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GPSA Council Regular Meeting
Saturday, February 25th, 2012
9:00am – 12:00pm
HSC Domenici West, Room 2112
[Representative Documents](#)

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Opening Business
 - a) Approval of the Agenda
 - b) Approval of the January 28th, 2012 Minutes
 - c) Approval of the February 2nd, 2012 Minutes
 - d) Guest Speaker – Parliamentarian
 - e) Gallery & Media
- 3) Action Items
 - a) EI-12-001-Amendment Elections Code / Presented 1-28-12
 - b) Standing Committees
 - i) Finance Committee
 - ~~(1) SA-12-011_GPSA Council Salary~~
 - (2) SA-12-012_GPSA Council Recorder
 - (3) SA-12-013_GPSA Council Food
 - (4) SA-12-014_Nourish International
 - (5) SA-12-015_Beta Alpha Psi
 - (6) SA-12-016_GPSA Scholarship
 - (7) SA-12-017_GPSA Elections Committee
 - (8) SA-12-018_Art Education
 - (9) SA-12-019_World Affairs Delegation
 - (10) SA-12-020_El Centro De La Raza
 - (11) SA-12-021_Engineers Without Borders.
 - (12) SA-12-022_Language Lit / SocioCultural Studies
 - ii) Steering Committee
 - (1) SR-12-001_Transparency in Investigations
 - (2) SR-12-005_Resolving Academic Disruption
 - (3) SR-12-006_Dental and Vision Insurance
 - (4) SR-12-007_Removal of Graduate Student Fee
 - (5) SR-12-008_General Election Date
 - iii) Emergency Items
 - c) Discussion Items
 - a) Constitutional Changes
 - i) Non-Substantive Changes (corrective, edits, language)
 - ii) Substantive Changes (changes law)
- 5) Information Items
 - a) Council Reports
 - i) GPSA Council Chair Report
 - ii) Legislative Standing Committee Reports
 - (1) Finance Report with Current Council Operational Accounts & 2012-13 Budget Process / Chair Dworak
 - (2) Steering Report / Chair Casarez
 - (a) Bylaws Working Group Report / Representative Hwang
 - b) Executive Reports
 - i) GPSA President's Report
 - ii) Executive Standing Committee Reports
 - (1) Elections – OPEN!
 - (2) Lobby – Allison / Travis
 - iii) Executive Ad Hoc & University Committee Reports
- 6) Representative Announcements
 - a) Next Regular Council Meeting
Saturday, March 31, 2012 at HSC Domenici West #2112
- 7) Adjourn



GPSA Regular Council Meeting
Minutes Draft
 January 28, 2012
 HSC Domenici West, Room 2112

PRESIDING OFFICER:	Megan O’Laughlin, Council Chair
REPRESENTATIVES:	Representative Sheet Attached
RECORDER / PARLIMENTARIAN:	Bernadette Fontenelle / Patricia Roybal Caballero
SPEAKERS & GUESTS:	Andrew Cullen, AVP for UNM Planning, Budget & Analysis GPSA Chief Justice Cory Kalm

Agenda Items

I. ROLL CALL

ACTION	Meeting called to order by Chair Megan O’Laughlin at 9:10 A.M. Chair conducted roll call. 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. Corbin moved to amend 3b4 to no objections (Vote 1) Motion as amended by Rep. Rogers. Motion is passed. Agenda is approved with one amendment. • Approval of the December 3, 2011 minutes is approved as amended. Corbin amend SRB rather than SRRB Policy Changes, page 6, Emergency item 3b and Action item change LFC to COR. Chair motion to approve minutes as amended. (Vote 2) Motion passed. • Guest Speakers, Andrew Cullen introduced by President Katie Richardson. Associate Vice President’s Presentation is about 2012-2013 UNM Strategic Financial Outline. Review 3 documents: Budget Impact Documents which is found at Budget Office website. Honorable Chief Justice Cory Kalm introduced by Chair. He is here to review the judicial procedures. Open for discussion. Point of Order by Patricia Roybal Caballero, floor yield to President Katie. Council is living by GPSA 2011 Bylaws. Patricia Roybal Caballero clarified parliamentary rules on bylaws that were in existed until legal counsel went through the appropriate UNM process and the general rule of parliamentary rules. • Gallery & Media- Nas Manole from Medical School, Executive Elections Chair, give preview on Elections. Dates to be aware of April 26 Council Chair election, April 2-5, 2012 General Election. Matt Rush mentions Emergency Item, 3 changes. Elly, from Graduate Resource Center and Graduate Student Initiatives, gave semester reminder. Handouts distributed to council. Representative Rush and Rogers express appreciation. Kris Miranda, GPSA project assistant, organizing a series of panels this semester on Women in academia and seeking panelists. <p><i>Chair motion for ten minute recess. Return at 10:45 A.M. Meeting call back to order at 10:47 A.M.</i></p>
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III. ACTION ITEMS

ACTION	Standing Committees Finance Committee
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- SA-12-001: Department of American Studies- Rep Rogers introduced herself. 3 information to release to council: Appropriations 1 & 3 are good to go, 2 we need to talk about, and 4-7. Corbin motion to approve SAS-12-01. Motion on floor for discussion. Dept. of American Studies to fund the fee to film movie. No discussion. 1 abstain, appropriation passed. (VOTE 3) **Later Referred to Special Meeting on 2/1*
- SA-12-002: Writing Across Communities: Total Appropriation Request for \$2881, Corbin motion to amend request by organization itself. Point of clarification by Rep. Bergman. Open for discussion. Motion pass. (VOTE 4) **Later Referred to Special Meeting on 2/1*
- SA-12-003: Political Science Graduate Student Association- Total Appropriation Request for \$1059, Rep. Qasemi motion to approve request with committee review. Discussion: Recognize there is a loop hole in request. Jap motion to amend original motion request to \$1049. No discussion. 2 abstain. Motion pass. Chair motion to approve amended motion. 2 abstain, appropriation pass. (VOTE 5) **Later Referred to Special Meeting on 2/1*
- SA-12-004: GPSA Council-LFC Budget Process Hearings- Originally asks for \$600 but cutdown to \$250. Open for discussion. ? motion to accept budget food appropriation. No further discussion, 3-no, 3-abstain. Motion pass (Vote 6) **Later Referred to Special Meeting on 2/1*
- SA-12-005: Council Refreshments. Motion by PAH (Tabled)
- OTHER Appropriation Discussion: Point of order by Rep. Rush, motion requires review by EFC for LFC committee process. Point of Order by Corbin cannot accept Chair site section in bylaws and clarified actions items were presented. Deferring to Patricia Roybal Caballero. Accepted onto the agenda and body approved, the body has already accepted these. Point of order yield to Patricia Roybal Caballero, Japji did not want to yield. Chair defer to Patricia Roybal Caballero. There are 2 issues, had to go thru the executive committee before it came to council and the other what already acted upon by this body, therefore the body cannot undo the body has already been done. Corbin recognizes thru chair the appropriations was submitted in accordance thru bylaws, chair withdraw ruling, acknowledging the process was not covered by LFC and refer back to the body. At this point, we need to stop until the issues are cleared up. Japji continues to speak out of order. Chair is considering all points and will return to discussion after review. *(Take 5 minutes to review bylaws 11:31 A.M)* Point order by Rep. Japji about review. *(Back in order 11:42 A.M.)* Chair recall them as a block and call a special meeting. Point of order, Rep Hundal thought he was in the queue. Chair stands corrected Motion to table all appropriations. Chair will block 4: SA-12-001, SA-12-002, SA-12-003, and SA-12-004 action items and be heard during special meeting on 9 A.M. Wednesday morning, 2.1.12.
- SA-12-006: Chair Educational Fund, per Bylaws (Tabled)
- SA-12-007: Recorder Additional Duties/Hours (Tabled)

Steering Committee

- SR-12-002: Electronic Data Book-Publishing of data book online. This resolution ask to be done and committee address privacy. Resolution approved but tweaked by committee. Open for discussion. Sarah motion to approve as recommended by committee. (VOTE 9) Open for further discussion. 1 abstain, resolution is adopted.
- SR-12-003: COR Disapproval- Japjig left the room and does not want to vote on this. Corbin also stated conflict of interest, not participating in this vote also. Rep. Qasemi motion to indefinitely table this item. No discussion. 4 abstain. Motion passes.
- SR-12-004: Honorary Degree Review- Corbin not participating in this vote because he draft this. Committee recommends to approve resolution. Sarah motion to approve as recommended. (VOTE 10) No further discussion, 4 abstain, motion passes.
- SR-12-001: Transparency in Student/Faculty Investigations (Recommended to Working Groups) Committee concern about frightening others and protection of both parties. Corbin motion to go with LSC recommendation to working group and create a resolution. (VOTE 8) Open for discussion. Add member of group, who it reports to, and what is the purpose of the group. 1 abstain, motion passes.
- SAMend-12-001: Individual Participation (Recommended to Working Group)- Committee wants council opinion. Open for discussion. Talut motion to bundle SAMend-12-001 and SAMend-12-002 and send to working group. Point of order by

	<p>Corbin. No further discussion. 1 in favor, majority opposes, 3 abstain. Motion fails. (VOTE 9) Sarah motion to not approve this amendment. Open for discussion. Motion to vote down, 3 abstain, motion passes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAMend-12-002: Veto Procedure (Recommended to Working Group)- There is an issue with the timeline. Japjig motions approve amendment. No discussion. 3 abstain, motion passes. <p>Emergency Items (<i>Bergman motion to extend meeting to 1:30 P.M. Motion passes</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E1-12-001: Amendment Elections Code/ Rep. Rush- Displayed months of February, March, and April. Point of order by Corbin, have not heard from chair. Item can only be considered as discussion. Chair asks if timeline for voting in February is sufficient for Elections process. Rep Rush states it will allow for elections process. Item will be added as action to February meeting.
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IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSS	<p>a. Office of Provost: Feedback/Follow up on Graduate & Professional Program Metrics (Katie Richardson) – ask council for metrics from programs and PA Kris Miranda noted responses.</p>
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V. INFORMATION ITEMS

REPORTS	<p>a. Council Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. GPSA Council Chair Report- Megan O'Laughlin reported- welcome SP12 Mission & goals, Finance Code still in review, October judicial complaint opinion received, and 2012-12 Election GPSA Chair. ii. Legislative Standing Committee Reports- next mtg. 2.15.12 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finance Report & Budget Report 2. Steering Report <p><i>(Motion to extend meeting 2-3 minutes. Motion passes.)</i></p> <p>b. Executive Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. GPSA President's Report- approved GPSA platform at NM Legislature. Senate bill 16- \$5,000 tax credits, UNM Day on Tuesday, 1.31.12 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Student Fee Review Board overview (to be sent with post report). President criticized forum for a gallery member leaving. ii. Executive Standing Committee Reports- See Nas and Rep. Rush/Elections in Media and Gallery
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VI. REPRESENTATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS ITEMS

REPORTS	<p>a. Representative Documents</p>
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VIII. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

ADJOURN	<p>Next regular meeting on February 25, 2012 HSC Domenici West, Room 2112 All items due: 2/10, 5 p.m.</p>
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VIII. ADJOURN

REPORTS	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting. No objections. Meeting adjourned @ 1:31 p.m.</p>
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Department	Add '1' per Dept	Add '1' per person
AMERICAN STUDIES		
ANTHROPOLOGY		
ARCHITECTURE	1	
Julie Kidder		1
ART HISTORY		
BIOLOGY		
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE	1	
Carolina Franco		1
BUSINESS	1	
Saliha Qasemi		1
Japji Hundal		1
Grace Lerner		1
Alex Guinaraes		1
Thomas Maguire		1
Teresa Mueller		1
Greg Golden		1
Tim Borrer		1
CHEMISTRY		
CIVIL ENGINEERING		
College of Education	1	
Beth Birky		1
Heidi Nordstrom		1
Michael Verilli		1
Matthew		1
Stephanie Sample		1
COMMUNICATION & Journalism		
COMMUNITY& REGIONAL PLANNING	1	
Elisa Pintor		1

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COMPUTER SCIENCE		
DENTAL HYGIENE		
EARTH & PLANETARY SCIENCE		
ECONOMICS		
ENGLISH		
FOREIGN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE		
GEOGRAPHY		
HISTORIC PRESERVATION		
HISTORY		
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE		
LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES		
LAW SCHOOL	1	
Shannon Crowley		1
Tracy Goodluck		1
Sarah Coffey		1
LINGUISTICS		
MATH & STATS		
MEDICAL SCHOOL		
Hiedi Overton		1
NANO SCIENCE AND MICROSYSTEMS	1	
Matthew Rush		1
NURSING		
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	1	
Annette Schafer		1
PATHOLOGY		
PHARMACY Doctoral		
PHILOSOPHY	1	
Corbin Casarez		1

Department	Add '1' per Dept	Add '1' per person
PHYSICAL THERAPY		
PHYSICIANS ASSISTANTS		
PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY		
POLITICAL SCIENCE		
PSYCHOLOGY		
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	1	
Theresa Rogers		1
PUBLIC HEALTH	1	
Jenifer Black		1
SOCIOLOGY	1	
Deidre Williams		1
SPANISH & PORTUGUESE	1	
Aaron Taylor		1
SPEECH & HEARING		
THEATER & DANCE		
WATER RESOURCES	1	
Jessica Hitch		1
Quorum	14	28



GPSA Regular Special Meeting
Minutes Draft
February 1st, 2012
SUB Cherry-Silver

PRESIDING OFFICER:	Megan O'Laughlin, Council Chair
REPRESENTATIVES:	Miranda / Philosophy, Verilli / College of Ed, Dworak / Law, Rush / NanoScience, Kidder / Architecture, Rodgers / Public Administration,

Agenda Items

I. ROLL CALL

	<p>Meeting called to order by Chair Megan O'Laughlin at 9:17am when meeting reached Quorum. Chair conducted roll call. Meeting has quorum.</p> <p>Chair explained the special meeting item were in order at the 01-28-12 Council. After further review it was found the LFC Chair had emailed all pertinent documents to the EFC Chair as per the Bylaws. The EFC Chair is on the LFC Email group list and receives all communication and documentation. The Reps present must still vote to reinstate the decision of Council.</p>
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II. OPENING BUSINESS

ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today's agenda is accepted as amended without objection. Rush/2nd
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III. ACTION ITEMS

ACTION	<p>Finance Committee</p> <p>Motion to Block and approve all items as per the decision of Council on 01-28-12. Rodgers/2nd. Approved Unanimously. Council 1/28 Minutes below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA-12-001: Department of American Studies- Rep Rogers introduced herself. 3 information to release to council: Appropriations 1 & 3 are good to go, 2 we need to talk about, and 4-7. Corbin motion to approve SAS-12-01. Motion on floor for discussion. Dept. of American Studies to fund the fee to film movie. No discussion. 1 abstain, appropriation passed. (VOTE 3) <i>*Later Referred to Special Meeting on 2/1</i> • SA-12-002: Writing Across Communities: Total Appropriation Request for \$2881, Corbin motion to amend request by organization itself. Point of clarification by Rep. Bergman. Open for discussion. Motion pass. (VOTE 4) <i>*Later Referred to Special Meeting on 2/1</i> • SA-12-003: Political Science Graduate Student Association- Total Appropriation Request for \$1059, Rep. Qasemi motion to approve request with committee review. Discussion: Recognize there is a loop hole in request. Jap motion to amend original motion request to \$1049. No discussion. 2 abstain. Motion pass. Chair motion to approve amended motion. 2 abstain, appropriation pass. (VOTE 5) <i>*Later Referred to Special Meeting on 2/1</i> • SA-12-004: GPSA Council-LFC Budget Process Hearings- Originally asks for \$600 but Council preferred dropping to \$250.
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VIII. ADJOURN

REPORTS	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting. No objections. Meeting adjourned @ 9:23am. 5 minutes total!</p>
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1 Bylaws Amendment

2 Elections Code Timeline Changes

3 Submitted By: Matthew Rush

4 IX. Elections Code

5 Section 1. Referenda

- 6 A. All referendum items are submitted to the Elections Committee via the Elections Chair or
7 the GPSA Office. (VIII.A-B.)
8 B. The party submitting the referendum item shall identify its level of authority as one of the
9 following: Constitution, Bylaws, Resolution, or Election.
10 C. The ballot shall preserve the language in which referendum items are submitted.

11 Section 2. Candidate and Voter Eligibility

- 12 A. An eligible candidate for the office of President or Council Chair shall be a GPSA
13 member.
14 1. Candidates file for an election by turning in completed Candidacy Forms to the
15 GPSA Office by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday of the ~~third~~ fourth (~~3rd~~ 4th) academic
16 week prior to the election.
17 a. Candidacy Forms shall entail an autobiography, an eligibility form, an
18 application for candidacy, and a campaign contributions statement.
19 b. Candidacy Forms shall be forwarded immediately to the Student Activities
20 Center for certification. A list of certified candidates will be posted in
21 accordance with the Public Notice Requirements.
22 c. The Elections Committee shall determine eligibility and announce candidates
23 by 5:00 p.m. the academic day following the application deadline. Candidates
24 shall be considered valid if the proper forms were completed and all eligibility
25 requirements were met.
26 2. A candidate is ineligible to run for President or Council Chair if winning the election
27 would result in holding both offices for any period of time.
28 B. An eligible voter for an election must be a GPSA member. Voters may cast only one vote
29 per item in a given election.
30 1. The Elections Committee shall arrange for a list of GPSA member NetIDs to be
31 obtained from the Registrar's Office and delivered to Information Technologies (IT).

32 Section 3. Notice of Elections

- 33 A. Notice of all elections entails at least one (1) advertisement in the Daily Lobo, no later
34 than ~~fifteen~~ twenty (~~15~~ 20) academic days prior to the election for candidates and no later
35 than ~~five~~ ten (~~5~~ 10) academic days prior to the election for ballot items.
36 B. A version of all notices shall be sent to the GPSA electronic mailing list.
37 C. The Elections Committee will use a UNM email account and set up an elections
38 electronic mailing list through IT during the first (1st) week of September and of
39 February.

- 40 D. The Elections Committee shall issue a “Call for Candidates and Ballot Items” no fewer
41 than five (5) academic weeks prior to the general election. The Call for Candidates and
42 Ballot Items shall include a list of elected offices in GPSA and procedures for submitting
43 items to the ballot via Council or referendum. This notice shall be posted according to
44 the Public Notice Requirements along with an advertisement posted in the Daily Lobo.
45 1. The written notice shall also include any steps necessary for a student to vote.
46 2. This notice must be one quarter (1/4) of a page advertisement appearing for three (3)
47 consecutive issues of the Daily Lobo. Once published, this information may not be
48 changed or altered except to correct any errors in printing.
49 3. Any correction of printing errors shall be printed in three (3) consecutive issues of the
50 Daily Lobo.
- 51 E. The Elections Committee shall publish on the last regularly scheduled academic day prior
52 to a General or Special Election at least one (1) full-page advertisement in the Daily
53 Lobo.
54 1. This advertisement shall carry personal, professional, and/or platform information for
55 candidates, information regarding amendments, and any other items to be voted upon
56 in the election.
57 2. The full text of Constitutional Amendments shall be included. If the text is larger than
58 one quarter (1/4) page, a summary shall be included as well as notice of how to obtain
59 complete text.
60 3. The advertisement shall include the method and hours of electronic voting.
61 4. Special Elections may have a half (1/2) page advertisement.
- 62 F. Notice of candidate forums shall be advertised in the Daily Lobo at least two (2)
63 academic days prior to the beginning of at least the first (1st) forum. This advertisement
64 shall indicate the names of the candidates and the location and time of the forum.
65 1. The format of candidate forums will be determined by the Elections Committee and
66 distributed to the candidates one (1) academic day prior to the forum(s).
- 67 G. Notice of a Recall Election must occur within five (5) academic days of notice to the
68 Elections Committee from Council.
69 1. The written notice shall also include any steps necessary for a student to vote.
70 2. This notice will be a quarter (1/4) page advertisement appearing for three (3)
71 consecutive issues of the Daily Lobo. Once published, this information may not be
72 changed or altered except to correct any errors in printing.
73 3. Any correction of printing errors shall be printed in three (3) consecutive issues of the
74 Daily Lobo.
- 75 H. Notice of a Special Election for Presidential Replacement shall be given within three (3)
76 academic days of a recall election in which a President has been removed.
77 1. Notice shall include instructions for running for President, the application deadline,
78 and any steps necessary for a student to vote.
79 2. This notice will be one quarter (1/4) of a page advertisement appearing for three (3)
80 consecutive issues of the Daily Lobo. Once published, this information may not be
81 changed or altered except to correct any errors in printing.
82 3. Any correction of printing errors shall be printed in three (3) consecutive issues of the
83 Daily Lobo.
- 84 I. Notice of a Special Election by Referendum shall be given within ten (10) academic days
85 after the Elections Committee has verified a petition.

- 86 1. Notice shall include any steps necessary for a student to vote.
87 2. This notice will be one quarter (1/4) of a page advertisement appearing for three (3)
88 consecutive issues of the Daily Lobo. Once published, this information may not be
89 changed or altered except to correct any errors in printing.
90 3. Any correction of printing errors shall be printed in three (3) consecutive issues of the
91 Daily Lobo.

92 Section 4. Campaigning

- 93 A. Candidates shall conduct campaigns in a manner which abides by university and GPSA
94 policies and guidelines in their pursuit of office. Members of the Elections Committee
95 shall refrain from actions that would show favoritism for or have a negative effect against
96 any candidate or issue that might appear on the ballot.
97 B. Candidates shall submit, along with the Candidacy Forms, a list of authorized campaign
98 committee members that may act on their behalf. Any changes to this list should be
99 updated with the Elections Committee.
100 C. Candidates shall sign the Campaign Contribution Statement: "All funds received and
101 spent will be from members of the UNM GPSA and no other sources." This form shall be
102 submitted as part of the Candidacy Forms.
103 D. Candidates shall submit an itemized accounting of all expenditures incurred by the
104 candidate in the pursuit of office before 5:00 p.m. on the closing day of the election.
105 E. All candidates shall refrain from using GPSA resources in pursuit of office (including,
106 but not limited to: funds, staff, email addresses, printing, electronic mailing lists, and
107 office space).
108 F. If any group decides to establish a physical polling location, campaigning is not allowed
109 within twenty-five (25) feet of the physical polling location. Campaigning includes, but is
110 not limited to, signs, fliers, and campaigners. Polling locations, if any, should be placed
111 in areas with minimal distractions.

112 Section 5. General Election

- 113 A. The election shall take place Monday through Thursday of the first (1st) full academic
114 week of April, unless otherwise decided by Council. The electronic voting shall begin at
115 8:00 a.m. on the first (1st) day and end at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the election.
116 B. Any ballot items included in the election shall be approved by Council at the regularly
117 scheduled March meeting or through referenda. (VIII)
118 C. Elections shall be conducted electronically and use a computer- or phone-based system
119 that is managed by IT.
120 D. Ballots and Polling:
121 1. Ballots shall have a randomly ordered list of candidates and clear instructions for
122 marking and submitting one's vote. Provision for write-in votes shall be included on
123 the ballot. Only cast ballots meeting these requirements shall be counted. Votes cast
124 on partially completed ballots shall be counted.
125 2. All ballot items shall appear on the ballot with the language received by the Elections
126 Committee.
127 3. Polling: Voters must log in with the user name and password on record with the
128 Registrar's Office to cast a ballot.

- 129 E. Two (2) members of the Elections Committee shall retrieve the final vote count from the
130 electronic voting system.
- 131 F. The candidate elected to office shall be determined by a plurality of votes cast and each
132 other ballot item shall be determined by a majority of votes cast on each item.
- 133 G. Should the plurality winner of the GPSA General Election be declared ineligible or
134 unable to assume office for any reason before the certification of the election results, or in
135 the case of a tie, or if the Elections Committee votes not to certify an election, a special
136 Council meeting shall be called so that a Special Election can be scheduled.
- 137 H. The Elections Committee shall approve the results of a General Election after it has been
138 determined to have been conducted in accordance with the GPSA Constitution and
139 Bylaws.

140 Section 6. Council Chair Election

- 141 A. Only Council Representatives with credentials on file twenty (20) academic days prior to
142 the Council meeting at which the Council Chair election will be held are eligible to vote
143 in the election.
- 144 B. The Election Committee shall prepare a sign-in roster of eligible voters.
- 145 C. Ballots shall have a randomly ordered list of candidates and clear instructions for
146 marking and submitting one's vote. Provision for write-in votes shall be included on the
147 ballot. Only cast ballots meeting these requirements shall be counted.
- 148 1. Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot and individual voting results by Council
149 Representatives are not to be recorded.
- 150 D. The Election shall proceed as follows:
- 151 1. The current Council Chair shall forward all valid proxies to the Elections Committee
152 Chair or the Elections Committee designee before balloting begins.
- 153 2. The President shall call and preside over the Council Chair election. In the President's
154 absence, an individual who is not a Council Representative, Certified Alternate, or
155 recognized Proxy shall preside over the election.
- 156 3. Each candidate shall give a speech, no longer than five (5) minutes, and shall have up
157 to five (5) minutes to answer questions posed by Council. The order of the speeches
158 shall be determined randomly by the Elections Committee. Candidates do not have to
159 leave the room throughout the election.
- 160 4. When all of the speeches have concluded, the Elections Committee shall inspect and
161 verify that the ballot box is empty and secured.
- 162 5. Any of the candidates who are Council Representatives shall be called forward first to
163 sign for and cast a ballot. They shall then retire to the back of the room and no more
164 campaigning shall be allowed.
- 165 6. The remaining voters shall be called forward according to the alphabetical listing of
166 their RDSAs. Upon signing in, each voter shall receive and cast a ballot into the
167 ballot box.
- 168 7. After the name of the last voter has been called, the names of voters who did not
169 come forward will be repeated. Five (5) minutes after the last name has been called,
170 the vote counting shall begin.
- 171 E. Vote Counting
- 172 1. Only the members of the Elections Committee shall open the ballot box, determine
173 the validity of ballots cast, tally the ballots cast, and certify the election results.

- 174 a. A discrepancy between the number of ballots cast and the number of signed
175 voters may be grounds for disqualification of the box of ballots.
- 176 2. The election of the Council Chair shall be decided by a plurality^[2] of the votes cast.
177 Should the winner of the Council Chair Election be declared ineligible or unable to
178 assume office for any reason, or in the case of a tie, or if the Elections Committee
179 votes not to certify the election, the Elections Committee shall notify Council before
180 the end of the meeting. Council can vote to repeat the process or determine another
181 course of action. The results of an election shall be determined by the end of the
182 Council meeting.

183 Section 7. Other Types of Elections

184 A. Recall Elections

- 185 1. A recall election is defined as the vote for recall of the President and is the result of
186 one or more of the following conditions:
- 187 a. Petition by GPSA members in accordance with the GPSA Constitution.
 - 188 b. Successful vote of removal by Council.

189 B. Special Elections

- 190 1. A Special Election shall take place in any of the following circumstances:
- 191 a. Resignation of the President or Council Chair.
 - 192 b. Successful recall vote resulting in removal of the President.
 - 193 c. Successful Council vote of removal of the Council Chair.
 - 194 d. In a Presidential election, if the election is not certified, the winner is declared
195 ineligible or unable to assume duties, or there is a tie.
 - 196 e. Granting of a petition submitted to a Council meeting for a Special Issue vote
197 by the GPSA body. Only items granted on the petition shall be allowed on the
198 ballot.
 - 199 f. Special Elections follow General Election rules except where noted.

200 Section 8. Recall Election by GPSA Membership

- 201 A. Upon receipt of the recall petition or a Council vote of removal, the Elections Committee
202 shall initiate a recall election. (II.1.D.2.a.i.)
- 203 1. When the President is removed in a Recall Election due to a petition received after
204 the regularly scheduled March Council meeting, no Special Election for Presidential
205 Replacement is required.
 - 206 2. The Recall Election should occur by electronic voting over two (2) consecutive
207 academic days.
 - 208 a. Voting shall open at 8:00 a.m. of the first day of the election and close at 5:00
209 p.m. on the following day.
 - 210 b. The Elections Committee shall approve the results of a GPSA election after it
211 has been determined that all provisions of the current GPSA Constitution and
212 Bylaws were followed.

