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GPSA Council Regular Meeting
Saturday, March 31st, 2012
9:15am – Elections Debates
10:00am – 2:00pm
HSC Domenici West, Room 2112

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** 2012-13 Elections Debates for President and Council Chair, Tim Borrer, Elections Chair

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Opening Business
 - a) Approval of the Agenda
 - b) Approval of the February 25th, 2012 Minutes
 - c) Approval of the February 29th & March 2nd, 2012 Minutes
 - d) Gallery & Media
- 3) Action Items
 - a) Presidential Appointment Approvals (from Steering)
 - i) SP-12-001 Elections Committee Chair
 - ii) SP-12-002 IT Committee Chair
 - iii) SP-12-003 Programs Committee Chair
 - b) 2012-13 GPSA Budget & LFC Budget Report (Budget Package attached separately)
 - c) Constitutional Changes
 - i) SL-12-003 through SL-12-012 (Constitutional amendments presented in February)
 - ii) SL-12-013 GSAF Ballot Item (replacing SR-12-007 Graduate Student Fee Removal from February)
 - iii) Include: Substantive Changes (changes law) & Non-Substantive Changes (corrective, edits, language)
 - d) Standing Committees
 - i) Finance Committee
 - (1) SA-12-018_ Out Queer Grads – Summit
 - (2) SA-12-019_ Philosophy Department
 - (3) SA-12-020_ GPSA IT Committee
 - (4) SA-12-023_ Caribbean Studies Association
 - (5) SA-12-024_ Student American Society of Landscape Architects
 - (6) SA-12-025_ Association for the Advancement of Minorities in Medicine
 - (7) SA-12-026_ Family Medicine Interest Group
 - (8) SA-12-027_ Raza Graduate Student Association – Scholarship
 - (9) SA-12-028_ Raza Graduate Student Association – CRT Teach-in
 - (10) SA-12-029_ Out Queer Grads
 - ii) Steering Committee
 - (1) SR-12-009 Universal Restrooms
 - (2) SR-12-010 African American Climate Report
 - (3) SR-12-011 Against Violence at UNM
 - iii) Emergency Items
 - (1) EI-SA-12-003_GRC Graduate Conference (Rep. Hwang)
 - (2) EI-SA-12-004_Legislative Finance (Rep. Dworak)
- 4) Discussion Items
 - a) Constitutional Changes
- 5) Information Items
 - a) Council Reports
 - i) GPSA Council Chair Report
 - ii) Legislative Standing Committee Reports
 - (1) Finance Report with Current Council Operational Accounts / 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
 - iii) Executive Ad Hoc & University Committee Reports
- 6) Representative Announcements
 - a) Next Regular Council Meeting
 - *Council Elections
 - Saturday, April 28, 2012 at HSC Domenici West #2112
 - Council Chair Election
- 7) Adjourn



GPSA Regular Council Meeting
Minutes - DRAFT
 February 25, 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:	Patricia Roybal Caballero, Parliamentarian

Agenda Items

I. ROLL CALL

ACTION	Meeting called to order by Chair Megan O'Laughlin at 9:14 A.M. Chair conduct roll call. Meeting has quorum.
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II. OPENING BUSINESS

ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patricia Roybal Caballero presented first, as guest speaker. Parliamentarian gave snapshot to improve GPSA meetings based on her observations. 6 Highlights: 1) why we have Parliament procedures, motion on the floor, refrain from attacking a members' motive, 2) address all remarks to chair by raise of hand, always address the chair, if not, you are out of order, 3) refrain from speaking on a prior action/pending action, 4) refrain from speaking on one's own motion, 5) how to use point of order and its purpose, call to question used to stop discussion, ask for clarity and clarification, and 6) refrain from disturb assembly. Council asks questions/discuss. Todays' agenda is accepted as amended, with the President's Report moved to after Media & Gallery, without objection. Council entertains motion to remove action item 3bi #1- SA-12-011 GPSA Council Education Grant from agenda. Matt motion to strike Appropriation SA-12-11. Open for discussion and discussed. Motion is amended to strike and send back to committee. Amended motion (<i>Vote 1 & 2</i>) is passed. Open for discussion. Motions are withdrawn, no objections. Matt motion to move President after Gallery & Media, no objections. Agenda approved with one amendment. (<i>Vote 3</i>) Approval of the January 28, 2011 minutes is approved as amended. Corbin amends minutes to change SR-12-004 to conflict of interest instead of not participating. Motion passed. Corbin motion to amend SAmend-12-002. No objections. Motion is approved. No motion for minutes done through approvals. Clarify with Megan what happen here? (<i>Vote 4, 5</i>) Approval of the February 2, 2012 minutes is approved. It was a five minute meeting. Motion to approve minutes as amended. Motion pass. (<i>Vote 7</i>) Gallery & Media- Chris Ramirez made announcements about Graduate Employment (6 reps volunteer, special meeting called by chair on Wednesday, 9:15 a.m.), invite to RGSA & OQG presents: Joteria fundraiser for scholarship, March 2, 2012, Friday, from 6-9 p.m., allocation for campaign. Linda Johansen, Information Technology present on enterprise email. Amanda announces Language Expo on March 3, 2012 at Ortega;
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email AGRAY01@unm.edu. Rep Matt Rush talking with ASU about legislation. Rep. Salim announces keynote SUB 9 a.m. March 1 & 2, 2012. Engineers without Borders race event, March 3, 2012. *(Recess til 10:50 a.m., meeting called back to order 10:53 a.m.)*

- GPSA President's Report- President Katie Richardson reports update on three items: 1) legislative session is closed, GPSA bill did not pass but was close, thanks to the committee, 2) student review board recommendations (ask council for feedback), 3) memo considering student priorities, Provost increased in faculty, request to have internship for each new faculty aboard, policy needed and UNM President found \$24,000 graduate scholarship. Budget summit open for public comment is Friday, March 23, 2012 at SUB at 9 a.m.

