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GPSA Council Regular Meeting

Saturday, April 28th, 2012

9:00am – 12:30pm

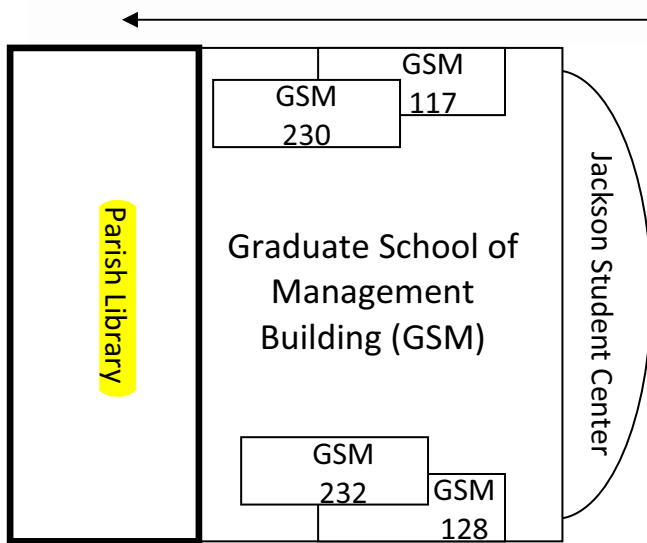
Anderson School of Management, Room 1064

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- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Opening Business
 - a) Approval of the Agenda
 - b) Approval of the March 31 and April 18, 2012 Minutes
 - c) Gallery & Media
- 3) Elections for Council Chair: Katie Richardson, GPSA President
- 4) Action Items
 - a) Standing Committees
 - i) Finance Committee
 - (1) SA-12-0xx _ Association of Latin American Business Students
 - (2) SA-12-0xx _ Men of Color Alliance
 - (3) SA-12-0xx _ Out Queer Grads
 - (4) SA-12-0xx _ Political Science
 - (5) SA-12-0xx _ RAZA GSA
 - (6) SA-12-0xx _ Student Bar Association
 - (7) SA-12-0xx _ Sociology GSA
 - ii) Steering Committee
 - iii) Emergency Items
- 5) Discussion Items
 - a) Bylaws Amendments
 - i) SL-12-014 Bylaws Non-substantive
 - ii) SL-12-015 Bylaws Substantive
- 6) Information Items
 - a) Council Reports
 - i) GPSA Council Chair Report
 - (1) Constitution Approved by General Election_ Changes to Counsel
 - (2) Voting Member Record (attached)
 - (3) End of Year Reports
 - ii) Legislative Standing Committee Reports
 - (1) Finance Report with Current Council Operational Accounts / Chair Dworak
 - (2) Steering Report / Chair Casarez
 - (i) 4_28_12 LSC Report
 - (b) Bylaws Working Group Report / Representative Hwang
 - (i) FINAL Report
 - b) Executive Reports
 - i) GPSA President's Report
 - ii) Executive Standing Committee Reports
 - iii) Executive Ad Hoc & University Committee Reports
- 7) Representative Announcements
 - a) FINAL Council Meeting
Saturday, May 5, 2012 at HSC Domenici West #2112
- 8) Adjourn

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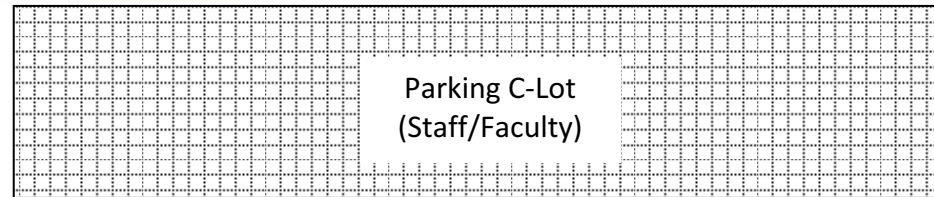
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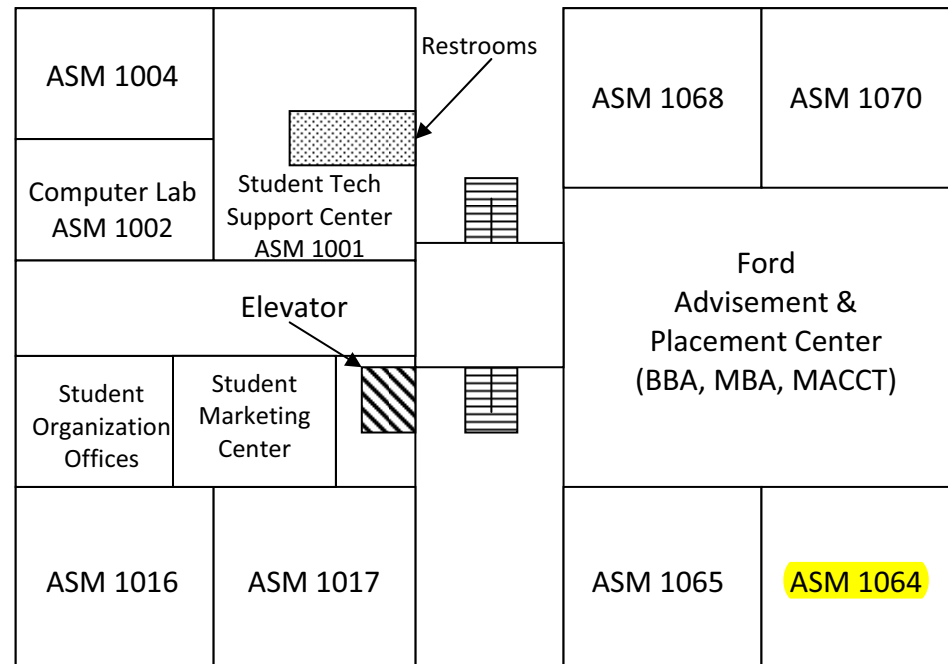
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 - GSM 117
 - GSM 128
 - Jackson Student Center
 - Parish Library
- 2nd Floor
 - GSM 230
 - GSM 232
 - Financial Center
 - Small Business Institute
 - NM Ethics Alliance
- 3rd Floor
 - Management Development Center: Executive MBA, Management Certificate Programs
 - Faculty Offices
 - GSM 302
 - GSM 318