213 Section 9. Special Elections

- 214 A. Special Elections shall take place between three (3) and four (4) academic weeks after the
215 Council meeting, Presidential declaration, or referendum that created the Special
216 Election, unless otherwise noted.

- 217 1. No Special Elections shall be held between the last day of the spring semester and the
218 regularly scheduled October Council meeting.
219 2. The Special Election must occur by electronic voting over two (2) consecutive
220 academic days.
221 3. Voting shall open at 8:00 a.m. of the first (1st) day of the election and close at 5:00
222 p.m. on the second (2nd) day of the election.
223 4. The Elections Committee shall approve the results of a GPSA election after it has
224 been determined that all provisions of the currently published Election Code, Bylaws,
225 and Constitution were followed and any challenge(s) was (were) resolved.
226 5. Special Council Chair Elections shall take place at the Council meeting following the
227 Council meeting at which the Election was created and shall follow the procedures of
228 the Council Chair Election.
229 6. Referendum petitions for Special Elections shall be delivered to the Elections
230 Committee.
231 a. The Elections Committee has five (5) academic days to validate the petition
232 after it petition has been received.
233 b. A special election by referendum shall occur within fifteen (15) academic days
234 of the approval of the petition.

235 Section 10. Elections Reporting

236 A. Reports Following Each Election

- 237 1. The results of all elections shall be reported in accordance with the Public Notice
238 Requirements by 12:00 p.m. of the academic day following the end of the election.
239 2. Elections data will be disaggregated from unique identifiers, including student names
240 and departments.
241 3. Complications with voting, including but not limited to, casting ballots, vote
242 counting, the electronic voting system, and determination of eligibility shall be
243 included with elections reporting.

244 B. Annual Report

- 245 1. The Annual Report shall include all expenditures and income for the Elections
246 Committee and each report following an election.
247 2. On behalf of GPSA, the Elections Committee shall request that IT compile an
248 Aggregated Elections Data Report, in accordance with federal and state law and
249 university policy. If IT provides this report, it shall be included in the Annual Report.
250 3. Results for each item shall be reported by Department.
251 a. Departments with less than ten (10) students voting must be pooled together in
252 order to protect the privacy of individual voters. A note shall indicate which
253 departments are pooled together and the number of voters from each
254 department, but not a breakdown of votes by department.

255 Section 11. Election Disputes

- 256 A. An election may be challenged by any GPSA member to the Court of Review.
257 Challenges include, but are not limited to, voter fraud, improper notification, improper
258 conduct of members of the Elections Committee, candidate misconduct, or an unsound
259 voting system.

- 260 B. Challenges must be formatted as Court of Review Complaints and submitted in
261 writing within five (5) academic days of the reporting of the election results.
262 C. The Court of Review may consolidate challenges as it deems appropriate.
263 D. If the Court of Review determines that a challenge is valid, the Court may decertify an
264 election or impose a remedy as deemed appropriate. If an election is decertified, a special
265 Council meeting shall be called so that a Special Election can be scheduled.
266 E. The Court of Review must render its decision within fifteen (15) academic days
267 following the last day of the election in question.



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-011 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 4-2-1
Date: 2/15/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote: _____
Date: 2/25/2012

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: _____

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

Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

GPSA Council (salary)

Appropriation 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), Article V, Sect.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
General Operating - Chair compensation	\$2548	\$2548	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$2548	\$2548	

Notes:



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-012 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 6-0-1
Date: 2/15/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote: _____
Date: 2/25/2012

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: _____

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

Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

GPSA Council (recorder)

Appropriation Description:

additional hours and duties for the Council Recorder. Up to twelve (12) hours at the approved \$15/hr. rate

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Professional Services	\$900	\$0	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$900	\$0	

Notes:

Questions regarding the need for funding, funds left in account, and other specifics.



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-013 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 5-2-0
Date: 2/15/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote: _____
Date: 2/25/2012

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: _____

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

Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

GPSA Council (food)

Appropriation Description:

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.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Professional Services	\$400	\$0	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$400	\$0	

Notes:

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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-014 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 7-0-0
Date: 2/15/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote: _____
Date: 2/25/2012

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: _____

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

Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

Nourish International

Appropriation Description:

sending undergraduate and graduate students to Northeastern Peru, in the Amazon, to provide labor and resources to build a section of a health clinic an understanding and interconnectnig basic health ideology with

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Travel - Airfare	\$3000	\$2100	
Travel - Per Diem	\$1600	\$400	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$4600	\$2500	

Notes:



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-015 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 7-0-0
Date: 2/15/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote: _____
Date: 2/25/2012

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: _____

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

Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

Beta Alpha Psi - Theta Xi Chapter

Appropriation Description:

Our regional meeting is in Laramie, Wyoming from March 23rd to the 24th. We are competing in the Best Practices competition. Last year our organization competed, and won first place in the national Best Practices competition.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Travel - Mileage	\$592	\$592	
Travel - Per Diem	\$900	\$900	
Conference Fees	\$340	\$340	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$1832	\$1832	

Notes:



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-016 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 3-2-1
Date: 2/15/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote: _____
Date: 2/25/2012

Council Chair Signature

EXECUTIVE ACTION:

Approved: Vetoed:

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President Signature

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Council Response to Veto:

Council Vote: _____

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

Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

GPSA - Scholarship

Appropriation Description:

After receiving funding, GPSA will be able to begin giving \$1,000 scholarships to graduate students via the Graduate Student Scholarship.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
General Operating	\$20,000	\$20,00	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$20,000	\$20,000	

Notes:

Debate over the longevity and sustainability of the fund.



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-017 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 5-0-1
Date: 2/15/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote: _____
Date: 2/25/2012

Council Chair Signature

EXECUTIVE ACTION:

Approved: Vetoed:

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Council Vote: _____

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

Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

GPSA - Elections

Appropriation Description:

The committee is requesting for an amount of \$340, due to the introduction of a by law over the last year. The bylaw requires the committee to run an additional ad in the daily lobo.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Advertising	\$340	\$340	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$340	\$340	

Notes:

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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-018 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 7-0-0
Date: 2/15/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote: _____
Date: 2/25/2012

Council Chair Signature

EXECUTIVE ACTION:

Approved: Vetoed:

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Council Response to Veto:

Council Vote: _____

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Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

Art Education

Appropriation Description:

Several graduate students organized themselves to attend the National Art Educators Convention as a group. We are persuing student grants and this aquisition to fully fund their trip this March 1-4th.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Travel - Airfare	\$3165	\$1100	
Conference Fees	\$675	-	
Rentals	\$4068	-	
Food & Refreshments	\$2160	-	
Conference Fees	\$360	\$500	
Event	\$200	\$200	
Per Diem	-	\$1500	
General Operating	-	\$1520	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$10628	\$4820	

Notes:

Organization brought in revised and reduced appropriation request to the hearing that the committee based changes off of.



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-019 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 6-0-1
Date: 2/15/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote: _____
Date: 2/25/2012

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: _____

Date: Click here to enter a date.

Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

World Affairs Delegation

Appropriation Description:

We are attending the Harvard World Model United Nations Conference 2012 in Vancouver , Canada over Spring Break, the olympics of Model UN.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Travel - Mileage	\$1575	\$1575	
Rentals (van)	\$600	\$600	
Travel - Per Diem	\$2400	\$2400	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$4575	\$4575	

Notes:

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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-020 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 6-0-1
Date: 2/15/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote: _____
Date: 2/25/2012

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: _____

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

Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

Raza Graduate Student Association

Appropriation Description:

is working in collaboration with the Students for Justice in Palestine (SFJP) to co-sponsor the Mock Wall Campaign at the University of New Mexico the week of March 19-23.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
General Operating (materials)	\$423	\$423	
Advertising	\$350	\$350	
Professional Services	\$110	\$110	
Event (food & refreshments)	\$200	\$200	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$1083	\$1083	

Notes:



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-021 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 7-0-0
Date: 2/15/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote: _____
Date: 2/25/2012

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: _____

Date: Click here to enter a date.

Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

Engineers Without Borders

Appropriation Description:

Funding for the 2012 implementation trip for EWB UNM Tsimane Clean Water Project in Beni, Bolivia. Funding for three (3) grad students.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Travel - Airfare	\$3750	\$3750	
Per Diem	\$1080	\$1080	
Bus + Taxi fares	\$180	\$180	
Visas	\$405	\$0	
Project Supplies	\$1450	\$925	
(honorarium) Spanish Tutor	\$360	\$360	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$7225	\$6295	

Notes:



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-022 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 5-2-1
Date: 2/15/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote: _____
Date: 2/25/2012

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: _____

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

Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

Language Literacy and Sociocultural Studies

Appropriation Description:

This is a series of lectures throughout the semester focusing on Critical Theory. Lectures will be given by both UNM Faculty and students from the LLSS Department. Main event is a dinner to host 200+ students and speaker.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Refreshments	\$600	\$600	
Event (food)	\$1000	\$1000	
Honorarium	\$250	\$250	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$1850	\$1850	

Notes:

GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

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LEGISLATION #: SL-12-003

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: GPSA Constitution – Non-substantive

LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Constitution/Bylaws Working Group

Referred to: Legislative Steering Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION: **Approved as Amended**

Committee Vote: 4-0-0

Date: 2/19/2012

Committee Chair Signature: *Corbin Casarez*

Committee Decision: Editing and formatting changes grouped together for one item. Recommend as one ballot item.

COUNCIL ACTION: Choose an item.

Council Vote (if Count): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: *Megan O Laughlin*

EXECUTIVE ACTION: *(Automatically becomes law after 5 days of receipt if unsigned by the President)*

Approved:

Vetoed *(attach Rationale)*:

Date: 1/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature:

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO VETO *(if applicable)*:

Council Override Vote: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: [Click here to enter text.](#)

For SGAO

Amount Allocated: \$

Account line items in appropriation request as attached.

From Account #:

Account Name:

To Account #:

Account Name:

Approved Account Signature #1

Approved Account Signature #2

For Student Activities / Legal Counsel

Amendment Approval / Review Comments *(attach Counsel Advisory)*: [Click here to enter text.](#)



GPSA Constitution – Non-substantive Changes

Submitted by: Constitution/Bylaws Working Group

Preamble: “environment and” (add space)

Preamble: “to the” (add space)

II. Section 1. A. 2.: Capitalize “review”

II. Section 1. A. 6.: Delete “the” add “with”

II. Section 1. A. 7.: Capitalize “office”

II. Section 1. A. 9.: Remove period after Council

II. Section 1. A. 9.: Remove extra space before “representatives”

II. Section 1. A. 10.: “executive”

II. Section 1. C. 1.: Add period after “compensation”

II. Section 1. D. 1. a. and b.: Remove italics

II. Section 1. D. 2.: Delete “Recall” and change numbering format

II. Section 1. D. 3.: Delete “or recall”

II. Section 1. D. 4.: Delete “will” and replace with “shall”

II. Section 1. D. 4.: Delete “removal or a recall election in which the President is removed” and replace with “the removal of the President”

II. Section 2. A. 1.: Correct indent

II. Section 2. A. 2.: Grants committee reformatting (numbering format)

II. Section 2. B.: Transpose 3. and 4.

II. Section 2. B. 4. (Removal): Delete “and the president” and replace with “time, but the President”

II. Section 2. D. 1.: Add comma after “Committees”

II. Section 2. D.: Change “a. b. c.” to “2. 3. 4.”

II. Section 2. D. 4.: Insert “representatives” in between “committee” and “shall”

II. Section 3. B. 5.: Delete “5.”

- II. Section 3. B. 5.: Delete "listserv" and replace with "electronic mailing list"
- III. Section 1. A. 2.: Delete extra space after "RDSA"
- III. Section 1. B. 1.: Lowercase "Meetings"
- III. Section 1. B. 4.: "at least one (1) calendar week in advance of each regular Council meeting and forty-eight (48) hours before each special Council meeting."
- III. Section 1. C. 3. and 4.: Add "The Council shall"
- III. Section 2. B.: Delete "will"
- III. Section 3. Preamble: Delete "the"
- III. Section 3. A. 2.: "Serve as the official Council spokesperson."
- III. Section 3. A. 2.: Delete "the"
- III. Section 3. A. 3.: Add "or removal"
- III. Section 3. A.: Add "5. 6. 7."
- III. Section 3. D. 2.: Delete "the"
- III. Section 4. B. 1.: Delete extra space before "Must"
- III. Section 4. B. 2. b. and d.: Move to III. Section 4. B. 1. a. and b.
- III. Section 4. B. 3. b. and d.: Delete
- III. Section 4. C. 2.: Transpose with 3.
- III. Section 4. C. 3. (Removal): "...Bylaws, but shall present a replacement to Council at the next regular meeting."
- III. Section 4. D. Delete "the" and "the"
- IV. Preamble: Add period at end
- IV. Section 1. B. 2.: Replace "will" with "shall"
- IV. Section 1. B. 3.: Replace "will" with "shall"
- IV. Section 1. B. 3.: Relocate to IV. Section 2. A. 3.
- IV. Section 1. B. 4.: Relocate to IV. Section 2. A. 4.
- IV. Section 1. B. 5.: Relocate to IV. Section 1. C. 6.
- IV. Section 1. C. 1. b.: Add comma after "staff"
- IV. Section 2. C. 1.: Remove "Impeachment"
- IV. Section 2. C. 2.: Remove "Removal"

VI. Preamble: Replace “as defined in” with “in accordance with”

VI. Section 2. A.: Replace with “An election of the Council Chair shall occur at the April Council meeting.”

VI. Section 3. A.: Replace with “...by Council or the President.”

VIII. A.: Add “on all referendum petitions” to end of sentence

VIII. B.: End sentence at “...general election.”

GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

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LEGISLATION #: SL-12-004

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: Constitution Finance

LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Constitution/Bylaws Work Group

Referred to: Legislative Steering Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION: **Approved as Amended**

Committee Vote: 4-0-0

Date: 2/19/2012

Committee Chair Signature: *Corbin Casarez*

Committee Decision: Replace current Article V. to clarify linear budget process and language.

COUNCIL ACTION: Choose an item.