III. ACTION ITEMS

ACTION	<p>El-12-001-Amendment Elections Code / Presented 1.28.12- Rep. Matt Rush upload Election Code Timeline Changes and discuss changes with council using calendars. Five advertisements go out and review candidate applications. Rep. Rogers main motion (<i>vote 8</i>) to approve bylaws elections. Open for discussion. Rep. Corbin to amend motion (<i>vote 9</i>) to strike section 5f entirely. No discussion. Amend motion pass with 1 abstain. Rep. Corbin motion (<i>vote 10</i>) to strike sentence 6e2. Open discussion on bylaws. Amend motion pass with 1 abstain.</p> <p>Standing Committee- Finance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA-12-011: GPSA Council Salary- new code adoption to bylaws & SA-12-012: GPSA Council Recorder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair wants reminder on new procedure for Com Reports. Rep. Dwork reports few notations on appropriations. Rep. Dwork main motion (<i>vote 11</i>) to table appropriation SA-12-011 and send for review to committees. Open discussion. Rep. Corbin motion (<i>vote 12</i>) to strike LFC. Open discussion. Point of order by Rep. Lee reminding motion on the table. No further discussion. Amend motion pass with 2 abstains. Back to main motion and open for discussion. Dworak Call the Question, question called (<i>vote 13</i>) Rep Pentor motion (<i>vote 14</i>) to bundle 14-22. Point of order Rep. Corbin, have not got to agenda 14 yet. Overlook two items. Any objection, motion 14 retracted. Rep. Corbin motion (<i>vote 15</i>) to amend \$150 equal to 10 hours. No discussion, main motion pass with 1 abstain. Rep. Rush motion to amend for chair to attend LFC meeting. Rep. Motion to amend in case of emergency, send alternative. Open discussion. Chair notes she should be able to have options if required to attend all meetings. Point of order by Rep. McIntyre, Rep Rush order of order, covering item already confused. Rep. Rush motion toPoint of order on germaneness by Rep. Travis. Point of Information by Rep. Chair asks Council to decide germaneness, saying it is not appropriate for Chair to make decision on item. Vote on Travis point of order, item not germane. Point of information by Rep. Corbin and motion to recess five minutes and extend meeting to 2 p.m. Motion pass. (<i>vote 19</i>). <i>(Meeting back in session at 12:07 p.m.)</i> Votes recall after recess by Rep. berghmanns to reconsider appropriation 11, call to question (<i>vote 21</i>) by Rep. Dwork. Majority pass motion. Division has been call. 24 yay, 7-no. Back to agenda item 3b1. Rep. Corbin motion to fail SA-12-011. No discussion. Motion passes, item fails. • SA-12-013: Council Refreshments • SA-12-014: Nourish International • SA-12-015: Beta Alpha Psi • SA-12-016: GPSA Scholarship • SA-12-017: GPSA Elections Committee • SR-12-018: Art Education • SR-12-019: World Affairs Delegation • SR-12-020: El Centro De La Raza • SR-12-021: Engineers Without Borders • SR-12-022: Language Lt / Sociocultural Studies
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	<p>GPSA Council Food- Rep. Pentor to 'bundle' appropriations 13-22. Open discussion. SR-12-020 is not for El Centro De La Raza, Chair will revise appropriation "Raza Student Association". Point of information by Rep. Lee. These are LFC recommendations. Motion to bundle and approved with the change noted for SGAO. Motion to approve bundle items by Rep. Coffey. Open for discussion. 3 abstain, 1 abstain by Rep. Lee and Rep. Burgmans. Motion passed and approved</p> <p>Standing Committee- Steering Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR-12-001: Transparency in Investigations- Rep. Coffey motion to bundle SR-12-001 and SR-12-005 and table indefinitely. Motion pass. • SR-12-005: Resolving Academic Disruption- tabled. • SR-12-006: Dental and Vision Insurance- President Richardson spoke on item. No dental and vision insurance included in current internship plan. Rep. Rush motion to approve resolution with the LSC recommendation. Point of information by Rep. Lee for chair to stroll agenda down. No discussion. Motion pass. <i>(Vote 27)</i> • SR-12-007: Removal of Graduate Student Fee- Submitted by Rep. Dworak and spoke on item. Open for discussion. No motion on the floor. LFC announce recommendation. Rep. Corbin motion to commit items to working group and prepare valid initiative. Open for discussion. Point of order by Rep. Corbin, motion on the floor for discussion. Rep. Travis yield time to President Richardson discuss fee history. Chair restated motion on the floor to commit working groups. Rep. Corbin call to question. Vote (#29) on call to question, yays have it. Back to main motion, motion pass. • SR-12-008: General Election Date- Rep. Rush informed the election process is not clear this year. Rep. Corbin mention changes made in resolution. Rep. Dwork motion to resolution as amended by LSC. No discussion. Motion pass as amended. <p>Emergency Items</p>
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IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSS	<p>Constitutional Changes- Rep. Corbin said working group met and seeks approval by March. Any questions on recommendations. Open for discussion. Rep. Macintire confused on process – can we make changes? Chair notes Constitutional requirement to view one month prior to making amendments. We will debate and amend on 3/31/12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Substantive Changes (corrective, edits, language)- • Substantive Changes (changes law)
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V. INFORMATION ITEMS