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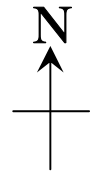
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- Reception Desk
- Accounting Lab, 2059
- Anderson Development Office
- Faculty & Staff Offices

Anderson East Wing

2nd Floor

- ASM 2141 Classroom
- Faculty & Staff Offices



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GPSA Regular Council Meeting
Minutes - DRAFT
 March 31, 2012
 HSC Domenici West, Room 2112

PRESIDING OFFICER:	Megan O’Laughlin, Council Chair
REPRESENTATIVES:	Representative Sheet Attached
RECORDER / PARLIMENTARIAN:	Kris Miranda (Sub)
SPEAKERS & GUESTS:	GPSA Presidential & Chair Candidates (9am – 10am)

Agenda Items

I. ROLL CALL

ACTION	Meeting called to order by Chair Megan O’Laughlin at 10:18am after candidate debates. Chair conduct roll call. Meeting has quorum with 12 RDSAs and 36 Reps.
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II. OPENING BUSINESS

ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approval of the 3-31-12 Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rush moves to move 3b (GPSA Budget and LFC Budget Report) to after 3d (Standing Committees) / Hundal seconds. MOTION CARRIES unanimously. With no objection, Item 4 (Discussion item: Constitutional Changes) stricken from agenda. Rogers moves to approve the agenda / Crowley seconds. AGENDA AS AMENDED ADOPTED unanimously. b) Approval of the February 25th, 2012 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Verilli moves to approve February 25 Regular Meeting minutes / Rogers seconds. MINUTES ADOPTED unanimously; 1 abstention c) Approval of the February 29th & March 2nd, 2012 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dworak moves to approve March special meeting minutes / Rogers seconds. MINUTES ADOPTED unanimously; 3 abstentions d) Gallery & Media
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III. ACTION ITEMS

ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Presidential Appointment Approvals (from Steering Committee) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) SP-12-001 Elections Committee Chair ii) SP-12-002 IT Committee Chair iii) SP-12-003 Programs Committee Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rush moves to bundle and approve all three Presidential executive committee appointments / Pintor seconds. MOTION CARRIES unanimously; 1 abstention b) Constitutional Changes (from Steering Committee & Laws Working Group) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wood moves to approve non-substantive changes to the Constitution / Qasemi seconds. MOTION CARRIES unanimously; 1 abstention ▪ Maguire moves to adopt Constitutional Finance changes / Hwang seconds. MOTION CARRIES unanimously; 3 abstentions
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- Dworak moves to pass Constitutional Changes re: GPSA President / Guimarez seconds.
- Casarez moves to amend II.1.C.2: Add, "The President's compensation shall be determined through the annual budget process." / Wood seconds.
- Qasemi moves to replace amendment "The President's compensation..." with "The final budgeted amount shall not be finalized until after the GPSA Presidential Election, and the Presidential compensation amount.
- POINT OF ORDER (Casarez): Amendment is illegal because it is in conflict with GPSA Constitution and with University policy. – Point well taken by Chair
- POINT OF ORDER (Hundal): President Richardson was speaking on an item that was not on the floor for discussion – Point well taken by Chair
- POINT OF ORDER (Rush): The Council Chair cannot request that members of the body refrain from seconding a motion. Not upheld, Chair must consider legality of motion.
- Casarez moves to amend amendment: "The President's compensation, including a specification of the number of credit hours to be granted, shall be determined through the annual budget process." / Pintor seconds
- McIntyre calls the question. Division: 14 in favor, 16 opposed. Calling the question fails.
- DIVISION CALLED ON AMENDMENT VOTE: 24 in favor, 8 opposed. AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT CARRIES. DIVISION: 27 in favor, 6 opposed. AMENDMENT CARRIES
- Rush moves to amend: "Compensation should include nine (9) resident, graduate tuition hours per semester at the rates published by the Bursar's Office." / Pintor seconds
- POINT OF ORDER (Crowley): The President cannot speak without being yielded to. – Point well taken by Chair
- MEDRANO MOVES TO TABLE SL005 / McIntyre seconds
- Coffey moves to amend: Table only II.1.C.2 / Medrano seconds. AMENDMENT CARRIES unanimously. MOTION TO TABLE AS AMENDED CARRIES unanimously.
- MOTION AS AMENDED (approval only of changes to II.1.D.2.c) CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.
- RECESS 12:22 PM. CALLED BACK TO ORDER 12:38
- Rush moves to approve Constitutional Changes to II.2.B.3 and II.2.D.2 / seconded. MOTION CARRIES; 2 opposed, 1 abstention
- Qasemi moves to add to last sentence of II.2.A.2.b: "...budget process, Council appropriation or other university funds." / seconded
- Dworak moves to amend: "These funds may be supplemented by the budget process, Council appropriation, or other funding sources." / seconded
- AMENDMENT CARRIES unanimously
- MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIES unanimously
- Guimaraes moves to approve Constitution Changes to II.2.A.2.b / Pintor seconds.
- Casarez moves to amend: approve both II.2.A.2.a and II.2A.2.b / Saint-Lot seconds.
- AMENDMENT CARRIES unanimously; 1 abstention
- MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIES unanimously
- McIntyre moves to adopt III.2.Preamble and amend to include, "This shall not include proxy votes." / Wood seconds
- Hwang moves to amend: "A Representative should not represent more than one (1) RDSA so as to avoid potential conflicts of position and interests." / Saint-Lot seconds
- RUSH MOVES TO TABLE DOCUMENT and commit to Bylaws Working Group / Pintor seconds
- MOTION TO TABLE CARRIES unanimously. MOTION TABLED
- Verrilli moves to approve Constitutional Changes re: Council Chair with III.3.C.2 stricken / Dworak seconds
- Casarez moves to amend: Instead of striking III.3.C.2, add, "Compensation

shall be implemented through the annual budget process, but differential tuition and stipend amounts shall be funded by appropriation." / Berghmans seconds