Council Vote (if Count): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: *Megan O Laughlin*

EXECUTIVE ACTION: *(Automatically becomes law after 5 days of receipt if unsigned by the President)*

Approved:

Vetoed (*attach Rationale*):

Date: 1/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature:

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO VETO (*if applicable*):

Council Override Vote: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: [Click here to enter text.](#)

For SGAO

Amount Allocated: \$

Account line items in appropriation request as attached.

From Account #:

Account Name:

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Approved Account Signature #1

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For Student Activities / Legal Counsel

Amendment Approval / Review Comments (*attach Counsel Advisory*): [Click here to enter text.](#)

GPSA @ UNM

Graduate And Professional Student Association
GPSA Constitution Article V. Finance

(replacement)

Article V. Finance

Section 1. Fees

Subject to authorization by the Board of Regents, a nonrefundable fee, henceforth referred to as the GPSA fee, shall be levied on all graduate and professional students. The University shall collect these fees and forward them immediately to the GPSA.

- A. The GPSA fee shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) per student per semester and any increase ~~in fee~~ must be approved through a referendum and by the Board of Regents.
- B. Five percent (5%) of the total collected GPSA ~~fees~~ ~~budget~~ is taken by the University in the form of an accounting fee payable to the Student Government Accounting Office (SGAO). ~~The total GPSA budget is herein defined as the total fees collected minus this five percent (5%) fee.~~ The remainder of the total is added to the General Fund.

Section 2. Purpose

Collected fees shall be allocated by the GPSA Council to fund the general GPSA government and to benefit chartered student organizations and graduate and professional students through GPSA Committees and Council.

Section 3. Oversight and Distribution

The Executive Finance Committee (EFC) ~~shall~~ ~~will~~ administer the GPSA budget and the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) ~~shall~~ ~~will have oversight of~~ compile and recommend the GPSA budget in accordance with the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws. ~~with the Student Government Accounting Office (SGAO) acting~~ acts as the agent of all GPSA financial transactions.

- A. ~~This budget shall be established based upon the anticipated revenue for the upcoming fiscal year as determined by SGAO. 2-~~ The proposed budget shall not exceed ninety-five percent (95%) of said revenue to allow for appropriation funds and any decrease in projected enrollment.
- B. ~~The Executive Finance Committee shall draft a budget to be submitted~~ The branches of government and student organizations shall submit budget requests to the LFC in the Spring semester. ~~Legislative Finance Committee before the March Council Meeting for a vote by the Council and approval by the President. If the President does not take action within ten (10) academic days, the budget shall be considered approved.~~

~~The Legislative Finance Committee shall set out procedures in accordance with the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws, to include a budget process, appropriation requests, and a summary of recommendations for each Council meeting.~~

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- C. All branches of the GPSA government must follow budget processes as defined by the GPSA Constitution, Bylaws, and applicable standing rules to be eligible for funding.
- D. The EFC shall make a recommendation to Council regarding the LFC's compiled budget recommendation.
- E. Council shall vote on the budget in the regular March Council meeting. Council's decision shall be forwarded to the President within two (2) academic days.
- F. The President may approve or veto Council's budget proposal in accordance with the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws.
- G. A final GPSA budget must be approved no later than the first (1st) Friday in April.
- H. The LFC ~~Legislative Finance Committee~~ Chair and EFC ~~Executive Finance Committee~~ Chair shall have all necessary authority to approve budget revisions. All budget revisions must be reported at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.
 - 1. When Council is not in session, the President, Grants Chair, and Council Chair must jointly review and approve budget revisions.
- I. ~~E.~~ Forty percent (40%) of the total GPSA budget shall be reserved for the Pro-Rated Benefits Fund.
- J. ~~F.~~ No less than ten percent (10%) of the total GPSA budget shall be allocated to ~~SRAC/ST-SRG/PDG~~.
- K. ~~G.~~ Funds not appropriated through the budget process shall be placed in the ~~GPSA~~ General Fund.
- L. ~~H.~~ All funds distributed through the GPSA budget and appropriations and not used by the end of the fiscal year in which they were allocated shall revert to the General Fund.

Section 4. Fiscal Accountability

The GPSA financial records including, but not limited to, the GPSA budget and appropriations may be subject to a financial review as requested by a Council Representative, the President, the Council Chair, or through a complaint filed with the Court of Review.

Section 5. Budget Compliance

- A. GPSA shall be in accordance with all necessary local, state, federal, and University ~~of New Mexico accounting~~ requirements as determined by SGAO.
- B. Compliance with proposal guidelines of funded organizations for the fiscal year shall be determined by the LFC ~~Legislative Finance Committee~~ in accordance with the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws.
- C. C. Misuse of GPSA funds may result in Council recourse, including financial enjoinderment.

GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

For OFFICIAL USE Only

LEGISLATION #: SL-12-005

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: Constitution President

LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Constitution/Bylaws Work Group

Referred to: Legislative Steering Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION: **Approved as Amended**

Committee Vote: 4-0-0

Date: 2/19/2012

Committee Chair Signature: *Corbin Casarez*

Committee Decision: Reduce compensation and protect from frivolous recall.

COUNCIL ACTION: Choose an item.

Council Vote (if Count): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: *Megan O'Laughlin*

EXECUTIVE ACTION: *(Automatically becomes law after 5 days of receipt if unsigned by the President)*

Approved:

Vetoed *(attach Rationale)*:

Date: 1/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature:

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO VETO *(if applicable)*:

Council Override Vote: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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Constitutional Changes re: GPSA President

II. Section 1. C. 2.: “Compensation should also include up to nine (9) resident, graduate tuition hours per semester at the rates published by the Bursar’s Office.”

II. Section 1. D. 2. c.: “Removal of the President requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote in the recall election.”

GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

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LEGISLATION #: SL-12-006

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: Constitution Exec Committees

LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Constitution/Bylaws Work Group

Referred to: Legislative Steering Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION: **Approved as Amended**

Committee Vote: 4-0-0

Date: 2/19/2012

Committee Chair Signature: *Corbin Casarez*

Committee Decision: Change names of Grants, make stipend determination consistent, remove Council approval of University committee appointments.

COUNCIL ACTION: Choose an item.

Council Vote (if Count): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: *Megan O Laughlin*

EXECUTIVE ACTION: *(Automatically becomes law after 5 days of receipt if unsigned by the President)*

Approved:

Vetoed *(attach Rationale)*:

Date: 1/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature:

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO VETO *(if applicable)*:

Council Override Vote: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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Constitution Changes re: Executive Committees

II. Section 2. A. 2. a: “Allocate funds from the GPSA Research Grant, the GPSA Professional Development Grant, and the New Mexico Research Grant in accordance with GPSA Bylaws.”

II. Section 2. A. 2. b.: “The Research Grant is funded by the Student Research Allocation Committee Endowment. The Professional Development Grant is funded by the Specialized Travel Endowment. The New Mexico Research Grant is funded by the Graduate Research and Development Endowment. These funds may be supplemented by the budget process or Council appropriation.”

II. Section 2. B. 3. (Stipend): “Stipend for the Executive Standing Committee Chairs shall be determined through the annual budget process.

II. Section 2. D. 2. Strike “and approved by Council”

GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

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LEGISLATION #: SL-12-007

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: Constitution Council Reps

LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Legislative Steering Committee

Referred to: Legislative Steering Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION: **Approved**

Committee Vote: 4-0-0

Date: 2/19/2012

Committee Chair Signature: *Corbin Casarez*

Committee Decision: Clarify that no GPSA member may represent more than one RDSA on Council.

COUNCIL ACTION: Choose an item.

Council Vote (if Count): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: *Megan O Laughlin*

EXECUTIVE ACTION: *(Automatically becomes law after 5 days of receipt if unsigned by the President)*

Approved:

Vetoed *(attach Rationale)*:

Date: 1/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature:

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO VETO *(if applicable)*:

Council Override Vote: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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Council Chair Signature: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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Constitutional Changes re: Council Representatives

III. Section 2. Preamble.: add “A Representative may not represent more than one (1) RDSA.”

GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

For OFFICIAL USE Only

LEGISLATION #: SL-12-008

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: Constitution Council Chair

LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Constitution/Bylaws Work Group

Referred to: Legislative Steering Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION: **Approved as Amended**

Committee Vote: 4-0-0

Date: 2/19/2012

Committee Chair Signature: *Corbin Casarez*

Committee Decision: Clarify role, move and reduce compensation from Bylaws, clarify impeachment.

COUNCIL ACTION: Choose an item.

Council Vote (if Count): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: *Megan O'Laughlin*

EXECUTIVE ACTION: *(Automatically becomes law after 5 days of receipt if unsigned by the President)*

Approved:

Vetoed *(attach Rationale)*:

Date: 1/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature:

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO VETO *(if applicable)*:

Council Override Vote: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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Constitutional Changes re: Council Chair

III. Section 3. A. 4.: Strike “Executive Committees”

III. Section 3. A. 6. Insert “Shall not vote in Council except in the case of a tie.”

III. Section 3. C. 2. : “Compensation should also include up to six (6) resident, graduate tuition hours per semester at the rates published by the Bursar’s Office.”

III. Section 3. D. 1.: “The Council Chair may be impeached for willful neglect of office, gross misconduct, or malfeasance by a majority vote of Council Representatives at a regular Council meeting.

GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

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LEGISLATION #: SL-12-009

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: Constitution Leg Committees

LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Legislative Steering Committee

Referred to: Legislative Steering Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION: **Approved**

Committee Vote: 4-0-0

Date: 2/19/2012

Committee Chair Signature: *Corbin Casarez*

Committee Decision: Allow flexibility in recommendation process for appropriations.

COUNCIL ACTION: Choose an item.

Council Vote (if Count): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: *Megan O Laughlin*

EXECUTIVE ACTION: *(Automatically becomes law after 5 days of receipt if unsigned by the President)*

Approved:

Vetoed (*attach Rationale*):

Date: 1/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature:

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO VETO (*if applicable*):

Council Override Vote: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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Constitutional Changes re: Legislative Committees

III. Section 4. B. 2. a.: Strike "subsequent"

GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

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LEGISLATION #: SL-12-010

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: Constitution Judicial

LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Constitution/Bylaws Work Group

Referred to: Legislative Steering Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION: **Approved as Amended**

Committee Vote: 4-0-0

Date: 2/19/2012

Committee Chair Signature: *Corbin Casarez*

Committee Decision: Clarify impeachment and change appointment process. Raise discussion regarding legal advisor.

COUNCIL ACTION: Choose an item.

Council Vote (if Count): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: *Megan O'Laughlin*

EXECUTIVE ACTION: *(Automatically becomes law after 5 days of receipt if unsigned by the President)*

Approved:

Vetoed (*attach Rationale*):

Date: 1/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature:

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO VETO (*if applicable*):

Council Override Vote: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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Constitutional Changes re: Judicial

IV. Section 2. C. 1.: “Justices may be impeached for willful neglect of office, gross misconduct, or malfeasance by a majority vote of Council Representatives at a regular Council meeting.

IV. Section 2. C. 3 (old 2.): add after Council Chair “following a vote of impeachment”

IV. Should we add a position for legal advisor? (committee recommends against but thinks Council should discuss...desire expressed to permit consultation without complaint, but concern about split authority within Judicial; need to look at history, to see if beneficial; also size of documents might necessitate someone who is knowledgeable to answer questions; would such a position be caught in the middle?; paid position?)

IV. Section 2. A. 5. (old 3.) Justices shall be appointed at the last Council meeting of the semester for the upcoming term.

GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

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LEGISLATION #: SL-12-011

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: Constitution Elections

LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Legislative Steering Committee

Referred to: Legislative Steering Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION: **Approved**

Committee Vote: 4-0-0

Date: 1/1/2012

Committee Chair Signature: *Corbin Casarez*

Committee Decision: Remove special election by referendum and move recall election from Article II.

COUNCIL ACTION: Choose an item.

Council Vote (if Count): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: *Megan O Laughlin*

EXECUTIVE ACTION: *(Automatically becomes law after 5 days of receipt if unsigned by the President)*

Approved:

Vetoed *(attach Rationale)*:

Date: 1/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature:

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO VETO *(if applicable)*:

Council Override Vote: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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Constitutional Changes re: Elections

VI. Section 3. B.: Delete

VI. Section 4. Recall Election (add, refer to II. Section 1. D. 2.; if added, also make reference in II to VI. Section 4. and remove sentences from II.): “A. Council shall have the authority to verify the validity of signatures on a recall petition. Upon verification of the petition signatures, the Elections Committee shall initiate a recall election by the GPSA membership. B. The recall election shall be publicized and shall occur within fifteen (15) academic days of the Council meeting at which the petition was presented.”

GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

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LEGISLATION #: SL-12-012

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: Constitution Definitions

LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Legislative Steering Committee

Referred to: Legislative Steering Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION: **Not Approved**

Committee Vote: 4-0-0

Date: 2/19/2012

Committee Chair Signature: *Corbin Casarez*

Committee Decision: Present for revision after other Constitutional changes approved. Did not have time to offer suggestions.

COUNCIL ACTION: Choose an item.

Council Vote (if Count): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: *Megan O Laughlin*

EXECUTIVE ACTION: *(Automatically becomes law after 5 days of receipt if unsigned by the President)*

Approved:

Vetoed *(attach Rationale)*:

Date: 1/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature:

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO VETO *(if applicable)*:

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GPSA Constitution Article IX. Definitions

These definitions shall apply throughout this document.

Academic Day - any day in which the University has regularly scheduled classes during the Fall or Spring semesters, unless specifically noted otherwise. This excludes weekends, holidays, and days which the University is closed.

Academic Year - starting the last day of the Spring semester through the day preceeding the last day of the subsequent Spring semester.

Amendment - a change to the GPSA Constitution or Bylaws.

Anticipated Revenue - anticipated aggregate sum of GPSA fees to be collected in the following fiscal year as determined by SGAO.

Audit - evaluation of financial records.

Ballot - the list of candidates and issues to be voted on in an election.

Board of Regents - governor appointed board of community members and students who are responsible for the assets and programs of the University, establishment of goals and policies and guide the University and oversight of the functioning of the University.