REPORTS	<p>Council Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. GPSA Council Chair Report- Megan report separately. ii. Legislative Standing Committee Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finance Report with Current Operational Account & 2012-13 Budget Process- Rep. Dworak reported balance is \$40,000 for all appropriations. 53 applications for budget process. Three days of hearings starting tomorrow. Budget will be balanced. 2. Steering Report Bylaws Working Group Report- Rep. Corbin not voting on steering due to constitutional requirement a. Executive Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. GPSA President's Report- this information items moved up on agenda after Media & Gallery. ii. Executive Standing Committee Reports- Rep. Rush reviewed elections calendar, there are new forms this year. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elections- OPEN report given by Rep. Rush 2. Lobby- Travis yield. iii. Executive Ad Hoc & University Committee Reports
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VI. REPRESENTATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS ITEMS

REPORTS

a. Representative Documents

VIII.**UPCOMING MEETING DATES****ADJOURN**

Next regular meeting on March 31, 2012
HSC Domenici West, Room 2112
All items due: 3/10, 5 p.m.

Special Meeting
GPSA office or Cherry Silver in SUB
Wednesday, February 29th at 9:15am
For: Graduate Employees Together regarding GA funding in 12-13 UNM Budget

VIII.**ADJOURN****REPORTS**

Rep. Bergmans motion to adjourn meeting. No objections.
Meeting adjourned @ 1:33 p.m.

Council Recorder: Bernadette Fontenelle
Reviewed for draft: MCO/Chair

GPSA Council Special Meeting
Minutes Draft
February 29 & March 5, 2012
SUB Cherry-Silver

PRESIDING OFFICER:	Megan O'Laughlin, Council Chair
REPRESENTATIVES:	2/29: Verrilli-College of Ed, Sample-College of Ed, Rush-NanoScience, Marisa Silva-History, Kidder-Architecture, Pintor-CRP, Golden-Anderson 3/5: Silva-History, Verrilli-College of Ed, Pintor-CRP, Rush-Nanoscience, Hundal-Anderson, Sample-College of Ed, McIntyre-Physics
GUESTS:	2/29: Jelena Petrevic-GET, Chris Galanis-GET 3/5: Chris Galanis-GET, Ilse Biel-GET, Christopher Ramirez-Get (et al), Katie Richardson-GPSA President

Agenda Items

I. ROLL CALL

	<p>2/29 special meeting called to order by Chair Megan O'Laughlin at 9:42am when meeting reached Quorum. Chair conducted roll call. Meeting has quorum.</p> <p>3/5/12 special meeting readjourned at 9:35am and called to order by Chair Megan O'Laughlin at 9:42am when meeting reached Quorum. Chair conducted roll call. Meeting has quorum</p> <p>Chair explained the special meeting called by the Chair at the 02-25-12 Council. After further review it was found the GET Resolution had missed the Council deadline, however there were time constraints due to UNM budget process that required a Resolution to be completed before 3/31 regular council meeting.</p>
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II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/29/12 agenda is accepted as amended without objection.
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III. MEDIA & GALLERY

ACTION	Members of GET advised on the current budget proposal from the Provost and the status of the research for GET initiatives regarding the employment of graduate employees (GA/TA).
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IV. SPECIAL ACTION ITEM

ACTION	<p>EI-SR-12-002: Graduate Employee Resolution</p> <p><i>2/29/12</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Point of Order – No motion / Taken Motion to Adjourn until 9am on Monday, March 5th – Rush/2nd – Passed <p><i>3/5/12</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to supplement the revisions as submitted by GET and introduced by Rep. Rush – Kidder/2nd - Passed
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to include Executive Committees as co-sponsors – Pintor/2nd – Passed • Motion to add “therefore” – Rush/2nd – Passed • Motion to move Paragraph #10 to below #4 – Sample/2nd – Passed • Question about spelling and grammar should be rechecked by Chair prior to submission / Chair notes this is standard process. Motion made regarding editing – Kidder/2nd – passed • Motion “Whereas...” – Verrilli/2nd – Passed • Motion “lower” – Verrilli/2nd – Passed • Motion “directly improving...” – Pintor/2nd – passed • Motion “retention rate” on all - – Verrilli/2nd – Passed • Motion change all graduate ‘& professional’ – Pintor/2nd – Passed • Motion make all further edits and approve after edit/discussion (Rep Rush to recorder and edit on laptop) – Verrilli/2nd - Passed • Motion to approved as amended and adopt – Pintor/2nd – Passed & Adopted
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VIII. ADJOURN

REPORTS	Motion to adjourn meeting. No objections. Meeting adjourned @ 11:25am
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A Resolution of the Graduate and Professional Student Association

Submitted by: Graduate Employees Together (GET)

Co-Sponsored by: GPSA Assistantships & Benefits and Student Support & Advocacy Committees

Adopted by GPSA Legislative Council, March 5, 2012

Jointly signed by GPSA President, March 5, 2012

WHEREAS the projected enrollment increase for 2012-13 is 5% and State funding will increase by \$9 million; and

WHEREAS concerns about university funds nonetheless remain high; and

WHEREAS the UNM Board of Regents and administration have expressed on numerous occasions their desire to improve the undergraduate retention and graduation rates, to decrease the time to graduation for graduate students, and to lower the instructor-to-student ratio; and