- Rogers calls the question. Division: 16 in favor, 12 opposed. Calling the question fails
- Dworak moves to amend: Strike "Compensation shall include up to six (6) resident, graduate tuition hours per semester, at the rates published by the Bursar's office."
- AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT CARRIES unanimously; 2 abstentions
- Casarez moves to amend: Strike "tuition and"
- AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT CARRIES unanimously; 1 abstention
- AMENDMENT CARRIES unanimously
- McIntyre moves to amend: replace "majority" with "two thirds (2/3)"
- Dworak calls the question. Question is called.
- AMENDMENT FAILS
- Qasemi moves to extend meeting to 3:00 p.m. / seconded. MEETING EXTENDED. Division: 31 in favor
- MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIES; 1 abstention
- RECESS 2:01. CALLED BACK TO ORDER 2:12
- Casarez moves to bring back to the table II.1.C.2 / Qasemi seconds
- Division: 17 in favor, 7 opposed, 3 abstentions. MOTION CARRIES
- Casarez moves to approve II.1.C.2 with "up to" in the first sentence stricken, and with the addition, "Compensation shall be implemented through the annual budget process, but differential tuition and stipend amounts shall be funded by appropriation."
- MOTION CARRIES unanimously; 4 abstentions
- Medrano moves to adopt Constitutional Changes re: Legislative Committees / Verrilli seconds
- MOTION FAILS unanimously; 1 abstention
- Qasemi moves to adopt Constitutional Changes re: Judicial with IV.2.A.5 stricken and no action on committee commentary / Dworak seconds
- Dworak calls the question. Question called unanimously. MOTION CARRIES unanimously; 3 abstentions.
- Rogers moves to re-do roll call to confirm quorum / Pintor seconds. Casarez moves to amend: list RDSAs. 11 RDSAs present
- Dworak moves to table the rest of the Constitutional items / Medrano seconds. MOTION FAILS
- Rogers moves to extend meeting to 5:00pm / Berghmans seconds. MOTION CARRIES
- Medrano moves to adopt Constitutional Changes re: Elections / Berghmans seconds. MOTION CARRIES unanimously
- Rush moves to adopt Constitutional Definitions with the addition of "program" to list of eligible groups in definition of Recognized Departmental Student Association / Hwang seconds
- Casarez moves to amend: STRIKE definitions of Amendment, Chair, Committee, Ex Officio, and President's Education Grant / Medrano seconds
- Division: 13 in favor, 7 opposed, 10 abstentions
- AMENDMENT CARRIES
- Casarez moves to amend: Adopt new names of grants / seconded
- AMENDMENT CARRIES unanimously; 1 abstention
- MOTION AS AMENDED carries; 2 abstentions
- Dworak moves to incorporate all approved changes to the Constitution into one document to be presented to the general membership on the General Election ballot / Wood seconds
- Dworak moves to amend: Representative Matthew Rush will be responsible for incorporating changes into one document / seconded
- AMENDMENT CARRIES unanimously
- MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIES unanimously; 3 abstentions
- Verrilli moves to adopt ballot initiative with LSC recommendations / Dworak

seconds

- Dworak moves to amend: After both "NO" items on the ballot, add, "(Remove [\$12 / \$10] fee)" / Berghmans seconds
- AMENDMENT CARRIES; 3 abstentions
- Dworak calls the question. Question called; 7 abstentions. Division: 19 in favor, 7 opposed, 3 abstentions. MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIES
- Kidder moves to reconsider ballot initiative vote
- POINT OF ORDER (Dworak): This ballot should not be considered as binding on the Board of Regents. Not Order, but clarification. Discussion on the word binding as used by LFC Chair.
- RECESS 3:57. CALLED BACK TO ORDER 4:13
- Division: 14 in favor, 8 opposed, 1 abstention. RECONSIDERATION CARRIES
- Revote on adopting ballot initiative with LSC recommendations with "(Remove [\$12/\$10] fee)" added after both "NO" items:
- Decision: 10 in favor, 14 opposed, 4 abstentions. MOTION FAILS

c) Standing Committees

i) Finance Committee **It was found the LFC had mis-numbered the Appropriations. The new numbering for SGAO is noted on the revised agenda as follows:*

SA-12-01823_ Out Queer Grads – Summit

SA-12-01924_ Philosophy Department

SA-12-02025_ GPSA IT Committee

SA-12-02326_ Caribbean Studies Association

SA-12-02427_ Student American Society of Landscape Architects

SA-12-02528_ Association for the Advancement of Minorities in Medicine

SA-12-02629_ Family Medicine Interest Group

SA-12-02730_ Raza Graduate Student Association – Scholarship

SA-12-02831_ Raza Graduate Student Association – CRT Teach-in

SA-12-02932_ Out Queer Grads

- Dworak moves to block and pass all appropriations at LFC recommendations / Rogers seconds. MOTION CARRIES unanimously; 2 abstentions (A. Schaefer – Occupational Therapy; T. Saint-Lot – Public Administration)

ii) Steering Committee

SR-12-009 Universal Restrooms

SR-12-010 African American Climate Report

SR-12-011 Against Violence at UNM

- Pintor moves to bundle and pass all resolutions with LSC recommendations / Wood seconds. MOTION CARRIES unanimously

iii) Emergency Items

EI-SA-12-003_GRC Graduate Conference (Rep. Hwang)

- GRADUATE RESOURCE CENTER APPROPRIATION FOR CONFERENCE
- Rogers moves to approve appropriation at \$748 / Berghmans seconds.
- Pintor calls the question / Crowley seconds. Question called.
- Division: 13 in favor, 12 opposed, 4 abstentions. MOTION CARRIES
- Dworak moves to extend meeting to 5:30 / Wood seconds. MEETING EXTENDED

EI-SA-12-004_Legislative Finance (Rep. Dworak)

- McIntyre moves to approve appropriation / Rogers seconds. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY; 2 abstentions.

d) 2012-13 GPSA Budget & LFC Budget Report (Budget Package attached separately from docs and online)

- Berghmans moves to extend meeting to 5:45 / seconded. MOTION CARRIES; 1 abstention. MEETING EXTENDED
- Dworak moves to open budget for general discussion / seconded
- MOTION CARRIES; 1 abstention (Miranda alternating for Casarez)
- Berghmans moves to extend the meeting to 6:30 / Wood seconds. MOTION CARRIES; 1 opposed (Hundal); 1 abstention (Miranda)
- Pintor moves to have discussion period / Crowley seconds. MOTION CARRIES unanimously
- RECESS 5:46. CALLED BACK TO ORDER 5:58