Budget Revisions - a request to re-define funding previously allocated through the GPSA budget process or allocations. Budget revisions must be approved before GPSA funding may be spent on purposes other than originally approved or directed through Council.

Bylaws - active legislative supplement to the GPSA Constitution, composed of all codes which must not violate the Constitution but may further elaborate GPSA law.

Chair - the administrative head of a particular body.

Chartered Student Organization - any group which meets the chartering requirements of The University of New Mexico.

Committee - a group vested with powers, subordinate to the appropriate branch of government, composed and accountable according to the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws.

Constituents - GPSA members which a particular Council Representative represents.

Constitution - the instituting document of GPSA, and the organization's ultimate legislative authority.

Complaint - official grievance presented to the GPSA Court of Review that initiates action within the Court.

Council - the primary legislative body of GPSA.

Council Budget - funding allocated for the administration of the legislative branch.

Credentials - A form that verifies representative authority from a RDSA to serve as a Council Representative.

Comment [SC1]: LSC did not have time to edit. Presenting so that Council can vote in March, but Article IX will need to be revised in accordance with changes approved in other Constitutional articles.

Elections Code - the GPSA Bylaws particularly concerning GPSA election law.

Enrollment report - a report distributed by the University indicating enrollment of graduate and professional students within degree granting departments and schools.

Ex officio - a non-voting participant of a given body who is part of it by holding another office.

Executive Budget - funding allocated for the administration of the executive branch.

Financial Enjoinment - a legislative action issued that prohibits a student group from engaging in any financial activities with the use of GPSA funds.

Financial Review - disclosure of financial records and subject to a review process.

General Election - the annual election of the GPSA President, during which other ballot issues may be presented to the voting members.

General Fund - the fund in which all fees collected on behalf of GPSA are deposited as well as all monies which revert back to GPSA.

GPSA fee - a fee levied upon all graduate and professional students that is forwarded to GPSA.

GPSA Member (Member) - any graduate or professional student enrolled in a degree granting department or school at the University of New Mexico main campus and who has paid the GPSA fee for the current semester.

Graduate Research Development (GRD) Grant - set up to assist larger projects that require substantial funding, as provided by the New Mexico State Legislature.

Gross Misconduct - an intentional act forbidden or unlawful performed with indifference to known or obvious harmful consequences.

Impeachment - presentation of formal charges against a GPSA official by Council.

Leave of absence - an approved absence from duties of office as communicated in writing.

Malfeasance - Commission of a wrongful act which an official has no legal right to do, or any wrongful conduct which affects, interrupts, or interferes with the performance of official duty, or an act for which there is no authority or warrant of law.

Majority - more than fifty percent (50%).

Neglect of Office - Willful knowing, and intentional failure to attend to one's official duties.

Plurality vote - a vote in which candidate or issue is decided by receiving the greatest number of votes.

President's Education Grant - a tuition grant, equal to up to twelve (12) resident, graduate tuition hours per semester at the rates published by the Bursar's office.

Pro-Rated Benefits Fund (PB Funds) - grants of pro-rated benefits based on student enrollment as requested by Recognized Departmental Student Associations.

Recognized Departmental Student Association (RDSA) - the primary student association of each department and school as recognized by GPSA.

Referendum - a legislative initiative put to popular vote in a general or special election (pl. Referenda).

Semester - the Fall or Spring academic term as determined by the academic calendar of the University.

Session - the first day of the fall semester to the last day of the spring semester.

Specialized Travel (ST) Grant - a grant to fund student travel relevant to the applicant's field.

Student Research Allocation Committee (SRAC) Grant - a grant to fund expenses related to student research relevant to the applicant's field.

Student Fee Review Board (SFRB) - advisory board that recommends the distribution of the student activity fee in the University budget.

Student Government Accounting Office (SGAO) - a service department of UNM that processes all funds allocated by GPSA.

Term - a term of office as stipulated, or part thereof.

University (UNM) - the University of New Mexico, not including branch campuses.

GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

For OFFICIAL USE Only

LEGISLATION #: SR-12-001

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: Transparency in Investigations

LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Von Jones

Referred to: Legislative Steering Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION: **Not Approved**

Committee Vote: 3-0-0

Date: 2/19/2012

Committee Chair Signature: *Corbin Casarez*

Committee Decision: Recommends to table item indefinitely. Note: Item was sent to working group in January, see SR-12-005.

COUNCIL ACTION: Choose an item.

Council Vote (if Count): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: *Megan O'Laughlin*

EXECUTIVE ACTION: *(Automatically becomes law after 5 days of receipt if unsigned by the President)*

Approved:

Vetoed (*attach Rationale*):

Date: 1/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature:

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO VETO (*if applicable*):

Council Override Vote: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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Resolution for Transparency in Student-Faculty Misconduct Investigations

Submitted by: Von Jones

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.

RESOLUTION

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GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

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LEGISLATION #: SR-12-005

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: Resolving Academic Disruption

LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Transparency in Investigations Working Group

Referred to: Legislative Steering Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION: **Not Approved**

Committee Vote: 3-0-0

Date: 2/19/2012

Committee Chair Signature: *Corbin Casarez*

Committee Decision: Recommends tabling indefinitely.

COUNCIL ACTION: Choose an item.

Council Vote (if Count): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: *Megan O'Laughlin*

EXECUTIVE ACTION: *(Automatically becomes law after 5 days of receipt if unsigned by the President)*

Approved:

Vetoed (*attach Rationale*):

Date: 1/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature:

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO VETO (*if applicable*):

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Resolution to Resolve Academic Disruption

Submitted by: Transparency in Investigations Working Group

WHEREAS violations and encroachments on the safety and dignity of students and faculty disrupt the academic environment;

WHEREAS the University of New Mexico has policies and procedures in place for responding to accusations of harassment and misconduct between students and faculty;

WHEREAS it is appropriate for the privacy of both an accuser and an accused to be protected unless and until a full investigation demonstrates actual wrongdoing;

WHEREAS a graduate student in the English Department has professed experiencing a negative atmosphere disruptive to the learning process due to an incident that occurred even before this student entered the graduate program;

Comment [SC1]: Should it be Creative Writing Program, English Department, or something else?

WHEREAS this student sought recourse in GPSA Council to address the persistent tension, conflict, and division in pursuit of some resolution;

WHEREAS Council acknowledges that the University's investigation cleared the accused in this incident of any wrongdoing;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University assign a neutral party to assess the academic environment for faculty and students in the English Department, and determine what further course of action, if any, is necessary;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that GPSA supports the adherence of University staff, faculty, and students to the policies and procedures regarding reporting instances of harassment;

FINALLY LET IT BE RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to English Department Chair Gail Houston, Interim Dean of the Office of Graduate Studies Gary Harrison, GPSA President Katie Richardson, and UNM President David Schmidly.

Comment [SC2]: Include/Replace with CWP Director?

WHEREAS violations and encroachments on the safety and dignity of students and faculty disrupt the academic environment;

WHEREAS the University of New Mexico has policies and procedures in place for responding to accusations of harassment and misconduct between students and faculty;

WHEREAS it is appropriate for the privacy of both an accuser and an accused to be protected unless and until a full investigation demonstrates actual wrongdoing;

WHEREAS a graduate student in the English Department has professed experiencing a negative atmosphere disruptive to the learning process due to an incident that occurred even before this student entered the graduate program;

Comment [SC1]: Should it be Creative Writing Program, English Department, or something else?

WHEREAS this student sought recourse in GPSA Council to address the persistent tension, conflict, and division in pursuit of some resolution;

WHEREAS Council acknowledges that the University's investigation cleared the accused in this incident of any wrongdoing;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University assign a neutral party to assess the academic environment for faculty and students in the English Department, and determine what further course of action, if any, is necessary;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that GPSA supports the adherence of University staff, faculty, and students to the policies and procedures regarding reporting instances of harassment;

FINALLY LET IT BE RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to English Department Chair Gail Houston, Interim Dean of the Office of Graduate Studies Gary Harrison, GPSA President Katie Richardson, and UNM President David Schmidly.

Comment [SC2]: Include/Replace with CWP Director?

GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

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LEGISLATION #: SR-12-006

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: Dental and Vision Insurance

LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Office of the GPSA President

Referred to: Legislative Steering Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION: **Approved as Amended**

Committee Vote: 3-0-0

Date: 2/19/2012

Committee Chair Signature: *Corbin Casarez*

Committee Decision: Resolution edited for language and persuasiveness.

COUNCIL ACTION: Choose an item.

Council Vote (if Count): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: *Megan O'Laughlin*

EXECUTIVE ACTION: *(Automatically becomes law after 5 days of receipt if unsigned by the President)*

Approved:

Vetoed *(attach Rationale)*:

Date: 1/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature:

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO VETO *(if applicable)*:

Council Override Vote: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: [Click here to enter text.](#)

For SGAO

Amount Allocated: \$

Account line items in appropriation request as attached.

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For Student Activities / Legal Counsel

Amendment Approval / Review Comments *(attach Counsel Advisory)*: [Click here to enter text.](#)



Resolution to Include ~~Eye and Dental Care~~ **Dental and Vision
in UNM Student Insurance Plan A**

WHEREAS graduate and professional students with assistantships are enrolled in Macori Insurance Plan A upon registering at ~~the University of New Mexico~~;

WHEREAS full-time undergraduate students are eligible to purchase Macori Insurance Plan A;

WHEREAS this plan does not include dental or ~~eye vision care~~ **insurance** for students;

WHEREAS an optional dental package for this plan is an additional \$353 annually;

WHEREAS common dental practice suggests oral check-ups every six months;

WHEREAS no optional ~~eye vision care~~ package exists for this plan;

~~WHEREAS a standard eye exam costs students upwards of \$50;~~

WHEREAS the American Academy of Ophthalmology suggests adults between the ages of ~~20-40~~ **20 and 40** get their eyes checked every three to four years;

WHEREAS the American Academy of Ophthalmology suggests adults over the age of 40 get their eyes checked annually;

WHEREAS eye exams and necessary correction can be cost prohibitive yet necessary for students;

~~WHEREAS corrective eye wear costs upwards of \$75;~~

WHEREAS the Vision Council of America estimates that roughly 75% of adults wear corrective eyewear;

THEREFORE **LET IT BE** ~~IT~~ **RESOLVED** that GPSA calls on the **Student Health And Counseling Center** to work together with **Macori**, ASUNM, **and GPSA leadership**, ~~and Macori~~ to negotiate ~~eye and dental care~~ **dental and vision** for Plan A insurance package.

FINALLY LET IT BE RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to GPSA President Katie Richardson, ASUNM President Jaymie Roybal, SHAC Director Beverly Kloeppel, and UNM President David Schmidly.

Resolution to Include Eye and Dental Care in UNM Student Insurance Plan A

WHEREAS graduate and professional students with assistantships are enrolled in Macori insurance Plan A upon registering at UNM;

WHEREAS full-time undergraduate students are eligible to purchase Macori Insurance Plan A;

WHEREAS this plan does not include dental or eye care for students;

WHEREAS an optional dental package for this plan is an additional \$353 annually;

WHEREAS common dental practice suggests oral check-ups every six months;

WHEREAS no optional eye care package exists for this plan;

WHEREAS a standard eye exam costs students upwards of \$50;

WHEREAS the American Academy of Ophthalmology suggests adults between the ages of 20-40 get their eyes checked every three to four years;

WHEREAS the American Academy of Ophthalmology suggests adults over the age of 40 get their eyes checked annually;

WHEREAS corrective eye wear costs upwards of \$75;

WHEREAS the Vision Council of America estimates that roughly 75% of adults wear corrective eyewear;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that GPSA calls on the SHAC to work together with ASUNM, GPSA leadership, and Macori to negotiate eye and dental care for Plan A insurance package.

GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

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LEGISLATION #: SR-12-007

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: Graduate Student Fee Removal

LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Joe Dworak

Referred to: Legislative Steering Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION: **Approved as Amended**

Committee Vote: 3-0-0

Date: 2/19/2012

Committee Chair Signature: *Corbin Casarez*

Committee Decision: Edited for language and to make it less polemical.

COUNCIL ACTION: Choose an item.

Council Vote (if Count): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: *Megan O'Laughlin*

EXECUTIVE ACTION: *(Automatically becomes law after 5 days of receipt if unsigned by the President)*

Approved:

Vetoed *(attach Rationale)*:

Date: 1/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature:

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO VETO *(if applicable)*:

Council Override Vote: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: [Click here to enter text.](#)

For SGAO

Amount Allocated: \$

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For Student Activities / Legal Counsel

Amendment Approval / Review Comments *(attach Counsel Advisory)*: [Click here to enter text.](#)



RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE GRADUATE STUDENT ALLOCATION FUND

WHEREAS the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) is the representative body of the graduate and professional student population at the University of New Mexico (UNM); ~~and~~

WHEREAS the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico (ASUNM) is the representative body of the undergraduate student population at the University of New Mexico; ~~and~~

WHEREAS the Student Fee Review Board (SFRB) is a body comprised of GPSA and ASUNM students; ~~and~~

WHEREAS the SFRB provides a recommendation to the ~~President of the University~~ University President and the Board of Regents regarding the collection and allocation of more than eleven million dollars in student fees; ~~and~~

WHEREAS, according to UNM Policy 1310, the SFRB funding is used to "support a variety of student activities that enhance the academic and intellectual environment at UNM by encouraging, contributing to, or providing appropriate services which create a more complete environment for students at UNM"; ~~and~~

WHEREAS the SFRB process does not divide graduate and undergraduate requests from one another; ~~and~~

WHEREAS the SFRB members participate in SFRB hearings and deliberations collectively; ~~and~~

WHEREAS twenty-seven organizations have applied for SFRB funding for FY13 Fiscal Year 2013; ~~and~~

WHEREAS the organizations that apply for SFRB funding present to the entire SFRB membership; ~~and~~

WHEREAS the SFRB adopts a student fee recommendation; ~~and~~

WHEREAS the graduate and professional student body is smaller ~~and~~ ; generally takes fewer classes; ~~more physical spread out~~; than the undergraduate student population; ~~and~~

~~WHEREAS the graduate and professional students incur more debt while tuition and fees have continued to rise; and~~

WHEREAS the undergraduate students population benefits just as much, if not more from services provided by SFRB funding than as graduate and professional students; ~~and~~