WHEREAS UNM prides itself on being the state's flagship research institution; and

WHEREAS graduate assistance to professors supports the research mission of the institution, by lowering faculty workload, leading to more time for research and results in more incoming research funds and higher recognition; and

WHEREAS 1,679 (approximately 28%) of 6,000 enrolled graduate students were employed by UNM in the 2010 Fall semester as graduate assistants (GAs), teaching assistants (TAs), research assistants (RAs) and project assistants (PAs); and

WHEREAS this 28% of enrolled graduate students taught or supported close to 40% of all undergraduate courses at UNM; and

WHEREAS many graduate and professional students teach core classes, of 100 or more students, that are compulsory for graduation; and

WHEREAS increasing graduate and professional employee lines would lead toward a lower instructor-to-student ratio, directly improving undergraduate retention and graduation rates;

WHEREAS graduate and professional retention and graduation will be expedited through more on-campus employment; and

WHEREAS increasing student retention and graduation will generate more state funds;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the UNM Graduate and Professional Student Association that there be greater transparency, by tracking & uniformly reporting graduate and professional student assistantships, including FTE, by department and college, in the UNM budget process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that graduate and professional assistantships be included in the Provost's five-year plan and as a line item in the annual budget process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that graduate student employee lines for 2012-13 be increased commensurate with the projected student enrolment increase;

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this GPSA Resolution will be forwarded to: Board of Regents; David Schmidly, UNM President; Dr. Chaouki Abdallah, Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs; David Harris, Executive Vice President for Administration; Andrew Cullen, Associate Vice President of Planning, Budget & Analysis; Dr. Tim Ross, Faculty Senate President; Mary Clark, Staff President; Katie Richardson, GPSA President; Jaymie Roybal, ASUNM President; and the Deans of UNM Colleges.

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2011-2012 GPSA COUNCIL

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT
Submitted by Katie Richardson

POSITION TITLE: Programs Committee Chair

REFERENCE TO POSITION: Constitution

Comment [SC1]: LSC Note: Check to verify new Constitution does require this position

APPOINTEE'S NAME: Grace Lerner

RDSA: Anderson School of Management

RATIONALE: Grace Lerner has extensive experience running programming events for the Anderson School of Management. After interviewing two candidates for the position, I found that Grace Lerner had the skill set and experience necessary to recruit committee members, schedule events, delegate tasks and advertise events to create a more vibrant graduate and professional community. She has already created a set of events for the remainder of the spring semester.

LSC Received _____

LSCR# _____



2011-2012 GPSA COUNCIL

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT
Submitted by Katie Richardson

POSITION TITLE: Elections Committee Chair

REFERENCE TO POSITION: Constitution

APPOINTEE'S NAME: Tim Borrer

RDSA: Anderson School of Management

RATIONALE: Tim Borrer has served GPSA this year as a member of the GPSA Lobby committee. I have been impressed with his dedication to GPSA and professionalism. After reviewing his resume and application, I found that Tim will serve well as the GPSA elections chair. He is dedicated to providing conducting the elections in a way that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the elections process.

LSC Received _____

LSCR# _____



2011-2012 GPSA COUNCIL

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT
Submitted by Katie Richardson

POSITION TITLE: IT Committee Chair

REFERENCE TO POSITION: Constitution

APPOINTEE'S NAME: Ryan Brown

RDSA: Anderson School of Management

RATIONALE: After reviewing a few applications for the position of IT chair, I found that Ryan Brown was the best qualified candidate to serve as GPSA's IT chair. He has already dedicated many hours to creating a long term vision for sustaining a computer lab with reliable printing. He is coordinating with Anderson IT to assess the server, printer and computer network in the GPSA computer lab.

LSC Received _____

LSCR# _____



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.”

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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.



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.”



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”



Constitutional Changes re: Council Representatives

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



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.



Constitutional Changes re: Legislative Committees

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



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.



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 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.

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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.

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Graduate And Professional Student Association

In 1996-1997, an additional graduate fee was implemented to cover the cost of library materials deemed necessary for completion of successful graduate studies in the amount of \$22 per student. In 1998-1999, an additional graduate fee was implemented to support the Research, Projects, and Travel (RPT) grants in the amount of \$10 per student.

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In 2008, the graduate student body, upon recommendation from the UNM President, voted to re-allocate the additional \$12 graduate allocation fee to graduate and professional students to be used for recruitment and retention efforts.

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\$12 of the graduate student allocation fund was allocated at the discretion of the graduate Student Fee Review Board members. In fiscal year 2011-2012, this money was used to fund programming for recruitment, retention, and graduation of graduate & professional students through the following organizations:

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- Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color
- El Centro de la Raza
- Women's Resource Center
- American Indian Student Services
- African American Student Services
- Office of International Programs and Studies

In fiscal year 2012-2013, the recommendation has been expanded to fund programming of:

- UNM Children's Campus
- Career services

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A. Should \$12 continue to be charged for the support of recruitment, retention, and graduation provided by graduate initiatives:

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- YES (fee will continue to be allocated departments and programs that focus on graduate student retention)
- YES (fee will be shifted away from programs that focus on graduate student retention to student organizations, as determined by GPSA Council)
- NO

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B. Should \$10 continue to be charged for student research, and if so, where should the \$10 be allocated?