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dworak moves to bundle and pass all student organization budget requests / Berghmans seconds ▪ MOTION CARRIES unanimously / 1 abstention (Miranda) ▪ Dworak moves to stipulate that one (1) PA position in GPSA General Budget report directly to Council Chair / Rogers seconds ▪ Berghmans calls the question / Hundal seconds. Division: 13 in favor, 7 opposed, 3 abstention. Calling the question fails 5-11-3. MOTION FAILS / 3 abstentions (Miranda, Verrilli, Silva – GPSA Election Candidates) ▪ Rogers moves to extend meeting to 6:45 / Dworak seconds. Division: 12 in favor, 7 opposed, 4 abstentions. MEETING EXTENDED ▪ Rogers moves to reduce Court of Review Justice Stipends from \$1000 to \$600, reallocate \$400 to EFC Chair Stipend for a total of \$800 / Verrilli seconds ▪ MOTION CARRIES unanimously; 2 abstentions (Berghmans – EFC Chair, Silva – Presidential Candidate) ▪ Hundal moves to accept the GPSA Annual Budget as amended / seconded ▪ MOTION CARRIES unanimously; 1 abstention (Silva – Presidential Candidate) ▪ Hundal moves to adjourn / pintor seconds. MOTION CARRIES unanimously. MEETING ADJOURNED 6:33 PM
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IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSS	
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V. INFORMATION ITEMS & REPORTS

REPORTS	
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VI. ADJOURN

ADJOURN	Hundal moves to adjourn / pintor seconds. MOTION CARRIES unanimously. MEETING ADJOURNED 6:33 PM
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UPCOMING MEETING DATES

REPORTS	
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GPSA Regular Council Meeting
Minutes - DRAFT
 April 18, 2012
 GPSA Office

PRESIDING OFFICER:	Megan O’Laughlin, Council Chair
REPRESENTATIVES:	Jon Williams, Sociology; Jim Bodington, Phil.; Elisa Pintor, CRP; Michael Verrilli, College of Ed.; Chris Galanis, Art & Art History; Tim Borrer, Anderson, Matt Rush, Nano; J Dworak, Law; Travis McIntyre, Physics; Marisa Silva, History
RECORDER / PARLIMENTARIAN:	Megan
SPEAKERS & GUESTS:	Ilsa Biel, Anthropology

Agenda Items

I. ROLL CALL

ACTION	Meeting called to order by Chair Megan O’Laughlin at 10:12am. Chair conduct roll call. Meeting has quorum with 9 RDSAs.
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II. OPENING BUSINESS

ACTION	a) Approval of the 4-18-12 Agenda. Minutes are accepted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Request the Provost allow for GPSA input on with the general criteria for extending GA/TA lines, b) Gallery & Media
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III. ACTION ITEMS

ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to open for discussion / Pintor, 2nd Verrilli – Passed ▪ Motion to close discussion / Verrilli, 2nd - Passed ▪ EI-12-006 – Motion to Recommend to GPSA President to advocate for utilizing funding to extend GA/TA Lines. Travis/2nd – Unanimous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Amend: GPSA receives rational on how new GA/TA lines are allocated. Request the Provost allow for GPSA participation when deciding the criteria for extending the new GA/TA lines. Tim Borrer, 2nd – Passed.
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IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSS	
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V. INFORMATION ITEMS & REPORTS

REPORTS	
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VI. ADJOURN

ADJOURN	Verrilli moves to adjourn / pintor seconds. MOTION CARRIES unanimously. MEETING ADJOURNED 10:45 AM
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GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

ALPFA

Name of Organization

4/13/2012

Date

\$4,450.00

Total Request Amount

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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)

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

ALPFA received a \$1,500 grant from Anderson School of Management for the trip. ALPFA also has a fundr

REQUEST INFORMATION

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

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

Description:

We are requesting additional funds to help cover our members' early registration fees/hotel expens

Requests must be filled out completely including detail sheet on the back and submitted to the GPSA Office or 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 in wish you wish to be considered. All requests MUST have an organization representative present to be considered for funding.

APPROPRIATION DETAIL SHEET

ALPFA - UNM

Name of Organization

Category: Conference Fees

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Student Member Conference Registration Fees (37 members)	\$50.00	\$1,850.00

Category: Travel - Airfare

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Airfare (50% off economy class only)(4 members max)	\$150.00	\$600.00

Category: Travel - Per Diem

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
\$50 per diem, per person, per day for hotel (4 members max)(5 nights)	\$200.00	\$2,000.00

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

Category: Select a Category

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Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT: **\$4,450.00**

Requests that are not represented at their scheduled Finance Committee Hearing will be passed at zero (\$0) dollars. Groups unable to attend their scheduled hearing must provide the Finance Chair with 24 hour notice. Please submit an additional Detail Sheet if necessary.

GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Men of Color Alliance (MOCA) - MOCA Retreat

Name of Organization

4/13/2012

Date

\$ 1,670

Total Request Amount

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 Men of Color Alliance (MOCA) Retreat will be a total of more than \$3,000 for twenty UNM and CNM students to join us for an overnight retreat in Santa Fe to prepare for the 2012-2013 school year. Our focus will be to have new first year, transfer and graduate students who will be attending UNM in the fall 2012 build relationships with other men of color, learn about resources, gain new skills and begin to construct a system of

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

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

Basic Description of the Appropriation Request:

In less than a year, the Men of Color Alliance (MOCA) has built a student club with more than 40 male students of color from UNM as well as other students from CNM, high school and middle school. Our goal is to increase access and success for men of color by increasing retention and graduation rates for men of color through mentoring, social gatherings, training and other support. The retreat before the end of the year will help to build membership for the 2012-2013 academic year!

