GPSA President. If you are interested in either position, please fill out the attached application and submit it with a resume to the email address katie.gpsa@gmail.com with the subject line **SS+AC Chair** or **IT Chair** by **Wednesday, Jan 25 at 5:00 pm**.

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You may leave the list at any time by sending a "SIGNOFF GPSA-L" command to LISTSERV@LIST.UNM.EDU

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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: Introduced by Rep: Referred to:

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote:
Date: 1/18/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote:
Date: 1/28/2012

Council Chair Signature

EXECUTIVE ACTION:

Approved: ☐ Vetoed: ☐

Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

President Signature

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Council Response to Veto:

Council Vote:
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Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

Appropriation Description:

Screening of Dr. Cole's film "Living with Stroke" and his keynote address for all-day conference "What's in an Age? Aging and Ageism in the 21st Century". Cole, from Houston, will facilitate panel discussions throughout the day.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Professional Services	\$1500	\$1500	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$1500	\$1500	

Notes:



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Student Organization:

Appropriation Description:

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Travel – Mileage	\$484.50		
Professional Services (travel-mileage)	-	\$475	
Travel – Per Diem	\$274		
Professional Services (travel – per diem)	-	\$274	
Food & Refreshments	\$50	\$50	
Professional Services (presentation fee)	\$250	\$250	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$1058.50	\$1049	

Notes:



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Student Organization:

Appropriation Description:

Spring 2012 Writing the World Symposium's 2 keynote speakers. Event is a regional, interdisciplinary event with multiple campus co-sponsors. Request covered hotel/transportation for 2 speakers and stipend for 1.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Professional Services - Stipend	\$1500	\$1500	
Professional Services - Hotel (2)	\$600	\$600	
Professional Services - Travel (2)	\$1400	\$1000	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$3500	\$3100	

Notes:



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-010 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 4-1-2

Date: 1/18/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote: _____

Date: 1/28/2012

Council Chair Signature

EXECUTIVE ACTION:

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Council Response to Veto:

Council Vote: _____

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Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

GPSA Council - LFC

Appropriation Description:

Funding to provide food for the LFC for Annual Budget Hearings on Feb 26, March 4 & 5.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Food & Refreshments	\$660	\$250	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$660	\$250	

Notes:

LFC decided to pass at max food&refresh per standing rules and allow Council to discuss the appropriation and decide whether to change category to "event" to bypass standing rule problem or lift the standing rules.

The LFC Chair has requested funding for 3 days of hearings(@ 10 members [1 resignation]): (NEW total = \$540)

\$5.00 per person for breakfast

\$10.00 per person for lunch

\$3.00 per person to provide a snack and something to drink during the day (approx 9am-5pm)