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GPSA @ UNM

Graduate And Professional Student Association

GPSA Council meeting
January 30, 2010 – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Student Union Building – Lobo A (3rd floor)

- I. Roll Call
Please sign in and pick up your name plate and voting record sheet
NOTE: No proxies or credentials can be accepted after the meeting is called to order.
- II. Approval of the agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. from December 5, 2009 meeting – attached
- IV. Spring meeting dates
February 20, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Domenici Ed. Building – rm 3010
March 13, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Domenici Ed. Building – rm 3010
April 3, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Domenici Ed. Building – rm 3010
May 1, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Domenici Ed. Building – rm 3010
- V. Gallery & Media/Guest Speakers
- VI. Discussion Items
 - a. Special Election Report
 - b. Finance Chair Report – (to explain what we have available for funding requests to follow)
 - c. SFRB update
 - d. Grants Code update
- VII. Action Items
 - a. LGBTQ Resource Center Resolution – attached
 - b. Domestic Partnership Resolution – attached
 - c. On Line Grants Conversion Funding Request – attached
 - d. New GPSA Office Printer Funding Request – attached
 - e. Office Lock Change Funding Request – attached
 - f. Recording SFRB meetings funding requests – attached
- VIII. Information Items
 - a. Officer Reports
 - i. GPSA Council Chair
 - ii. GPSA President
 - b. Standing Committee Reports
 - i. Grants
 - ii. Judiciary
 - iii. Lobby - In-progress legislative session update
 - iv. Projects
 - c. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
- IX. Representative Announcements
- X. Adjourn

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December 5, 2009
Domenici Education Building, Room 3010

Meeting was called to order at 11:00.
A quorum was reached.

- I. **In attendance were:** Katie Garcia (Anderson School of Management), Sean Donnelly (Anderson School of Management), Chessa Scullin (Biomedical Sciences), Brandi Lawless (Communication and Journalism), Carmen Halstead (English), Jeremy Fransen (HESS), Robyn Lubisco (HESS), Scott Crago (History), Daniele Miesem (IFCE), Michael Verrilli (IFCE), Anne Meyers (Law), Frank Tellez (LLSS), Sid Solano (Physics and Astronomy), Patricia Roybal Caballero (Public Administration), Billy Ulibarri (Sociology), Desi Brown (American Studies), Kathrin Spendier (Physics and Astronomy), Ashley Amparan (Anderson School of Management), Japji Hundai (Anderson School of Management), Lucy Grannell (History), Vangee Nez (LLSS), Lissa Knudsen (Communication and Journalism, GPSA President) and Danny Hernandez (GPSA Council Chair).

II. Approval of the agenda

Robyn Lubisco moved to approve the agenda.

Michael Verrilli seconded the motion.

Sid Solano wants to move items I to F, J to G. No objections were made.

Chessa Scullin reminds the Chair that the item regarding stipends for chairs should have been on agenda.

Vote #1- approve agenda with changes- **15 in favor/0 against/0 abstentions**

III. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes from November 14, 2009 meeting

Desi Brown moved to approve the minutes from from November 14, 2009 meeting.

Frank Tellez seconded the motion.

Vote #2 to approve November 14, 2009 minutes **passed, 15/0/0**

b. Notes from November 23, 2009 meeting

Desi Brown noted that he is incorrectly not listed as having been in attendance.

Daniele Miesem moved to approve minutes with changes.

Anne Meyers seconded the motion.

Vote #3 to approve minutes from November 23, 2009 meeting **passed, 15/0/1.**

IV. Upcoming meeting dates

January 30, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; location TBA

V. Gallery & Media/Guest Speakers

- a. Dan Young- RSLP, UNM 11:08 to 11:12
- b. Travis McKenzie- CLPS, RSLP – 11:12 to 11:15
- c. Alejandro Mendiaz- El Centro – 11:16 to 11: 19
- d. Doug Fields- President of Faculty Senate- 11:20 to 11:26
- e. Tullivan Begay- RSLP, UNM- 11:27 – 11:31
- f. Lee Pfeiffer – UNM Counsel 11:31- 11:35
- g. Nick Geyer – sports admin and athlete 11:35 – 11:45
- h. Mary Clark- speaker for staff council (for Elijah Young)- 11:45-11:48
- i. Lissa Knudsen for Loyola Chastain 11:49 – 11:52

VI. Discussion Items

- a. Requirements for special election – Elections Chair Sid Solano spoke from 11:52 – 11:55.