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YES → Research Project and Travel (RPT) grants through the Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) (No change)

YES → GPSA Grants Committee (Allocated through GPSA's grants process)

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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: 6-0-1
Date: 3/21/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote: _____
Date: 3/31/2012

Council Chair Signature

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Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

Out Queer Grads

Appropriation Description:

The 2nd Annual New Mexico Queer Student Summit on Saturday, April 14 will connect LGBTQQIA student leaders from UNM and colleges and high schools from throughout the state for workshops and organizing.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Advertising	\$450	\$0	
Copying Services	\$100	\$100	
Honorarium	\$250	\$250	
Travel - airfare	\$300	\$300	
Event - Food & Refreshments, lunch for NM Queer Student Summit	\$200	\$200	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$1300	\$850	

Notes:



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

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

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 5-0-2
Date: 3/21/2012

Committee Chair Signature

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Student Organization:

Philosophy Department

Appropriation Description:

Each year the philosophy department holds a student conference, to which undergrads are invited but which is typically organized by the graduate student association. Breakfast for 30-40 people.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Travel - per diem for speaker	\$250	\$250	
Event - Food & Refreshments	\$250	\$250	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$500	\$500	

Notes:



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: 3/21/2012

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Student Organization:

GPSA IT Committee

Appropriation Description:

Purchase of 2 projectors for use in the GPSA office. Projectors currently located in the GPSA office are no longer reliable. One is broken and the other has poor display and frequently doesn't work. Projectors are top-of-the-line mini projectors

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Office Supplies	\$695.74	\$0	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$695.74	\$0	

Notes:

No one was present for the presentation.



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-023 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 7-0-0
Date: 3/21/2012

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Date: 3/31/2012

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Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

Caribbean Studies Association

Appropriation Description:

Delegation's trip to the 37th Annual Caribbean Studies Association conference to Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Travel - Airfare	\$2373	\$2400	
Travel - Airfare	\$1323	\$0	
Travel - Per Diem	\$675	\$525	
Food & Refreshments	\$50	\$0	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$4421	\$2925	

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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-024 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

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Committee Vote: 7-0-0
Date: 3/21/2012

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Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

Student Society of Landscape Architects

Appropriation Description:

2012 Arid Low Impact Development Conference on March 27-29 in Tucson AZ.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Conference Fees	\$300	\$300	
Travel - per diem	\$790	\$790	
Travel - Mileage	\$225	\$225	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$1315	\$1315	

Notes:



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-025 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 7-0-0
Date: 3/21/2012

Committee Chair Signature

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Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

Association for the Advancement of Minorities in Medicine

Appropriation Description:

Hosting of a Salsa Night at the El Rey theater. Primary fundraiser for the year.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Event - rentals (El Rey)	\$400	\$400	
Event - professional services (DJ)	\$300	\$300	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$700	\$700	

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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-026 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 6-0-1
Date: 3/21/2012

Committee Chair Signature

COUNCIL ACTION:

Council Vote: _____
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Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

Family Medicine Interest Group

Appropriation Description:

Travel: Participation in the annual meeting of the AAFP's National Congress of Family Practice Residents and Students.
Event: Planning, organizing, and hosting events with homeless in the greater Albuquerque area

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Travel - Per diem	\$300	\$300	
Travel - Airfare	\$500	\$500	
Event - food for volunteers	\$400	\$100	
Event - workshops	\$150	\$150	
Conference Fees	\$400	\$400	
Food & Refreshments	\$200	\$200	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$1950	\$1650	

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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-027 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 6-0-1
Date: 3/21/2012

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Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

Raza Graduate & Professional Student Association

Appropriation Description:

Funds are for 2012-2013 RGSA Scholarships for UNM students which would include \$10,000 for scholarships, ten \$500 and five \$1,000 scholarships.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
General Operating - scholarship	\$1000	\$1000	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$1000	\$1000	

Notes:

Stipulated that scholarship must be used for grad/prof students



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-028 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 6-0-1
Date: 3/21/2012

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COUNCIL ACTION:

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Date: 3/31/2012

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Council Chair Signature

Student Organization:

Raza Graduate & Professional Student Association

Appropriation Description:

The RGSA 2nd Annual Dolores Huerta Critical Race Theory (CRT) Teach-In will recruit, prepare and train as well as place UNM graduate, professional and undergraduate students to co-facilitate discussion on race and racism in high schools

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Food & Refreshments	\$200	\$200	
Advertising	\$450	\$350	
Copying Services	\$100	\$100	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$750	\$650	

Notes:

Stipulated that scholarship must be used for grad/prof students



INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

Legislation #: SA-12-029 Introduced by Rep: Dworak (Law) Referred to: Finance Committee

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Vote: 6-0-1
Date: 3/21/2012

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Student Organization:

Out Queer Grads

Appropriation Description:

Out Queer Grads is sponsoring LGBTQQIA Health Awareness Week from March 26-30 at the University of New Mexico. As a national event, the purpose to raise awareness of LGBTQQIA health issues in our community.