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

Men of Color Alliance (MOCA) - MOCA Retreat

Name of Organization

Category: Copying Services

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Flyers for retreat, \$100	100	100

Category: Food & Refreshments

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Refreshments for MOCA retreat	200	200

Category: Event

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Lodging for retreat for twenty students	50	1,000

Category: Professional Services

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Roundtrip from Albuquerque to Santa Fe on Railrunner	6	120

Category: Honorarium

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Fee for facilitator(s) for retreat	250	250

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT: **\$1,670**

Organizations need to attend the Legislative Finance Committee Meeting to present their appropriation request. Please round the total price(s) for each line-item to the nearest whole dollar.

GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Out Queer Grads

Name of Organization

4/12/2012

Date

1,444

Total Request Amount

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.

Out Queer Grads received funds for meetings from the annual process. Out Queer Grads is requesting support from the Graduate Resource Center, LGBTQ Resource Center, Women's Resource Center as well as other campus and community partners.

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

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

Basic Description of the Appropriation Request:

Out Queer Grads is sending members of the Leadership to participate in the planning for the first annual conference put on by the Association for Jotería Arts, Activism and Scholarship. This conference is set to be held in New Mexico at UNM and there are currently no graduate students organizations from UNM on the planning committee.

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

Out Queer Grads

Name of Organization

Category: Travel - Airfare

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
three roundtrip tickets from Albuquerque to Los Angeles depart 12 july return 15 july total: \$1098 southwest airlines 70% = \$769	\$366	\$769

Category: Travel - Per Diem

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
PerDiem for three people for three days, which includes hotel stay in Downtown L.A. and some money for meals. hostels and hotel room prices range from \$35-\$100 (low end)	\$75	\$675

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

Category: Select a Category

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Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT: **\$1,444**

Organizations need to attend the Legislative Finance Committee Meeting to present their appropriation request. Please round the total price(s) for each line-item to the nearest whole dollar.

GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Political Science Graduate Student Association

Name of Organization

4/13/2012

Date

\$230.00

Total Request Amount

CONTACT INFORMATION

MSC05 3070, SSCI-2068

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- Has an account in the Student Government Accounting Office
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- 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.

Invited Guest Speaker - Dr. Christopher Mann on experimental methods for political science (~\$1150)

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:

The Graduate Student Teaching Workshop is designed to enhance graduate student teaching through topical sessions directed by different experienced teachers from the Department of Political Science and around UNM. This request is for food and small honorarium to presenters for three such workshops. The topics are titled: 1) PowerPoint to the People: Effective Presentation Skills that Promote Classroom Discussion, 2) Challenges in the Classroom #1: Gender Issues, and 3) Success Starts with Preparation: How to Develop Your Syllabus.

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

Political Science Graduate Student Association

Name of Organization

Category: Food & Refreshments

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
4 Large Pizzas from Papa Johns. \$11.00 each plus \$2.50 delivery charge = \$46.50 per event. X 3 events = 139.50	11.00	140.00

Category: Honorarium

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
\$30 honorarium for individual presenter/director of each session. X 3 events = \$90.	30.00	90.00

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT: **\$230.00**

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

GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Raza Graduate Student Association - Raza Graduation

Name of Organization

4/13/2012

Date

\$ 1.800

Total Request Amount

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ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

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- 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 total budget for Raza Graduation is \$4,840 with contributions from ENLACE, Graduate Resource Center, Office of the President, Office of the Provost and Office of Student Affairs. RGSA has received funding for other projects: CRT Teach-In, Mock Wall Campaign and RGSA Scholarships.

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

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

Basic Description of the Appropriation Request:

RGSA is requesting funds to support the annual Raza Graduation. This includes funds for programs, copying services, and entertainment, mariachi. As well this includes flowers and advertising, Daily Lobo, as well as chair covers, a one-time cost that would be a little more than a one-time rental but the chair covers can be used for future graduations. RGSA has actively been involved with Raza Graduation with volunteers and funds for many years. Raza Graduation is a free event for undergraduate and graduate students to celebrate their degrees with family and community. Contributions from across UNM keep this even free and accessible for all students

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APPROPRIATION DETAIL SHEET

Raza Graduate Student Association - Raza Graduation

Name of Organization

Category: Advertising

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Daily Lobo ads for Raza Graduation	350	350

Category: Copying Services

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Copying for Raza Graduation program	200	200

Category: Event

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Flowers for Raza Graduation	600	600

Category: Professional Services

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Fee for mariachi for Raza Graduation	400	400

Category: General Operating

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Chair covers for Raza Graduation, this is a one-time cost to buy the seat covers to distinguish rows of graduates and will be used for future graduations. The cost is a little more than	250	250

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT: **\$1,800**

Organizations need to attend the Legislative Finance Committee Meeting to present their appropriation request. Please round the total price(s) for each line-item to the nearest whole dollar.

GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Student Bar Association

Name of Organization

4/13/2012

Date

2255

Total Request Amount

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ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

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- 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.

n/a

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

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

Basic Description of the Appropriation Request:

This law program in Guanajuato, Mexico has been sponsored by UNM for more than 25 years. The goal is to allow students to learn the Mexican legal system through contact with the legislature, judges, and local lawyers and professors. Students will also be interacting with local Mexican DAs about the American legal system that Mexico is working to adopt. Students will meet with Mexican law students to learn from one another. As part of the program students visit courts, legislative buildings, and meet with local legal officials, as well as travel around the region to learn about history and how it has affected Mexico's legal system.

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APPROPRIATION DETAIL SHEET

Student Bar Association

Name of Organization

Category: Travel - Per Diem

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Program runs June 3 to July 1, 2012. We are requesting assistance to pay for as many as 2 UNM students. ex:(\$35x2studentsx25day = \$1,500)	35	\$1750

Category: Rentals

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Taxis for students from Airport in Leon, Mexico to Guanajuato and back.	80	\$160

Category: Conference Fees

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Program fee is \$700 per student (per standing rules \$100x2students)	100	\$200

Category: Educ. Supplies & Subscriptions

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Legal books for learning about the Mexican law system (Law of Indigenous People, NAFTA, Overview of Mexican Law, Comparative Law-Mexico, etc)	\$145	\$145

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT: **\$2255**

Organizations need to attend the Legislative Finance Committee Meeting to present their appropriation request. Please round the total price(s) for each line-item to the nearest whole dollar.

GPSA APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Sociology Graduate Student Association

Name of Organization

4/4/2012

Date

\$925.00

Total Request Amount

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- 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.