WHEREAS ~~over six thousand~~ graduate and professional students pay an additional ten-dollar student fee, referred to as the Graduate Student Allocation Fund, also known as the Graduate Student Library Support Fee, that is included as part of the SFRB recommendation presented to the University President and the Board of Regents; ~~and~~

~~WHEREAS the graduate SFRB members in the past have decided unilaterally, without input from the GPSA Council or larger student body on the recommendation of where these additional fees should be allocated; and~~

WHEREAS the ~~process is not prescribed or mentioned in UNM Policy 1310, mandating the formation and process of the SFRB SFRB;~~ **process for the distribution of money from the Graduate Student Allocation Fund is** ~~and~~

WHEREAS ~~previous Chairs of the SFRB have requested the removal of the Graduate Student Allocation Fund has divided the SFRB constituencies and has been requested to be removed by previous Chairs of the SFRB;~~ **previous Chairs of the SFRB have requested the removal of** the Graduate Student Allocation Fund ~~and~~

WHEREAS a 6-1 vote was taken by the 2011 SFRB on February 24, 2011, in support of removing the Graduate Student Allocation Fund from the SFRB process; ~~and~~

~~NOW,~~ THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the graduate and professional students ~~not~~ pay **no** more per student in SFRB student fees than ~~their~~ undergraduate **students** ~~neighbors;~~ ~~and~~

THEREFORE LET IT BE IF FURTHERER RESOLVED that the ~~Graduate Student Library Support Fee~~ **Graduate Student Allocation Fund** be removed from the SFRB process; ~~and~~

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that any fee levied solely on graduate and professional students be allocated through GPSA as part of the twenty-five dollar membership fee;

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any fee levied on graduate and professional students beyond the SFRB fee be allocated through the GPSA government as a part of the GPSA budget; and~~

~~BE IT FINALLY LET IT BE ULTIMATELY~~ RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the UNM Board of Regents, **University** President David Schmidly, GPSA President Katie Richardson, ASUNM President Jaymie Roybal, 2012 SFRB members, Director of Student Activities Debbie Morris, GPSA Council Chair Megan O'Laughlin, and Daily Lobo Editor-in-Chief Chris Quintana.

WHEREAS the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) is the representative body of the graduate and profession student population at the University of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico (ASUNM) is the representative body of the undergraduate student population at the University of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS the Student Fee Review Board (SFRB) is a body comprised of GPSA and ASUNM students; and

WHEREAS the SFRB provides a recommendation to the President of the University and the Board of Regents regarding the collection and allocation of more than eleven million dollars in student fees; and

WHEREAS the SFRB funding is used to “support a variety of student activities that enhance the academic and intellectual environment at UNM by encouraging, contributing to, or providing appropriate services which create a more complete environment for students at UNM;” and

WHEREAS the SFRB process does not divide graduate and undergraduate request from one another; and

WHEREAS the SFRB members participate in SFRB hearings and deliberations collectively, and

WHEREAS twenty-seven organizations have applied for SFRB funding for FY13; and

WHEREAS the organizations that apply for SFRB funding present to the entire SFRB membership; and

WHEREAS the SFRB adopts a student fee recommendation; and

WHEREAS the graduate and professional student body is smaller, generally take fewer classes, more physical spread out, than the undergraduate student population, and

WHEREAS the graduate and professional students incur more debt while tuition and fees have continued to rise; and

WHEREAS the undergraduate student population benefits as much, if not more from services provided by SFRB funding than graduate and professional student; and

WHEREAS over six-thousand graduate and professional students pay an additional ten-dollar student fee, referred to as the Graduate Student Allocation Fund, also known as the Graduate Student Library Support Fee, that is included as part of the SFRB recommendation presented to the University President and the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS the graduate SFRB members in the past have decided unilaterally, without input from the GPSA Council or larger student body on the recommendation of where these additional fees should be allocated; and

WHEREAS this process is not prescribed or mentioned in UNM Policy 1310, mandating the formation and process of the SFRB; and

WHEREAS the Graduate Student Allocation Fund has divided the SFRB constituencies and has been requested to be removed by previous Chairs of the SFRB; and

WHEREAS a 6-1 vote was taken by the 2011 SFRB on February 24, 2011 in support of removing the Graduate Student Allocation Fund from the SFRB process; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the graduate and professional students not pay more per student in SFRB student fees than their undergraduate neighbors; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHERER RESOLVED that the Graduate Student Library Support Fee be removed from the SFRB process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any fee levied on graduate and professional students beyond the SFRB fee be allocated through the GPSA government as a part of the GPSA budget; and

BE IT ULTIMATELY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the UNM Board of Regents, President David Schmidley, GPSA President Katie Richardson, ASUNM President Jaymie Roybal, 2012 SFRB members, Director of Student Activities Debbie Morris, GPSA Council Chair Megan O'Laughlin, and Daily Lobo Editor-in-Chief Chris Quintana.

GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

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LEGISLATION #: SR-12-008

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: General Elections Dates

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LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Matt Rush

Referred to: Legislative Steering Committee

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COMMITTEE ACTION: **Approved as Amended**

Committee Vote: 3-0-0

Date: 2/19/2012

Committee Chair Signature: *Corbin Casarez*

Committee Decision: Edited for formatting and language.

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COUNCIL ACTION: Choose an item.

Council Vote (if Count): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: *Megan O'Laughlin*

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EXECUTIVE ACTION: *(Automatically becomes law after 5 days of receipt if unsigned by the President)*

Approved:

Vetoed (*attach Rationale*):

Date: 1/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature:

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COUNCIL RESPONSE TO VETO (*if applicable*):

Council Override Vote: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: 1/1/2012

Council Chair Signature: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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For SGAO

Amount Allocated: \$

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For Student Activities / Legal Counsel

Amendment Approval / Review Comments (*attach Counsel Advisory*): [Click here to enter text.](#)

GPSA @ UNM

Graduate And Professional Student Association

~~Resolution: General Election Timeline~~ **Resolution to Change the 2012 General Election Dates**

Submitted by: Matthew Rush

WHEREAS ~~according to the GPSA Bylaws, IX. General Election, Section 5 stipulates: "The election shall take place Monday through Thursday of the first (1st) full academic week of April, unless otherwise decided by Council. "The electronic voting shall begin at 8:00 a.m. on the first (1st) day and end at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the election. ;~~

WHEREAS **the GPSA Bylaws IX. 5. B. stipulates: "Any ballot items included in the election shall be approved by Council at the regularly scheduled March meeting or through referenda. (VIII)";**

WHEREAS **the GPSA Bylaws V. Legislative Branch, Section 4, A. 2. requires: "The regularly scheduled February and March meetings shall be scheduled for one of the last seven (7) calendar days of the months.";**

A. ~~Regular Meetings~~

~~The regularly scheduled February and March meetings shall be scheduled for one of the last seven (7) calendar days of the months.;~~

WHEREAS the **2012** March Council meeting (in which final ballot items will be voted on) must be scheduled on **Saturday,** March 31st, and the General Election is currently scheduled to begin on Monday, April 2nd (two days later), and thus **it is not possible to provide required notice** ~~there is no possible way for proper advertisement and notification~~ of ballot items that may go on the General Election;

WHEREAS this is a rare occurrence due to the last day of the month falling on a Saturday, ~~requiring Council to hold the March meeting on the weekend before the election;~~

WHEREAS the rarity of this situation and the provision for Council's discretion does not require a Bylaws revision;

THEREFORE **LET IT BE BE IT** RESOLVED that Council move the General Election to April 9th -12th, in order to accommodate **election requirements** ~~Elections timeline conflicts.~~

FINALLY **LET IT BE BE IT** RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to GPSA President Katie Richardson, GPSA Council Chair Megan O'Laughlin, GPSA Chief Justice Cory Kalm, and GPSA Elections Chair Nas Manole.

Resolution: General Election Timeline

Submitted by: Matthew Rush

WHEREAS according to the GPSA Bylaws, IX. General Election, Section 5:

- A. The election shall take place Monday through Thursday of the first (1st) full academic week of April, *unless otherwise decided by Council*. The electronic voting shall begin at 8:00 a.m. on the first (1st) day and end at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the election. ;

WHEREAS IX. 5. B. states:

- B. Any ballot items included in the election shall be approved by Council at the regularly scheduled March meeting or through referenda. (VIII);*

WHEREAS V. Legislative Branch, Section 4, A. 2. requires:

- A. Regular Meetings
 - 2. The regularly scheduled February and March meetings shall be scheduled for one of the last seven (7) calendar days of the months.;*

WHEREAS the March Council meeting (in which final ballot items will be voted on) must be scheduled on Sat. March 31st, and the General Election is currently scheduled to begin on Monday, April 2nd (two days later), and thus there is no possible way for proper advertisement and notification of ballot items that may go on the General Election;

WHEREAS this is a rare occurrence due to the last day of the month falling on a Saturday, requiring Council to hold the March meeting on the weekend before the election;

WHEREAS the rarity of this situation and the provision for Council's discretion does not require a Bylaws revision;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council move the General Election to April 9th -12th, in order to accommodate Elections timeline conflicts.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to GPSA President Katie Richardson, GPSA Council Chair Megan O'Laughlin, GPSA Chief Justice Cory Kalm, and GPSA Elections Chair Nas Manole.

GPSA Constitution & Bylaws Working Group Report
GPSA Constitution

February 9, 2012

Contributing Members: Talal Saint-Lôt (Public Administration), Katie Richardson (Physics), Carlyn Pinkins (History), Meg Edwards (Political Science), Daniel Shattuck (Anthropology), Heather Berghmans (Public Administration), Matthew Rush (Nanoscience), and Jee Hwang (Economics).

Judicial Consultant: Cory Kalm (Law), GPSA Court of Reviews Chief Justice

This working group was tasked with reviewing the GPSA Constitution & Bylaws for consistency, loopholes, and other errors, and to report the findings to the GPSA Legislative Steering Committee (LSC). Each working group member was tasked to conduct independent reviews then met with other members to discuss findings and recommendations. This particular report pertains only to the GPSA Constitution.

The working group focused primarily on responding to issues raised in a list of running comments provided by the LSC. However, group members also noted issues found in other areas of the Constitution, as well as, general formatting and grammatical errors. In addition, this report includes comments/recommendations submitted by the GPSA Chief Justice, and thoughts by group members pertaining to the Chief Justice's recommendations. All working group notes below are in **blue**. Finally, working group members contributed editorial notes for the LSC's consideration.

Working Group Recommendations on Running Comments

Constitution (II) – formatting issues

See editorial notes in ‘Constitutional_Changes_ABC(Working GroupChanges).docx’.

Constitution (II.Section1.D.2.c.) – 2/3 requirement for removal of President, since President is elected by plurality not majority; if not changed, losing candidates and minority groups can band together to remove an elected President just so they may have a reelection, and this loop can continue until one candidate has a majority; also, we removed the right for a President to re-run after being removed, which makes this scenario even more possible

Recommend leaving as is but be deferred to Bylaws discussions and tagged Article IX section 2.A3 (election code). Also recommend adding language to restrict individuals from holding office after they have been removed through a recall, but not impeachment. It should also be mentioned that some members expressed that the current procedures stipulated in the removal process may not be entirely warranted given the short duration of the term.

Constitution (II.Section2.A.7.b. and V.3.A.) – add “executive” before “budget”

Recommend leaving as is. In order to stay consistent with Article III, section 4.B.2a, and Article V section 3 however, we recommend not adding the word “GPSA” before “budget” in Article V.3.A. This is to distinguish the “GPSA” budget from the “Executive” budget.

Constitution (II.Section2.B.4.) – stipends determined in budget process

Recommend change as shown in Constitutional_Changes_ABC.doc

Constitution (II.Section2.D.1.a.) – do University appointees need to be approved by Council? varies throughout

The words “and approved by Council” have been removed in the latest revision. Council should not have to approve university appointees because of the quick turnover of some appointments and would require Council to continually assemble to make approvals. Recommend that procedural details be deferred to the Bylaws.

Constitution (III.Section1.B.4.) – is one week too excessive for posting documents for Special Meeting? (Pres. Richardson recommended 2 days)

Recommend change to one (1) academic week for regular meetings and three (3) academic days for special meetings.

Constitution (VI.Section3.A-B. and VIII.Preamble) can referenda result in a special election? conflict

The conflict between Article VI section 3A-B and Article VIII preamble arises from the term *referendum petition* being treated in the same fashion as the term *referendum*. We

therefore recommend simply redefining referendum petition as: a petition calling for a referendum as part of a general or special election.

Constitution/Bylaws – self-generated funds should not revert from each branch

Since SGAO has the final authority on such matters, it may be better to remain silent on the specifics. Incidentally, the current policy states self-generated funds remain in their original accounts.

Constitution (V.Section1.B.) – self-contradictory; first “GPSA Budget” then “sum of GPSA fees collected,” difference between budget (in which monies have been allocated for various purposes) and collected fees which generate the General Fund from which the budget and appropriations come

The contradiction arises from a misuse of the word “budget”. We therefore recommend changing the word “GPSA budget” to “collected GPSA fees”, and also strike the entire second sentence.

Constitution (V.Section3.A.2.) – 95% to 75%?, “total revenue” to “total GPSA Budget”?

No change on the upper limit of proposed budgets is recommended. The word, “total anticipated” should be added in front of the word “revenue”.

Constitution (V.Section3.D.) – add a space

Constitution – Council Chair not to vote in Council except in case of tie

Apparently, this is consistent with Robert’s rules of order. So, recommend adding as entry: Article III section 3.A6.

Constitution Definitions– delete definition of “Amendment”

Recommend deletion. The usage of the word “Amendment” in some sections of the Bylaws deviates from the considered definition.

Additional Comments and Recommendations

The amount of votes needed to be elected Council Chair is different in the Constitution than those of the Bylaws. In the Constitution(Article VI section 2.B), the Council Chair is elected by a majority of votes, while in the Bylaws(Article IX section 6.E2), the Council Chair is elected by a plurality of votes. LSC should decide which makes more sense.