Category/Line Item	Original Request	Finance Committee Recommendation	Council Approved
Advertising	\$450	\$0	
Copying Services	\$100	\$100	
Event - Food & Refreshments, health and information fair	\$200	\$200	
Event - Food & Refreshments, panel/workshop	\$200	\$200	
Event - Food & Refreshments, stress reduction workshop	\$200	\$200	
Professional Services - banner	\$150	\$150	
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$1300	\$850	

Notes:

Stipulated that scholarship must be used for grad/prof students

GPSA @ UNM

Graduate And Professional Student Association

Joint Resolution:

Universal: All Gender, Family, & Accessible Restrooms

Submitted by: Matthew Rush (GPSA), Caroline Muraida (ASUNM), & Sunny Liu (ASUNM)

WHEREAS gender binary restrooms do not conform to all students and visitors to the UNM campus;

WHEREAS many transgender and gender non-conforming people have been harassed, beaten, ridiculed, arrested and even murdered when using sex-segregated facilities;

WHEREAS persons who are not easily perceived as male or female often experience various forms of intimidation in gender segregated restrooms which can threaten personal ease and safety;

WHEREAS severe health issues can easily arise as a result of holding out for a more comfortable and welcoming atmosphere in a less convenient building;

WHEREAS public restrooms are facilities in which all should be welcomed to utilize as a rudimentary human right;

WHEREAS universal restrooms are not population specific and therefore can be used by any UNM student, staff, faculty, or visitor;

WHEREAS universal restrooms often serve double use as private, functional restrooms for persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS current restroom arrangements are not sufficient for adults accompanying children of the opposite gender to the restroom;

WHEREAS not all restrooms on campus supply sufficient services for infant care, such as changing tables;

WHEREAS the availability of similar resources on campus are neither sufficient nor well advertised;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that GPSA and ASUNM support the development of Universal: All Gender, Family, and Accessible restrooms on the UNM campus in an effort to be more accommodating and accessible to students and faculty in their preferred gender identity expression, families, and person's with disabilities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such facilities should be well-advertised and clearly marked with appropriate signage;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all such bathrooms should provide accessibility to persons with disabilities;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that future planning and development of new or renovated buildings on campus should incorporate at least one such bathroom in order to provide for easy accessibility to necessary resources;

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FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Board of Regents, Provost [Chaouki Abdallah](#), [University President David Schmidly](#), Vice President for Student Affairs [Eliseo "Cheo" Torres](#), Associate Vice President for Student Life [Walter Miller](#), Associate Vice President for Student Services [Tim E. Gutierrez](#), Staff Council [President Mary Clark](#), Faculty Senate [President Tim Ross](#), GPSA President [Katie Richardson](#), GPSA Council Chair [Megan O'Laughlin](#), ASUNM President [Jaymie Roybal](#), ASUNM Vice President [Adrian Cortinas](#), Physical Plant Department [Director Mary Vosevich](#), [University Planning Officer Mary Kenney](#), and the Program Coordinator of the LGBTQ Resource Center [Alma Rosa Silva Banuelos](#).

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Graduate And Professional Student Association

Joint Resolution:

African American/Black Climate Report Resolution

Submitted by: Matthew Rush (GPSA), Caroline Muraida (ASUNM), & Ife Hampton (ASUNM)

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2010, members of the Albuquerque and UNM Black communities formally requested official acknowledgment of issues facing the Black community on campus;

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WHEREAS, UNM President David J. Schmidly responded by commissioning a study of our campus climate “to assess the issues and concerns of the University of New Mexico’s African American/Black faculty, staff, students, and community members”;

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WHEREAS, David Hernandez, J.D., and Wanda S. Mitchell, Ed. D., were hired as external consultants to design and conduct this assessment;

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WHEREAS, several recommendations including Immediate: (1-3 months), Mid-Term: (3-9 months), and Long-Term: (6 months and beyond) action points were outlined to provide guidance to all of us as we move forward to engage in institutional dialogue, planning, and decision making to advance UNM’s commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion”;

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WHEREAS, “the respondents as a whole stated that the African American/Black community is excluded, isolated, and ignored and not an integral part to the University’s identity”;

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WHEREAS, the report’s conclusion indicates the need for “a holistic and systemic transformational change” in our University community;

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) requests a formal and public statement of the University’s progress made to address the Immediate and Mid-Term recommendations outlined in the report, and that this statement be accessible to the UNM community in online and print format;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report will outline steps being taken towards completing the recommended year-long review process to assess and identify strategic actions for implementation in FY12^[i, IV. 1.];

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report will provide a progress update on a temporary appointment of a Special Advisor to the President to facilitate the aforementioned recommendations^[i, IV. 2.];

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report will address the progress towards the creation of a Mediation and Reconciliation Process, a process whose “end goal should not be to merely settle issues, rather, to achieve an understanding of the conflict and move to resolution (mutual gains) and begin the process of reconciliation”^[i, IV. 3.];

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report will detail the status of the recommendation to conduct an inventory of all University programs whose goals/missions include: inclusion, diversity, race, ethnicity, equity and related programming, activities and initiatives on behalf of African American/Black community^[i, IV. 4.].

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report will describe action taken to conduct an assessment of all University-based relationships with external communities that are devoted and dedicated to the development and enhancement of African American/Black relationships for the purpose of greater collaboration, effectiveness and efficiency^[i, IV. 5.].

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report will describe steps taken to allocate specific standards, timelines, and expectations for the Africana Studies Program's elevation to the department status, including guidelines for faculty teaching, research and scholarly engagement, and service^[i, IV. 6.].

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THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to, the Board of Regents, University President David Schmidly, Provost Chaouki Abdallah, Vice President of Student Life Walter Miller, Vice President of Equity and Inclusion Jozi De Leon, Director of African American Student Services W. Scott Carreathers, Staff Council President Mary Clark, Faculty Senate President Tim Ross, GPSA President Katie Richardson, GPSA Council Chair Megan O'Laughlin, ASUNM President Jaymie Roybal,, the Daily Lobo, and the incoming University President Robert Frank.