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:

The Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA), in conjunction with the Political Science GSA and the Public Administration GSA would like to host an event to foster more communication and collaboration among the three departments, as well as other departments on campus. While many students across campus conduct research and work in related areas, there are few opportunities for graduate student interactions outside of their own department. To this end, we would like to host a trivia night at a local restaurant, open to all graduate and professional students. The goal of the event is to serve as an informal social event in which graduate students from all departments can meet and network, and to potentially be continued as an annual event. Faculty members

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APPROPRIATION DETAIL SHEET

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Name of Organization

Category: Event

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Geeks Who Drink trivia night. Geeks Who Drink is a company which hosts trivia nights in restaurants around the United States. The company hosts often at various Albuquerque	300	300

Category: Event

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Banquet Room	175	175

Category: Event

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Equipment	50	50

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Catering costs(\$10/person)	10	400

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

Category: Select a Category

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE

TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AMOUNT: **925**

Organizations need to attend the Legislative Finance Committee Meeting to present their appropriation request.
Please round the total price(s) for each line-item to the nearest whole dollar.



SL-12-014: Bylaws Non-Substantive Changes
Submitted by Legislative Steering Committee

II.3.A. All GPSA members of or appointments to standing committees, ad hoc committees, or 212 University committees must be GPSA members.

V.2.A.7. The Council Chair may remove the Recorder **subject to University policies and procedures**. A replacement shall be considered for approval by Council at the first opportunity.

Change all occurrences of SRAC to GPSA Research Grant

Change all occurrences of ST to GPSA Professional Development Grant

Change all occurrences of GRD to New Mexico Research Grant

V.1.B.1. In addition to duties outlined in the GPSA Constitution, Representatives **serve as a link between their RDSAs, students, and chartered student organizations as sponsors of legislation and advocates in Council and the legislative and may assist with the drafting of legislation and committees.**

VI.1.A.3 All acts of the President, Council Chair, or GPSA member acting on behalf of GPSA ~~when acting in official capacity~~ and which the Court would not otherwise have original jurisdiction to hear.

VII.8.B An action of enjoinder must be presented to the LFC **for a recommendation** before it may be considered by Council.

VIII.10.B.2. On behalf of GPSA, the Elections Committee shall request that IT compile an Aggregated Elections Data Report, ~~in accordance with federal and state law and university policy~~. If IT provides this report, it shall be included in the Annual Report.



SL-12-015: Bylaws Substantive Changes
Submitted by Legislative Steering Committee

II. 2. B. Remove “Department” replace with “program”.

II. 2. B. 1. & 2., II. 2. C. 1., II. 2. D., add “program” to “department, school, or college” to read “program, department, school, or college”

Add: “II. 3. 1. No individual GPSA member shall hold more than ~~four (4)~~ **five (5)** combined ~~GPSA appointed voting positions and/or serve and vote on GPSA standing committees, ad hoc, and/or University committees. Inclusive of this rule are GPSA funding project assistantships.~~”

II. 4. C. 3. A draft copy of the minutes must be posted within six (6) academic days of the public meeting in the GPSA Office ~~in accordance with the Public Notice Requirements.~~

II. 6. A. 1. A copy of the legislation with signature lines for approval or veto will be sent in hard and electronic copy to the President’s office within one (1) academic day of the posting of the draft of the Council meeting minutes in which the legislation was passed.

Add:

“a. The Council Chair shall not forward any GPSA legislation to external recipients until it has reached final approval.

b. Final approval does not include University Counsel.”

II. 8. B. Approved amendments shall take effect ~~as soon as University Counsel approves them, unless otherwise noted, but the approved amendment language must be evaluated by the University Council’s Office relative to current University Policy, and State and Federal.~~

II. 8. C. Council Chair shall submit amendments to University Counsel within ~~three (3)~~ **five (5)** academic days from ~~final approval the meeting in which the amendments have been approved.~~

Remove: III. 2. A. & III. 3. A. 1., now in Constitution (reasons for impeachment)

III. 1. B. change “may” to “shall” (Council verification of recall petition)

Delete: IV. 1. A. 4. c. (approval of Presidential appointments in Constitution)

Insert:

V. 1. A. RDSAs are the sole determinants of Council Representatives.

1. For any RDSA, its Council representative(s) must be a graduate or professional student seeking completion of a degree or certificate in one (1) of its programs.

(note: check with Debbie Morris on degree seeking for minors)

2. The President, the Council Chair, and Court of Review Justices may not concurrently serve as Council Representatives.

3. The position of Council Representative need not be considered an officer of an RDSA.

V. 2. A. 1. The Council Chair shall produce an agenda in accordance with GPSA Bylaws and Council Standing Rules for each Council meeting. The Council Chair shall be responsible for the proper distribution of an agenda at least five (5) academic days prior to each regular Council meeting.

~~Remove:~~ V. 2. B. (education grant)

VII. 4. E. Based on the enrollment report provided by the University, indicating the number of graduate or professional students enrolled in each program, department, school, or college, SGAO will credit the relevant RDSA account on file.

VII. 8. C. The LFC Chair shall report to Council on the proposed enjoinder and the group at question shall be allotted a five (5) ~~two (2)~~ minute speaking privilege as a rebuttal.

VIII. 1. E. 2. ~~SRAC/ST~~ Grants Chairs, committee members and grant readers are ineligible to apply for any grants. ~~that they help score.~~

3. Grants Committee members must notify Grants Chairs when they apply for a grant.

4. ~~However, an~~ An SRAC reader may apply for a ST grant and vice versa.

VIII. 3.

A. Notice of all elections must be posted ~~entails at least one (1) advertisement in the Daily Lobe, no later than~~ fifteen (15) academic days prior to the election for candidates and no later than five (5) academic days prior to the election for ballot items.

~~B. A version of all notices shall be~~ sent to the GPSA electronic mailing list and posted in the GPSA office.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LSC FOR NEXT YEAR:

Develop a conflict of interest policy. Test in the standing rules until a system works One suggestion was:

“II. 5. GPSA members acting in an official capacity for GPSA, when as a result of their previous, current, or expected future other responsibilities, should disclose this information as a potential conflict of interest. ~~shall disclose the existence of a Conflict of Interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the Decision Making Body considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.~~

- ~~a. When a Conflict of Interest arises, a person the individual may announce recusal or abstain from actions that have a direct effect on the receiving body.~~
- ~~b. Representatives should try to avoid casting votes on issues that present a Conflict of Interest with their role(s) in GPSA.“~~

Look at VII. Finance Code in relation to new Finance article in Constitution.