In Article II section 2.A, grant labels SRAC and ST does not seem to fit well with their purpose since both fund travel. Also, the label GRD does not seem to fit well either. Recommend changing SRAC to “GPSA Research Grant”, ST to “GPSA Professional Development Grant”, GRD to “New Mexico Research Grant”, and delete the mention of sub-committees.

Article II section1.C.2 mentions an education fund for the President, but there seems to be nothing in the Constitution about an education fund for Council Chair although mentioned in the Bylaws. LSC should discuss whether this should be included Constitution.

Article II section 1.D1 mentions the reasons for why a President may be impeached (willful neglect of office, gross misconduct, ...), but a similar list of impeachable acts does not exist for Council Chair and Chief Justice. Recommend inserting language from Bylaws into these (Legislative and Judicial) sections.

In Article V section 1.A, strike the word “in fee”.

Comments from Judicial consultant (working group recommendations in blue)

Suggestion: Court Clerk

The Court Clerk takes on several of the roles that the Chief Justice was previously responsible for:

1. Receiving complaints and answer
2. Receiving advisory opinion requests
3. Ensuring the Court is supplied with the necessary documents and information for a proceeding.
4. Scheduling functions of the court monthly meetings.
5. Communicating deadlines, and appearances to parties.
6. Maintaining the record and creating the annual written report.

This change could occur within the Bylaws, the duties are already required by the constitution, but the duty is not assigned to a particular person. The purpose would be to allow the court to act as an intermediary to preserve the independence and decorum of the court. All contact regarding the judicial capacity would be filtered through the Clerk.

Defer to bylaws discussion.

Constitution IV S2 B 2

Number of justices: There is no maximum number of justices, nor an expectation of an odd or even number. The number is flexible, but it would seem more prudent to require a static number, with stipulation that a minimum number are required to decide on a complaint or respond to an advisory opinion.

Defer to bylaws discussion.

Constitution IV S2 A 1-2

Term of office: Chief Justice begins last day of the semester, lasting two years. Associate justices begin after appointment and last one year. The Chief Justice office begins during the start of the summer session during which there are no associate justices. This means the Chief Justice is serving his term while there is effectively no Court. It also means that the Chief Justice must be appointed a year in advance (IV S2 A 3, first Council meeting).

Associate Justices: term should state that Justices may serve after appointment by the President and NOT approval by council. Move details of Council approval to bylaws.

Constitution IV S2 C 1-2

Impeachment and removal: A Justice must be impeached at a regular meeting, but removal requires a special meeting. It seems the impeachment and removal proceedings could be done in a single regular Council meeting calling the Justice to answer, rather than need to call for a second special meeting just to remove. Also, the special meeting is likely to have a lower attendance, decreasing the difficulty of a possible removal, despite the required 2/3 vote, as compared to the likely higher attendance or a regular meeting.

The working group disagrees with Chief Justice Kalm's recommendation to have a single meeting for impeachment and removal, and believe the two procedures should remain separate to allow time for interested parties to evaluate the circumstances of the case. Group members expressed that such a proceeding may elicit biased rulings if not all interested parties are given sufficient time.

Additional Comments and Recommendations from GPSA public

The Court of Review should be endowed a budget to cover expenses incurred during meetings.

LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Open Meeting
February 13, 2012
SUB Santa Ana A&B

Minutes

Called to order at 6:46 p.m.

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

Members absent: David Medrano (MSA), Matthew Rush (NSMS)

Public Addressing the Committee: Joe Dworak

Conflicts of Interest:

-Lee: vision would provide personal benefit (Kidder echoed)

Agenda approved without objection.

Minutes from January 17 and 21 approved without objection.

Lee selected as meeting's recorder.

Public Comment:

-Dworak spoke in support of the Graduation Fee Removal Resolution.

-Casarez asked Dworak as LFC Chair about understanding of the budget process.

-Casarez explained about the policy issues regarding Council Chair compensation and allowed Dworak to comment on the policies that will be considered by the LSC.

Chair Update

-A tracking form has been established and is currently being used to follow legislative items from submission/inception to completion, whatever the result might be.

-A member who has been absent since October can still satisfy the standing rules requirement for attendance and has not communicated a desire to be removed from the committee or from Council. Thus, he is still considered part of the committee; however, this does not affect quorum unless another member is added. One Council Representative did ask to be a part of the committee, but the meeting time conflicts with her class schedule. The LSC Chair had polled the committee for additional meeting times, and Monday nights are still preferred. No schedule change will be made unless the addition of members will not result in loss of current members who have already been putting in so much work.

-In reviewing the Constitution, the Chair noticed that voting by a standing committee chair is prohibited. The Standing Rules are out of order and that provision is negated. The LSC Chair apologizes and will no longer be voting except in the case of a tie.

Transparency Working Group report (Kidder)

-The policy cited in the editorial is taken out of context, and doesn't really apply to the particular issue.

-The Grad Insider website was the only source found for complaints against the English Department.

-The articles in public media stated that faculty was upset that administration handled the investigation rather than faculty, since it was a faculty member was the accused. (This was the source of some of the

lawsuits.)

-The graduate student involved in the incident was named in publications (not redacted).

SR-12-001: Transparency in Investigations

-Lee, the resolution is diluted by naming particular incident (a detraction from the larger issue)

-Casarez and Kidder, recommend to table indefinitely

-Birky, we can't do anything about the past

-Birky motion: LSC recommends to table indefinitely, to be brought up if more people join the working group. (friendly amendment, replace last clause with "refer interested parties to the ombudsperson")/seconded

-Lee, concerned with the last clause—it might show indifference; suggests making the recommendation on the personal level rather than in a Council resolution

-Discussion blended with the next agenda item (SR-12-005)

SR-12-005: Resolving Academic Disruption

-Lee, this resolution is also too specific, doesn't seem appropriate for a Council resolution

-Lee, new ombudsperson is the neutral party that can be named; the ombudsperson can do more than a resolution can do

-The discussion ended up lumping this resolution with SR-12-001.

Modified motion: LSC recommends tabling SR-12-001 and SR-12-005 indefinitely, and that interested parties be referred to the ombudsperson who is better suited to resolve the issue than a Council resolution./Seconded 3-0-0

SR-12-006: Dental and Vision Insurance

-LSC edited resolution.

-Birky motion: LSC recommends approving the amended resolution./Seconded. 3-0-0

SR-12-007: Removal of Graduate Student Fee

-LSC edited resolution.

-Lee motion: LSC recommends approving the amended resolution./Seconded. 3-0-0.

SR-12-008: General Election Date Change

-LSC edited resolution.

-Kidder motion: LSC recommends approving the amended resolution./Seconded. 3-0-0.

Recess at 8:45 p.m. Meeting called back to order at 8:52 p.m.

Constitution:

-Process: non-substantive items gathered as one list, cited and kept specific; substantive items listed by the committee, and the Chair will divide into smaller items for Council

-Committee edited Constitution article by article, up through Article III

Kidder motion: LSC to adjourn to Thursday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the GPSA Office./Seconded. 3-0-0

Adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Due to internet outage in the SUB, Thursday meeting relocated to Travelstead Hall 126(?), room next to

125).

Meeting called back to order on Thursday, February 16, at 7:45 p.m.

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

Members absent: David Medrano (MSA)

Committee continued editing Constitution article by article. All articles were reviewed except IX.

-Lee motion: LSC recommends approval of non-substantive changes as one item./Seconded, 4-0-0.

-Lee motion: LSC recommends approval of replacement Article V (Finance)./Seconded, 4-0-0.

-Kidder motion: LSC recommends grouping substantive changes as appropriate for the General Election ballot and approving./Seconded, 4-0-0.

Lee motion: LSC recommends presenting Article IX (Definitions) to Council for review./Seconded, 4-0-0.

Adjourned at 10:29 p.m.



Lobby Committee Report 2/20/12

1 message

Travis McIntyre <travispmcintyre@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 20, 2012 at 1:01 PM

To: LegChair@unm.edu

Cc: Allison Block <allison.h.block@gmail.com>, Katie Richardson <katie.gpsa@gmail.com>

1. SB16: State Graduate Tax Credit received unanimous bipartisan support in Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee, Senate Finance Committee, and House Taxation and Revenue Committee. SB16 passed on the Senate Floor 34-3 but failed to be heard in the House in time for passage. The bill was scheduled #13 to be heard on the House Floor on the last day of session but the House only got to #9 before having to adjourn for the year.
 2. \$100,000 in funding for GRD: Graduate student research that benefits the State of New Mexico, did not make it into the appropriations attached to the State budget.
 3. Ride the Bus Week February 20-24:
During Ride the Bus Week, we are encouraging students to get their free bus pass sticker and to ride the bus to school to see how accessible it is. We have booths set up around campus that are giving away free bus pass stickers, information on how to ride the bus, and free Ride the Bus Week buttons and chocolates. Below is the schedule of events for the week, co-hosted by ASUNM, GPSA, and PATS.
Mon., Feb. 20 - Yale Mall Shuttle Stop 10a.m. to 2p.m.
Tues. Feb. 21 - Duck Pond Shuttle Stop 10a.m. to 2p.m.
Wed. Feb. 22 - Transportation Info Center in the SUB 10a.m. to 2p.m.
- Ceremony thanking State Representative Gail Chasey and Mayor Richard Berry for their support of the free bus pass program at 1pm in SUB Ballroom C. Light refreshments provided.
Thurs. Feb. 22 - Transportation Info Center in the SUB 10a.m. to 2p.m.
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To: Board of Regents Finance & Facilities Committee
Chair, Regent Don Chalmers

From: Student Fee Review Board
Chair, GPSA President Katie Richardson
Vice Chair, ASUNM President Jaymie Roybal

Date: 21 February 2012

Re: Preliminary Recommendations of the Student Fee Review Board

The Student Fee Process

President Schmidly and the Student Fee Review Board (SFRB) together agreed to adopt a new policy to govern student fees for a one year trial period. The new policy provided for a change in representation on the board, required a super-majority vote to set a baseline for fees, imposed an averaging process and treated all applying organizations equally.

The student members of the SFRB take our responsibility to serve UNM in our recommendations extremely seriously. It is our duty to understand the budget of each applying organization as well as how each organization serves students. The members of the board also feel the obligation to balance the needs of students between responsible funding of organizations and the impact of increased costs.

The SFRB received 27 applications for student activity fees this year. The applications each delineated the full budget of the organization, including all revenue streams and expenses, and specified the line items that student fees were to cover. The applications also answered a common set of 17 questions designed to elucidate the impact of student fees for each organization. Last year student fees totaled \$486.49 per student. The requests this year totaled \$715.32. Being aware that student fees have already more than doubled since 2005, the board scrutinized every request before us to ensure that fees would be spent for the benefit of students and in a manner that is appropriate to the purpose of fees.

The SFRB held a 30 minute hearing for each of the organizations, where board members had the opportunity to ask questions of the applicants. In addition, two town halls were held to receive general student input. Debbie Morris, Dr. John Russell and AVP Andrew Cullen advised the board during our deliberations. After twelve hours of deliberations the board voted unanimously to support these preliminary recommendations.

In accordance with this new policy, we present here the preliminary recommendations of the SFRB to the Strategic Budget Leadership Team. The board is eager to engage in a conversation with the SBLT concerning these recommendations. A final recommendation will be submitted by the SFRB March 1st.

Preliminary Recommendations

Please note that under the trial policy all applicants will be funded on a per Full Time Enrollment (FTE) amount. The total amount received by each organization will be multiplied by the actual FTE for next fall. Here we use the university projection for FY 13 of 23,375 FTE.

The board recommends that student fees this year total \$503.20 per FTE, an increase of \$16.71, or 3.4%, over last year's fee amount. We understand that student success and accessibility to UNM is driven by tuition and fee costs. Each increase recommended here is justified only for the specific programs or facilities that we believe will *support the academic recruitment, retention and graduation of students*. The board does not recommend any increases beyond those listed here.

1. Applicants to receive the same fees as last year

Below are the departments who received the FTE amount allocated in 2010-2011, a few pennies more or slightly less at their request.

Requesting Entity	FY 12 Amount/ 23,116 FTE	FY 13 Request/ 23,375 FTE	FY 13 SFRB/ 23,375
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American Indian Student Services	\$3.24	\$3.32	\$3.32
Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color	\$1.49	\$2.76	\$1.49
Athletics	\$81.75	\$149.73	\$81.75

2. Applicants receiving a decrease

A. New Mexico Public Interest Research Group (NMPIRG) \$0.50/FTE (\$2.26 FY12)

A majority of the board felt that student fees should not support NMPIRG. The board recommendation will fund operations for NMPIRG but will not support any trained NMPIRG staff on campus, at the state, nor national levels.

3. Applicants receiving an increase

A. Campus Office of Substance Abuse Prevention (COSAP) \$0.84/FTE (\$0.00 FY12)

Board members felt that in the support of the retention and graduation of students, UNM fees should be provided to COSAP. Nationally 30% of students who leave school say that alcohol was a significant contributing factor. The board also recommends providing \$5,000 from the balance forward account

(non-recurring revenue stream) to support a two-year pilot program that provides incentives to students acting as designated drivers in the form of discounts from local businesses. Designated drivers would have a COSAP card punched at local bars to become eligible for the discounts.

B. Women's Resource Center \$3.07/FTE (\$2.10 FY12)

The board voted to provide funds for a new Graduate Assistantship position to focus on interpersonal violence prevention since one out of four college women will experience sexual assault before she graduates. The board recommends additionally providing \$5,000 from the balance forward account to celebrate the WRC's upcoming 40th anniversary.

C. Theatre & Dance \$1.22/FTE (\$1.02 FY12)

The increase in fees is to support discounted student tickets to the Words Afire Festival, a series of innovative new plays written by the talented MFA students in UNM's award winning Dramatic Writing Program. The use of fees to discount student ticket costs provides students an enriching exposure to performances and is consistent with fee support of tickets for Popejoy and Athletic events.

D. Popejoy Hall \$4.93/FTE (\$4.04 FY12)

Each year, Popejoy Hall provides more student discounts to performances than the amount subsidized through student fees. The board is extremely grateful for this service to students and felt that an increase in funding was justified, even if the full amount requested (\$6.42) was unaffordable for the board.

