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GPSA Executive Board Agenda
Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6:00pm
Student Union Building – Cherry/Silver Room

Heather BERGHMANS, Allison BLOCK, Sarah COFFEY, Berenice GRIJALVA, Japji HUNDAL, Megan O'LAUGHLIN, Nas MANOLE, Travis McINTYRE, Megan McROBERT, Meer NOOR, Dan PARKER, Saliha QASEMI, Katie RICHARDSON, Anthony SALVAGNO, Gino SIGNORACCI;

Guests: Joseph DWORAK, Michael VIRELLI

1. Call To Order
2. Approve Agenda (Block motioned, Japji 2nd) passes unanimously
3. Approve September 13 Minutes (Dan motioned, Japji 2nd)
4. President's Report
 - Meeting with Schmidly – issues concerning funding for grad students
 - Schmidly Supports united way campaign to contribute to fund for grad completion scholarship; wants to give \$100k each year for the next 5 years
 - UNM foundation willing to support effort
 - Interested in providing more financial support for GP students; private funds from Intel, etc; specific like fellowships, assistantships – What are most pressing?
 - Fellowship that leads to job
 - Research assistantship (independent or with faculty)
 - Spread out funds for smaller things or for one large/person – small or large amount
 - Smaller amount that gives opportunity for all students
 - Katie to move forward to suggest creating more work fellowships that lead to jobs and fund for scholarships; she will write something up
 - Funds do not go into GPSA accounts
5. Council Chair Report
 - Resolution for white papers on the website space – discussed in council
 - Tabled indefinitely; because it's not something council should be acting on
 - Katie would like to put white papers on the website
 - Travis motion, Sarah 2nd; Anthony abstains
 - Megan – label as executive
 - Travis – don't label executive if council indifferent
 - Resolution – gpsa refer and approve
 - Schmidly would support it

- Add a GPSA rep rather than terminating someone
- Interdisciplinary degree program – passed unanimously
- Bylaws went through with substantial changes from ABC
 - Substituted
 - Are there bylaws for the entire constitution
 - Bylaws do not come into affect until UNM legal approve/review for consistency
 - Megan going to clarify the rules

Recess

- Elected committee chair
 - Corbin as steering chair
 - Joe is finance chair
 - Introduced self – electronic appropriations application; submission 2 weeks before council meeting & won't be required to go to meeting
 - Saliha – gpsa website has infrastructure for appropriations form
 - All resolutions and financial requests go through the two committees
- Working with Meer on the website

6. New Business (action items in bold)

a. **Executive Board Response to GPSA Bylaws passed 24 September 2011**

- Council members cannot sit on e-board
 - Separation of powers
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5 minute recess

proceed to 7e then return to 6a

- Doing joint event; haven't gotten in contact with ASUNM committee
- Art show in the works
- Pool hall thing
- Oct 7 meeting w/student support & advocacy
 - 1 kickoff event
- town hall event

back to e-board response to Bylaws

- will people be able to get grants for research
- travis – response in editorial in Daily Lobo
 - vote saying we don't trust grad students to have chosen the right representative
 - vote of a lack of trust
- megan m – how to proceed? Once we proceed do we agree with it?
 - Court of review is really important?
 - Is this constitutional?
 - Work with media for both negative and positive
- Katie – will draft and ask for opinion with the court of review
 - Work with media
 - Need to make distinction of what council and executive do
 - I'm not sure if council has authority to decide who RDSA select

- Exec spend so much time working with students, most-informed, experienced on council
- Japji – Made a motion how to proceed with the adopted GPSA bylaws? How the process was initiated and worked about for the bylaws; amendments, legal? The processes should also examine any inconsistency within the document?
 - motion to send to court of review, coffey 2nd
 - Heather amend to also check with conflict RDSA constitution and GPSA
 - Japji 2nd - passes
 - Motion with amendment – passed unanimously, no abstentions
 - Editorial is important
 - Make sure this is about separation; future impact
 - Coffey – need to appeal to the media for transparency
 - Megan – media should not be used for mudslinging
 - Saliha – several reps who were not at meeting disagreed with the spirit of the approval of the bylaws
 - Coffey – there was a lack of understanding from the reps
 - Japji – special election – take issue to the student body
 - Elections just administers elections
 - Megan M – any gpsa member can bring forward something for special election
 - Roberts rules outline procedures for recalling votes

Motion to add meers report

Coffey moved; japji 2nd

7:17pm

7. Standing Committee Reports (members, goals, progress)
 - a. Elections - Nas Manole
 - i. Lost member, had quorum at meeting
 - ii. Monthly meetings have been a problem
 - b. Finance; Projects - Heather Berghmans
 - i. Committee may be dead under new constitution
 - ii. Can ask court of review for an advisory opinion
 - iii. Does projects have money?
 1. Megan - Accounting needs something from GPSA with current procedure
 2. Figure something out – budget revision process
 3. Right now sharing \$ with SSA
 4. Katie - Finance – united way charter to create scholarship fund administered by GPSA; makes sense to have Finance committee administer with members and faculty; runs like grants
 5. Japji – executive fund should stay in executive fund and not in general fund; presidential oversight; Saliha agrees
 - iv. Meeting Oct 3 or 10 to look at rules and new bylaws
 - c. Grants - Saliha Qasemi
 - i. See attachment

- d. Lobby - Allison Block
- e. Programs - Dan Parker
- 8. Ad Hoc Committee Reports (members, goals, progress)
 - a. Student Support & Advocacy - Megan McRobert
 - b. Assistantships, Benefits & Funding - Gino Signoracci
 - c. Equity & Outreach - Berenice Grijalva
 - d. Media & Transparency - Anthony Salvagno
 - e. Tuition & Fees - Sarah Coffey
 - f. Meer
 - g.
- 9. Announcements
- 10. Adjourn at 8:13