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i African American/Black Climate Review Report, May 11, 2011
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iii African American/Black Climate Review Report, May 11, 2011 (p.11)
iv African American/Black Climate Review Report, May 11, 2011 (p.11)

GPSA @ UNM

Graduate And Professional Student Association

Resolution Against Violence at UNM

WHEREAS The University of New Mexico (UNM) must provide an environment that is free from violence according to UNM Business Policies and Procedures Policy 2210 (Campus Violence);

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WHEREAS at a recent talk hosted by the UNM Israel Alliance on Thursday, February 27, 2012 physical violence was committed against UNM students;

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WHEREAS several violent acts have been committed in relation to the (un)Occupancy movement;

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WHEREAS UNM is responsible for providing the respectful and peaceful academic environment necessary for student success and a meaningful higher education;

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WHEREAS personal expression, opinions, and a public dialogue are critical to the learning experience at UNM and are best accomplished under calm, nonviolent circumstances;

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WHEREAS recent actions committed by members of the University community do not reflect UNM's commitment to nonviolence;

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WHEREAS the campus environment should be a safe and secure place for all;

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WHEREAS GPSA believes that the University, including its administrators, faculty, police officers and other staff, and students, are responsible for the safety of all on campus;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that GPSA requests a statement from UNM administration recommitting to the policy of nonviolence;

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THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university expresses in this statement an apology to those who have experienced physical violence while on campus;

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THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university prioritizes funding for facilitating protests on campus, including providing restroom facilities;

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THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that GPSA requests that a policy be implemented requiring rationale to be published on the UNM website each time a campus space permit is denied to a student organization;

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FINALLY LET IT BE RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Board of Regents, Provost Chaouki Abdallah, University President David Schmidly, Chief of Police Kathy Guimond, Director of the Student Activities Center Debbie Morris, Staff Council President Mary Clark, Faculty Senate President Tim Ross, GPSA President Katie Richardson, GPSA Council Chair Megan O'Laughlin, and ASUNM President Jaymie Roybal

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GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Graduate Resource Center / GPSA

Name of Organization

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

Date

Up to \$1500.00

Total Request Amount

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mesa Vista Hall #1057

Campus Address

Jee Hwang

Primary Contact Name

704-654-1270

Phone Number

jhwang@unm.edu

Email Address

Secondary Contact Name

Phone Number

Email Address

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Please select all of the following that apply.

The student group requesting appropriation funding:

- A chartered student organization through the Student Activities Center
- Has an account in the Student Government Accounting Office
- Receives PB Funding from a Recognized Department Student Association
- Has received GPSA funding in the past year (appropriation or budget)

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

Possible funding from Apple, UNM Bookstore, Student Affairs, GRC, or other Donation/Funding source. Prusuing other Corporate Sponsors.

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

- Travel Event One-Time Capital Outlay (ie: Unforeseen Expenditures/Other

Basic Description of the Appropriation Request:

New Mexico Graduate & Professional Student Conference (co-sponsored by GPSA). April 23-24 at the UNM Sub & Theater.

The appropriation funds would go to the purchase of (2) two iPads 4g plus tax.

The Ipads are for 'prizes' for the participating graduates graduates who have submitted work and audience members who submit a evaluations of the the student work and performances.

Requests must be filled out completely including detail sheet on the back and submitted to the GPSA Legislative Finance Chair via email (legfin@unm.edu) no later than **5:00 PM ON THE FRIDAY** before the scheduled committee meeting. The LFC Chair should contact the organization to notify them of the time and location of the meeting after the appropriation is received.

APPROPRIATION DETAIL SHEET

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Name of Organization

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
IPads	729.00+ Tax	1500.00

Category: Select a Category

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TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT:

1500.00

Organizations need to attend the Legislative Finance Committee Meeting to present their appropriation request.

GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Graduate and Professional Student Association

Name of Organization

3/23/2012
Date

\$5,000

Total Request Amount

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Campus Address

Heather Berghmans

Primary Contact Name

702-5845

Phone Number

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Email Address

Joseph Dworak

Secondary Contact Name

915-494-1000

Phone Number

jmdworak@gmail.com

Email Address

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Please select all of the following that apply.

The student group requesting appropriation funding:

- A chartered student organization through the Student Activities Center
- Has an account in the Student Government Accounting Office
- Receives PB Funding from a Recognized Department Student Association
- Has received GPSA funding in the past year (appropriation or budget)

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

The GPSA Government receives an annual budget through the annual budget process.

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

- Travel**
 Event
 One-Time Capital Outlay (ie:
 Unforeseen Expenditures/Other

Basic Description of the Appropriation Request:

Due to the new system of allocating student organization annual budgets, the GPSA General government needs an additional \$5,000 in order to balance the overall budget. This has come about due to unforeseen changes in the GPSA constitution and bylaws. This \$5,000 will go to the GPSA Grants endowment for the SRAC grant that is mandate by the current GPSA bylaws.

Requests must be filled out completely including detail sheet on the back and submitted to the GPSA Legislative Finance Chair via email (legfin@unm.edu) no later than **5:00 PM ON THE FRIDAY** before the scheduled committee meeting. The LFC Chair should contact the organization to notify them of the time and location of the meeting after the appropriation is received.