E. El Centro de la Raza \$6.00/FTE (\$4.46 FY12)

This spring semester, for the first time in UNM's history, a majority of undergraduate students identify as Hispanic. Despite this increase in enrollment, however, El Centro has not received an increase in student fees in four years. The board hopes our fee investment will support continued student success.

F. Office of International Programs & Studies (OIPS) \$1.51/FTE (\$1.10 FY12)

The increase from the board covers the \$9,500 received by OIPS from the balance forward account last year. This fee increase supports the increasing enrollment of international students and acknowledges the permanent nature of UNM's enrollment changes.

G. Parking & Transportation Services (PATS) \$50,000 one-time, conditionally

The SFRB recommends that student fees provide \$50,000 of one-time capital from the balance forward account to support a bike share initiative on campus. The investment will be provided only in the event that the remaining necessary capital is raised from additional sources.

3. Applicants whose SFRB requests should be at least partially funded by other revenue

One of the themes that emerged from the board deliberations was the purpose of student fees. The board found that many of the requests for student fees did not merely enhance student life or academic success. Rather, some of the requests were essential in enabling students to achieve an academically meaningful UNM degree. These we believe should be covered through other revenue streams, especially since we have seen increased requests to student fees exactly as state appropriations have been cut over the last few years. We ask that the SBLT carefully consider providing some of these funds to create student academic success.

A. Basic Instructional Need

University Libraries \$29.24/FTE (\$33.45 FY12)

Requested additional university support for electronic serials: \$255,448

The University Libraries fee request includes support for the inflationary cost of serials and journals. For this year alone, this increase represents a cost of approximately \$255,448. Student fees cannot reasonably support this inflation over time. In 2005, the libraries were provided \$170,000. This year, student fees gave \$675,000 of support to the libraries.

University Libraries and electronic journals provide a service essential to the academic success of students as well as the success of UNM's research mission. However, as these materials support academic development, we would like to see these funded through I&G. The board would like to see the increase in student fees that we recommend provide the operations cost of opening one library on campus for twenty-four hours. This is a priority for students. We ask that any additional cost in maintaining subscriptions to serials for this year and all subsequent years come from alternative revenue streams.

Information Technologies \$16.39/FTE (\$10.00 FY12)

Requested additional university support: \$1,300,000 I&G (FY12)+ one-half of \$983,000 ER&R

Success in today's job market is integrally connected with the technological readiness of students. The IT request to the board included \$1.3 million of support for items currently covered through I&G funding such as staff salaries, general administration of computer labs and computers in classroom, as well as the IT help desk. The board believes that these services are essential to the significance of a UNM degree and should not be supported through fees. We believe that the cost of this portion of the IT request was contextual: we were informed that the \$2,000,000 cost containment reduction of the I&G support for IT, implemented last year, was unsustainable.

SFRB recommends that student fees for IT this year provide for a \$50,000 printing program as well as the cost of maintaining student access to software, including a virtual software lab.

B. Equipment & Facility Improvements

Information Technologies (see notes above as well)

Requested additional university support: \$1,300,000 I&G (FY12)+ one-half of \$983,000 ER&R

IT additionally requested \$983,000 to support equipment renewal and replacement, for which there is no revenue stream currently. Approximately half this amount is to support renewal of classroom computers. The board feels that classroom computer renewal should be provided for through ER&R funds. The remaining half, replacement of computers in pods, is too expensive for the board to fund at this time. Student fees may eventually be appropriately used to support a portion of the costs of computer pod renewal. Many UNM students cannot afford laptops or home computers and use these pods to complete essential academic tasks.

Language Learning Center (LLC) \$0.00/FTE (\$0.00 FY12)

Requested additional support from BR&R or other sources: \$196,748

The SFRB does not believe that student fees should support the renovation of a facility that is designated as I&G square footage in Ortega Hall. The Language Learning Center provides language services only to those students who are taking language classes and is supported currently through course fees. The space has not been renovated since 1974, and the board believes that a renovation that focuses on creating technologically supportive, interactive spaces

in the center is essential to student success in the languages. SFRB asks that the renovation be prioritized and supported through revenue streams other than student fees.

C. Instructional Support

Center for Academic Program Support (CAPS) \$9.63/FTE (\$8.63 FY12)

Requested additional support from I&G: \$225,101 (\$300,000 to impact half of UNM students)

CAPS currently provides tutoring to approximately one fourth of UNM students. Students who utilize CAPS have an increased graduation rate compared to those who do not. The SFRB recommends that an additional dollar of student fees be invested in the program. There are not enough tutors to accommodate students during peak hours; CAPS currently turns away students due to long wait times. The CAPS Program Manager believes that with a \$300,000 investment, CAPS can increase its tutoring services and staff by 70% before the beginning of FY13 thereby extending service to approximately half of UNM students. In so doing, CAPS would be able to significantly impact UNM's retention and graduation rates. In light of the new funding formula's emphasis on student outcomes, the SFRB urges the SBLT to consider an increase of I&G funding to expand CAPS services to provide dollar-for-dollar match for the student fee investment.

Research Service-Learning Program (RSLP) \$0.00/FTE (\$1.50 FY12)

Requested additional university support: \$34,829

The SFRB does not feel that student fees should provide support for student credit hours. RSLP provides undergraduates credit hours for research opportunities that engage the greater community. RSLP helps UNM fulfill its civic responsibility as a state-funded institution, and develops long-term, collaborative relationships with community constituencies. First generation students in particular benefit from the hands-on socially-relevant learning. The board asks that funding to support RSLP be continued but not through student fees.

Community Learning & Public Service \$1.50/FTE (\$1.03 FY12)

Requested additional university support: \$24,076

The SFRB believes that a mixture of alternative revenue streams in addition to student fees should support CLPS since some students are provided credit hours for involvement with CLPS. The SFRB asks that the university match the student investment in this program, dollar for dollar. Similar to the RSLP program, CLPS answers UNM's community service mission by training corps members who serve in neighborhood-driven community schools projects, which include eight elementary after-school programs, two middle school programs and two high school projects. CLPS helps UNM recruit first generation students.

D. Student Community and Well-Being

LGBTQ Resource Center \$3.82/FTE (\$4.04 FY12)

Requested additional support from I&G: \$44,050 for professional staff

The SFRB believes that the LGBTQ Resource Center should be funded in the same manner as the gender and ethnic centers on campus. Student activity fees do not support UNM staff at these centers, rather I&G funding does. The board's recommendation supports an increase to this essential resource center, provided that Instruction & General funding support the LGBTQ Resource Center director's salary and benefits. This center is a priority to students and is critical to the academic success of this population on campus; the LGBTQRC cannot function without the center director.

Recreational Services \$29.42/FTE (\$33.69 FY12)

Requested additional support: \$100,000

Johnson Center previously had been designated a 100% I&G square footage facility. Last year, this designation changed to 73%, which increased facility operational costs considerably. To pay O&M and restore facility hours to 2009-2010 levels, Recreational Services needs to secure \$270,000 in additional revenue. Student fees were asked to cover an increase of \$200,000. The board recommendation here supports half of this amount. Since faculty and staff also support Recreational Services through a payroll deduction, which has not changed in many years, and since the facility is also used by athletics and the College of Education, the board could not justify any additional increase. However, we urge that the SBLT find the additional support necessary to return the center to its normal hours. This is a priority for student health and well-being on campus.

Summary

The Student Fee Review Board is grateful for the opportunity to engage in a dialogue with the University about the purpose of student fees. We believe that the recommendations here meet the needs of the applying organizations and most importantly, UNM students. We welcome the opportunity for a dialogue with Strategic Budget Leadership Team and the Regents about the purpose of student fees. We hope that the University will seriously consider funding, through other revenue streams, some of the requests that are essential for students to graduate with meaningful degrees.

Board Membership

Katie Richardson	Chair, GPSA President
Jaymie Roybal	Vice Chair, ASUNM President
Japji Hundal	Graduate
Cassie Thompson	Undergraduate
Dylan Hoffman	Undergraduate
Gregory Montoya-Mora	Undergraduate
Angelica Gallegos	Undergraduate
Matthew Rush	Graduate Alternate
Elisa Guadalupe Pintor	Graduate Alternate
Vacant	Undergraduate Alternate
Debbie Morris	Board Advisor
John Russell	Board Advisor
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16	LGBTQ Resource Center	\$4.06	\$5.70	\$3.82	
17	Theatre & Dance	\$1.02	\$1.57	\$1.22	
18	Women's Resource Center	\$2.10	\$2.43	\$3.07	\$5,000.00
19	Popejoy Hall	\$4.04	\$6.42	\$4.93	
20	El Centro de la Raza	\$4.46	\$6.42	\$6.00	
21	CLPS (+\$20k one time)	\$1.50	\$5.52	\$1.03	
22	OIPS (+\$9.5k one time)	\$1.10	\$1.71	\$1.51	
23	NMPIRG	\$2.26	\$4.84	\$0.50	
24	Recreational Services	\$29.42	\$34.70	\$33.69	
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26	Language Learning Center (\$196.748k FY13)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
27	PATS (+\$100k one time FY12, \$50k FY13)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
	Total	\$486.49	\$715.32	\$503.20	\$60,000.00

\$298,258.26

\$238,258.26



To: President Regent Fortner, UNM Board of Regents

From: Katie Richardson, GPSA President

Date: 2/14/2012

Re: Investing in Graduates and Graduate Education

This year is a transformational time for UNM. Under new leadership in Academic Affairs, the Board of Regents will soon be considering the UNM budget and the advantages of investing significantly in new faculty hires. This is a time for UNM to contemplate the importance of graduates and graduate education in our role as the state's flagship research university.

GPSA is excited to be engaging in this conversation across campus, specifically with the graduate education working group of the University Council on Academic Planning, the Provost, the Tuition and Fees Team and the Strategic Budget Leadership Team. In particular, we are seeking to understand how our academic priorities may drive strategic budgetary decisions.

The removal of the tuition credit provides an opportunity for student tuition to remain on campus and directly address UNM's mission. Since the new funding formula will reward outcomes like graduation and the completion of credit hours, we believe it will be appropriate to focus new spending on the retention and graduation of students. If additional revenue from the new funding formula becomes available, GPSA has considered what investments may bolster graduate education at UNM. With appreciation of the complexity of UNM's budget, we are beginning to engage in discussions about each of the following initiatives:

1) Creating new assistantship positions: GPSA endorses Provost Abdallah's plan to hire 20 new faculty each year over the next five years. Each of these faculty will be teaching additional courses at UNM which will hopefully make an impact in student retention as class sizes shrink. UNM must invest in the success of this new instruction by providing appropriate assistantship support. More than 40% of classes at UNM are currently assisted by graduate students. Furthermore, prior to securing outside research grants, new faculty will need start-up funds to hire research assistants to maximize productivity. *GPSA suggests that each new faculty member be supported by a new research or graduate assistantship position.*

2) Investing in the Graduate Scholarship Fund: Need-based aid has been shown to significantly improve student retention. In collaboration with the Faculty Senate and UNM Foundation, GPSA has worked to raise funds for \$1,000 scholarships to help students who demonstrate need and are more than halfway to their degrees. GPSA fundraising yielded more than \$4,000 from the UNM community and from mailers sent to GPSA alumni across the country. GPSA council is considering appropriating an additional \$20,000 for the effort at the end of this month. *GPSA recommends that UNM invest \$100,000 for each of the next five years to retain our graduate students.*

3) Improving retention and graduation: We know that in the absence of significant new money from state appropriations, these initiatives may result in increased tuition. Additional costs may adversely affect student outcomes measured by the new formula. *We suggest that the Board adopt the recommendation of the Tuition and Fee team: to set aside 20% of any tuition increase for the purpose of institutional need-based aid.*

As a reminder, beginning July 1, 2012 the federal government will no longer offer subsidized loans to graduate students. The average GPSA member will owe \$5,000 more upon graduation. With the new funding formula rewarding outcomes, UNM should consider implementing strategic initiatives to offset the loss of subsidized loans. The suggestions here provide new positions and the financial support that will help UNM retain graduates in the coming year.

MEMORANDUM

To: GPSA Council
Cc: GPSA President
From: GPSA Executive Finance Committee
Committee Members: Van Snow, Jose Bucheli, Melissa Berghmans, Talal Saint-lot,
Dennis Flannigan, Heather Berghmans

The EFC is submitting a report to Council of our February activities. The committee met and reviewed all the February appropriations on February 13, 2012 and forwarded the Legislative Finance Committee *our recommendations. This spreadsheet can be found below.* The committee also discussed the PB Fund distribution and different ways in which we can contact departments that have still not applied for their funding. The EFC also submitted the entire Executive Budget to the Annual Budget process and will be present at the scheduled hearings.

Organization	Requested	EFC Recommendation	LFC Passed
1. GPSA Council - Salary	\$2,548	\$0	\$2,548
2. GPSA Council - Recorder	\$900	\$0	\$0
3. GPSA Council - Refreshments	\$400	\$200	\$0
Refreshments	\$400	\$200	0
4. Nourish International	\$4,600	\$3,700	\$2,500
Travel - Airfare	\$3,000	\$2,100	\$2,100
Travel - Per Diem	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$400
5. Beta Alpha Psi	\$1,832	\$1,832	\$1,832
Travel - Mileage	\$592	\$592	same
Travel - Per Diem	\$900	\$900	same
Conference Fees	\$340	\$340	same
6. GPSA Scholarship	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
7. GPSA Elections Committee	\$340	\$340	\$340
Advertising	\$340	\$340	same
8. Art Education	\$10,628	Request within Standing Rules. Reducing line-items Event and 2nd Conference Fees both to \$0	\$4,820
9. World Affairs Delegation	\$4,575	\$4,575	\$4,575
Travel - Miles	\$1,575	\$1,575	same
Travel - Per Diem	\$2,400	\$2,400	same
Rental - Car	\$600	\$600	same
10. Raza Grad Student Association	\$660	\$660	\$1,083
General Operating	\$423	\$423	same
Advertising	\$350	\$350	same
Professional Services	\$110	\$110	same
Event - Refreshments	\$200	\$200	same
11. Engineers Without Borders	\$	Request within Standing Rules	6,295
12. Language Lit Sociocltrl	\$1,750	\$1,450	\$1,815
Refreshments	\$600	\$200	same
Special Event	\$1,000	\$1,000	same
Honorarium	\$250	\$250	same