Look at Timelines in V. 7. and V. 11. Constitution requirement could be reviewed; if shortened, it may provide more access and timeliness for legislative submissions.

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

Meeting

The LSC met on Monday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. in SUB Santa Ana A & B. At 10:07, the meeting relocated to the GPSA Office due to the SUB needing to prepare Santa Ana.

4/16: The LSC reviewed the GPSA Bylaws, especially the comments from the Constitution and Bylaws Working Group and UNM Counsel. Two lists of changes were submitted for Council consideration, substantive and nonsubstantive.

Announcements

David Medrano resigned from the LSC after the April meeting.

The LSC meeting for the May Council meeting occurred on 4/23, but a separate report will be submitted for that meeting.

LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Open Meeting
April 16, 2012
SUB Santa Ana A&B

Minutes

Called to order at 6:47 p.m.

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

Members absent: David Medrano (MSA), Megan O'Laughlin (Council Chair)

Public Addressing the Committee: Jee Hwang (Bylaws Working Group Lead)

Conflicts of Interest: None

Agenda approved without objection.

-Rush recalls motion. 3-0-1

-Rush motions to add next LSC meeting location before public comment, second. 4-0-0

-Rush motions to approve agenda as amended, second. 4-0-0

Minutes from March 19

-Rush motioned to approve with amendments, second. 4-0-0

Rush and Kidder selected to serve as recorders. Approved without objection.

Rush moved to relocate April 23 LSC meeting to SUB 1021 (GPSA Office), second. 4-0-0

Public Comment: no one

Chair Update

-Casarez mentioned annual report and asked for contributions. Kidder suggested making it part of the next LSC agenda.

BYLAWS:

Bylaws Working Group Report (Jee Hwang, WG Lead)

-Working Group recommends that Chief Justice assign tasks as needed, no Court Clerk position recommended. Attorney General position recommended for slow, detailed review, probably next year.

-Recommended careful deliberation regarding conflict of interest policy, in order to avoid vagueness but also to avoid unnecessary restrictions. Recommended using self-reporting and reprimands for checking conflicts of interest, disruptive members, and those abusing power.

-GPSA can move to electronic records for efficiency; archive should be secure. (Rush questioned the security and conduciveness to transitions. Rush also mentioned procedural concerns about submitting Council legislation to external recipients in relation to the veto timeline.)

-Hwang commended the working group members for their helpfulness, respect for one another, and insight.

-Lee asked about the reprimands for conflicts of interest. Hwang said that it was his thought, not explicitly the working group's recommendation. He felt the dynamics of the working group made it

difficult to suggest responses to this type of situation.

UNM Counsel Items

-Counsel rejected 5 items and questioned 11 items in their December report.

Previously submitted Bylaws items included in the WG report.

Constitution approved in March Council meeting was adopted by membership in general election.
Bylaws need to match Constitutional changes.

Timelines for legislation submission and processing may be reconsidered for more access by members.

Committee discussed Bylaws article by article and addressed major items. Votes occurred for items that did not reach consensus, and a vote at the end approved substantive and nonsubstantive change lists.

-Birky motioned to approve restriction of standing committee voting positions for any individual to 4, second. 2-1-1

-LSC debated alternatives for conflict of interest policies and decided against putting anything determinate in the Bylaws at this time. Council could test-run policy through the standing rules next year.

-LSC decided it was important to have a hard copy go to the President to ensure receipt of all legislation. The Bylaws do not require that it be the Council Chair who submits the hard copy, but the Council Chair is responsible for making sure it happens.

-Casarez raised issue of open call for Chief of Staff, especially if it is not a paid position. Rush announced a conflict of interest, since he is applying for Chief of Staff for next year. LSC decided not to pursue the issue at this time since there is no clearly defined position in the Constitution or Bylaws.

-LSC decided not to change "shall" to "may" about committee members being removed due to violation of standing rules, since it leaves too much to the discretion of Council Chair and Committee Chairs, and because removed representatives have the right to appeal.

-LSC recommends shorter timelines to allow more time for submissions to legislative committees, but with the current Constitutional requirement of posting Council agendas five days before Council, changing the timeline is not feasible. Next year Council should examine the Constitutional requirement and these timelines.

-New Finance article in Constitution requires that the Bylaws article be reviewed, but LSC did not have time to do this. The Finance Bylaws have been reviewed three times this year already, so the LSC recommends this Bylaws article be reviewed next year.

Meeting relocated to GPSA Office SUB 1021 at 10:08 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:17 p.m.

Committee continued reviewing the Bylaws.

-Birky motioned to approved lists of substantive and nonsubstantive changes to Council, seconded. 4-0-0

Adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Constitution & Bylaws Working Group
Final Report
April 11, 2012

Prepared by Jee Hwang, Working Group Lead

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

Comments in **Brown** are the most recent recommendations

Constitution IVSec1.C.– **insert commas between “Duties” and “Powers”, and “, and” between “Powers” and “Responsibilities”**

Comments from Judicial consultant

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.

The working group felt the duty assignments should be allocated at the discretion of the Chief Justice and that the Associate Justices should aid the CJ when possible instead of creating a clerk position. This is not to understate the importance of other court duties and the dedication of the members of the Court of Review. The group members simply ask that the Court work out some arrangement amongst the Justices to accomplish the above tasks, and to try working within the system to develop or augment existing protocols that will allow them to preserve independence.

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.

Recommend maximum of five (5) total justices (1 Chief Justice, 4 Associate Justices).

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).

The proposed changes to the constitution at Council on 3/31/12 essentially say that there will not be a Court of Review during the summer months. LSC proposals seem to have kept this section relatively unchanged from the original version.