APPROPRIATION DETAIL SHEET

Graduate and Professional Student Association

Name of Organization

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
See Bylaws: VII Finance Code - Section 2(B)(4)(a). This is to fulfill the SRAC endowment requirement by the GPSA bylaws for next years budget cycle.	\$5,000	\$5,000

Category: Select a Category

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DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT: **\$5,000**

Organizations need to attend the Legislative Finance Committee Meeting to present their appropriation request.

Legislative Finance Committee Meeting

March 21, 2012 – SUB Mirage/Thunderbird – 6:00 p.m.

Opening

Call to Order

1. 6:08 PM

Roll Call

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

Heather Berghmans, ex-officio **P** L A

Approval of Agenda

1. With stipulation to include Student Coalition for Diversity as New Business bullet III, A, 11.

a) Approved 6-0-0

Approval of Minutes

1. As is.

a) Approved 6-0-0

Preliminary Business

Gallery and Media

1. Jee Hwang (GRC and Economics): presented on GRC's Student Conference. Informing committee on emergency request to be heard at 31-March Council Meeting.

Executive Finance Report

1. None.

Chair Report

1. \$35,000 left in fund for this year.

Business

Appropriations

1. Caribbean Studies Association
 - a) PASSES 7-0-0 @ \$2925
2. Student American Society of Landscape Architects
 - a) PASSES 7-0-0 @ \$1315
3. Association for the Advancement of Minorities in Medicine
 - a) PASSES 7-0-0 @ \$700
4. Family Medicine Interest Group
 - a) PASSES 6-0-1 @ \$1650
5. Raza Graduate Student Association – Scholarship
 - a) PASSES 6-0-1 @ \$1,000
6. Raza Graduate Student Association – CRT Teach-in
 - a) PASSES 6-0-1 @ \$650
7. Out Queer Grads
 - a) PASSES 6-0-1 @ \$850
8. Philosophy Department
 - a) PASSES 7-0-0 @ \$500
9. Out Queer Grads – Summit
 - a) PASSES 5-0-2 @ \$850
10. GPSA IT Committee
 - a) PASSES 6-0-1 @ \$0
11. Student Coalition for Diversity
 - a) TABLED 7-0-0 @ \$0
 - (1) Tabled to April meeting.

Closing

Committee Member Comments

1. Rep. Berghmans: please take into account EFC recommendations.

Chair Comments

1. Keep in mind the funding we have left in the account for the year.

Adjournment

1. 7:52 PM

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

Meeting

The LSC met on Monday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in SUB Santa Ana A & B. At 10:35, the meeting relocated to the GPSA Office due to the SUB needing to prepare Santa Ana.

3/19: The LSC reviewed three resolutions, a ballot item, and three presidential appointments. The LSC reviewed a discussion item for Council that was retracted by the submitting party. The GSAF and Bylaws working groups gave reports of their activity.

Announcements

Once again, the LSC ran out of time to review Article IX of the Constitution, the definitions. Knowing that definition changes will depend on what changes are made by Council, the LSC tabled this item.

The next LSC meeting is April 16, and the deadline for items for the April Council meeting is April 12.

The final LSC meeting is April 23, and the deadline for items for the May Council meeting is April 19.

GPSA Inter-branch Memorandum

For OFFICIAL USE Only

LEGISLATION #: EI-SL-12-001

Council Session: 2011-12

Short Title: Changes to Elections Code

LEGISLATIVE SUBMISSION:

Introduced by: Representative Matthew Rush

Referred to: Emergency Item

COMMITTEE ACTION: Choose an item.

Committee Vote: Click here to enter text.

Date: 1/26/2012

Committee Chair Signature:

Committee Decision: Sent directly to GPSA Council and added as emergency item on 01/26/12, per the Council Chair.

COUNCIL ACTION: **Adopted as Amended**

Council Vote (if Count): Unanimous

Date: 2/25/2012

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: 3/1/2012

Joint Resolution, approved by Executive Branch:

GPSA President Signature: On HardCopy File (verified by phone)

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

For Student Activities / Legal Counsel

Amendment Approval / Review Comments (attach Counsel Advisory): . Email rvcd 3/26/12 1:59: **I reviewed the revisions made to the GPSA Election Code that you sent and they are proper as to form and consistent with applicable law and regulations. Accordingly, the Office of University Counsel approves the revisions.**

GPSA & ASUNM Collaborative Meeting Minutes

Fri, Feb 25, 2011 1:30 – 2:30 pm, SUB Cherry/Silver

Goals for Working Together:

- One voice for all students gets us more power on campus
- Improve communication
- Have regular and stable communication around actions taken in ASUNM Senate and GPSA Council
- Determine what students want around tuition and fee hikes
 - Rising costs are a burden on all students (eating on campus, for example)
- Develop joint resolution templates to formalize ASUNM/GPSA legislative collaborations
- Explore possibilities of a taskforce or joint legislative committee to further explore collaborative possibilities
- Support each other's resolutions, when appropriate
- Use Daily Lobo to advertise student events and politics

Goals for the Spring 2011 Semester:

- Statement of Intent to clarify why we want to work together and what we hope to gain
- Pass resolutions in both ASUNM and GPSA to support working together
- Press release/media outreach (generate positive press about student gov't)
- Write final report by May and draft recommendations for next academic year
- Ease transition at the end of the year

Timeline

- Sun, March 6 - Exchange drafts of Statement of Intent (GPSA to draft) and Senate/Council Resolutions (ASUNM to draft)
- Mon, March 7 at 3:15 - Next Meeting (in the SUB)
- Late April/early May: Final Report and Recommendations