Bylaws – create the opportunity for a member of the Judicial Branch to serve as advisor for interpreting GPSA law who does not have to hear complaints as part of Court of Review; remove the conflict of interest of a justice providing opinions prior to a case and then having to rule in a hearing

This (Attorney General proposal) was deferred to a later date by Council on 3/31/12

Bylaws (V.Section1.B.1.) – switch verb phrases around, “serve... and may assist...”

Recommend deleting the words “as a link between” so that it reads: “...and serve their RDSAs, students, and chartered...”. The original wording was a bit vague.

UNM Counsel:

-not approved (invalid):

1) Definitions: “Concurrent Interest,” “Conflict of Interest,” and “Interested Person”

Below is Section 5 from the old Bylaws doc with recommended changes. The entire section was initially rejected by UNM Counsel. Included are some notes compiled from conversations with several GPSA members about this section and conflicts of interest in Council. A definition of “Conflict of Interest” is proposed as well for the LSC’s consideration.

Section 5. Conflict of Interest

- A. ~~Purpose: The interests of those who are represented by an individual who has a Concurrent Interest should be protected when GPSA is contemplating action.~~
- B. Procedures
 - 1. ~~Duty to Disclose: An interested person~~ **GPSA members acting in an official capacity shall disclose the existence of a Conflict of Interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the Decision Making Body considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.**
 - a. When a Conflict of Interest arises, ~~a person~~ **the individual** may announce recusal or abstain from actions that have a direct effect on the receiving body.
 - b. Representatives should ~~try to~~ avoid casting votes on issues that present a Conflict of Interest with their role(s) in GPSA.

- ~~c. The Decision Making Body may take action in response to a disclosed Conflict of Interest, but this action may not restrict the rights of its members.~~
2. RDSAs are the sole determinants of Council Representatives. The GPSA must accept any RDSA appointment to Council. The Conflict of Interest Procedures cannot be used to restrict an individual's representation of an RDSA within Council or other committees.
- ~~a. Any duly recognized Council Representative may not serve as a member of the Court of Review, President, voting member of the Executive Board, or serve in any position within GPSA where monetary compensation is given other than in the Legislative Branch or as a grants reader.~~
3. Failure to Disclose
- ~~a. If any member of the Decision Making Body has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible Conflicts of Interest, that member shall inform the body of the basis for such belief. The body shall afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.~~
- ~~b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the Decision Making Body determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible Conflict of Interest, it shall decide on a course of action. The actions taken by the Decision Making Body are subject to appeal to the Court of Review.~~
- C. During the course of any meeting, if the body becomes aware of a Conflict of Interest, it shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The minutes shall contain:
1. The name(s) of the person(s) who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a Conflict of Interest;
 2. The nature of the Conflict of Interest;
 3. Any action taken to determine whether a Conflict of Interest was present;
 4. The Decision Making Body's decision, if any, as to whether a Conflict of Interest in fact existed; and
 5. Any action taken by the Decision Making Body in response to a Conflict of Interest.

Conflict of Interest/Position: a situation in which an individual's interest(s) and/or obligation(s) in one capacity (official or otherwise), are in direct conflict with those in another capacity, whereby the decisions made by the individual may be biased.

Notes:

There remains concern over Council Representatives being allowed to concurrently serve in other governmental branches; in particular, the Executive. This can pose problems in setting up a system of checks and balances which helps ensure that no one branch becomes too powerful. This 'balance of power' may be important in certain voting sessions such a Presidential impeachment. Representatives who serve on the executive board may face a *conflict of interest* if for instance, their RDSA demands impeachment, but loyalty to the President makes them inclined to vote in the contrary. While unlikely, the President could even threaten board members with retaliation, such as terminating their appointments if uncooperative (of course this would violate UNM's Student Code of Conduct). But some GPSA members were more concerned with the uncertainty of whether representatives with dual appointments would be able to act strictly in accordance with his/her legislative capacity when casting votes in Council. And should there be accountability or disciplinary actions for offenses?

Certainly, the best case scenario is to have more member involvement so as to avoid such situations, but it seems the limited interest for participation tends to create many vacancies in important positions. Representatives have been very gracious in helping to fill these gaps so that GPSA can continue to function. At present, GPSA does have in place a system of checks and balance to help prevent problematic appointments. For instance, all Executive Standing Committee Chair appointments require Council approval (II.Sec.1.A9). Therefore, Council has the ability to block any appointment that could be problematic.

Comment [J1]: "Position" is included here for completion.

Comment [J2]: This is meant to include personal interest.

Comment [J3]: So this shouldn't apply to the more incidental or mild cases.

Also, the President has the power and obligation to discharge any member of the executive board whom may be violating the trust and confidence of the GPSA membership [IV.Sec.1.6 and 10], and university policy on student conduct provides an additional layer of protection.

Council Representatives however, are obliged to exercise good judgment and should be aware of the concerns raised by other members. Personally, I believe Representatives should be held accountable for engaging in wanton acts or malfeasance. Section 5 (above) with the recommended changes, however, is a compromise between strong preemptive action and mild complacency. Section 5.B3 has been crossed-out because it seems further deliberation would be needed before attempting to specify any type of sanction against a council member. I have observed many Representatives who voluntarily disclose potential conflicts of interest and cast abstentions even though there are no legal stipulations requiring them to do so. Such decisions demonstrate integrity and honor, and set a good example for inexperienced members, but again, the aforementioned concerns of GPSA members should not be dismissed. Perhaps a combination of actively encouraging good conduct and mild legal sanctions would prove more effective than any one approach.

Additional comments/recommendations from GPSA public

Bylaws Article II. Section 3. I. (insert): To aid the importance of member inclusion, investing in leadership, minimizing group think. Also assists with innate conflicts of interest with members serving in multiple positions in multiple branches.

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

Recommend rejecting above amendment.

Bylaws Article II. Section 6. E. The GPSA submits to Student Activities, who then submits to University Counsel. Also, the Chair submits to the President, who then has (5) academic days to review and veto, and then the Chair needs the same time frame to resubmit veto to Council or THEN submit approved changes to University Counsel.

The working group could not obtain the information necessary to determine whether extending the time limit from three (3) academic days to five (5) academic days is warranted. With more information, it is difficult to tell whether “giving notice of the veto in accordance with TPNR” requires as much time as it would take to “review and veto”.