VII. Action Items

a. Student Fee Review Board (SFRB) Resolution

Patricia Roybal Caballero moved to pass SFRB resolution which reads, “Be it resolved to place on the ballot of a GPSA Special Election to be held as soon as practicable: ‘The GPSA calls on the Student Fee Review Board to place UNM Athletics on probation and recommend that funding be reallocated to programs that are consistent with the mission of the university.’”

Desi Brown seconded the motion.

Anne Meyers moved to table this item.

Robyn Lubisco seconded the motion.

Vote #4 to table item the SFRB Resolution **failed, 4/11/2.**

Chessa Scullin moved to amend the SFRB Resolution to read, “Be it resolved to place on the ballot of a GPSA Special Election to be held as soon as practicable: ‘The GPSA calls on the Student Fee Review Board to call for accountability and transparency of the UNM Athletics and recommend the funding be reprioritized to academic programs that are consistent with the mission of the university.’”

Desi Brown moved to amend the SFRB Resolution further to add, “GPSA recommends that the specific use of SFRB money be clearly defined in all future athletics department budgets.”

Patricia Roybal Caballero seconded the motion.

Vote #6 to amend the SFRB resolution passed, **12/3/1.**

Vote #7 to amend the SFRB Resolution to read, “Be it resolved to place on the ballot of a GPSA Special Election to be held as soon as practicable: ‘The GPSA calls on the Student Fee Review Board to call for accountability and transparency of the UNM Athletics and recommend the funding be reprioritized to academic programs that are consistent with the mission of the university. GPSA recommends that the specific use of SFRB money be clearly defined in all future athletics department budgets.’” **passed, 10/3/3.**

Vote #8 to approve the SFRB Resolution as amended **passed, 10/4/3.**

Sid Solano moved to suspend normal speaking rules for 15 minutes.

Sean Donnelly seconded the motion.

Vote #9 to suspend normal speaking rules for 15 minutes **passed, 15/1/1.**

Normal speaking rules were suspended from 12:38 to 12:53.

At 12:53, normal speaking rules were reinstated.

b. No Confidence in Athletics Resolution

Desi Brown moved to approve the No Confidence in Athletics Resolution which reads, "Be it resolved to place on the ballot of a GPSA Special Election to be held as soon as practicable: 'The members of the GPSA have no confidence in UNM Athletics Department Senior Vice President Paul Krebs for his handling of the September 20, 2009 Locksley/Gerald incident.'" Brandi Lawless seconded the motion.

Brandi Lawless moved to amend the No Confidence in Athletics Resolution into two parts to read:

"Be it resolved to place on the ballot of a GPSA Special Election to be held as soon as practicable: 'The members of the GPSA have no confidence in UNM Athletics Department Senior Vice President Paul Krebs' handling of the September 20, 2009 Locksley/Gerald incident.'

"Be it resolved to place on the ballot of a GPSA Special Election to be held as soon as practicable: 'Members of GPSA have no confidence in Paul Krebs.'" Carmen Halstead seconded the motion.

Vote #9 to amend the No Confidence in Athletics Resolution into two parts **passed, 15/2/3.**

Sid Solano moved to divide the question in order to vote separately on each part of the No Confidence in Athletics Resolution.

Desi Brown seconded the motion.

Vote #10 to divide question passed, **15/2/3.**

Vote #11 to approve the No Confidence in Athletics Resolution part one which reads, "Be it resolved to place on the ballot of a GPSA Special Election to be held as soon as practicable: 'The members of the GPSA have no confidence in UNM Athletics Department Senior Vice President Paul Krebs' handling of the September 20, 2009 Locksley/Gerald incident.'" Item **passed, 11/3/6.**

Daniele Miesem moved to amend the No Confidence in Athletics Resolution part two to read, "Be it resolved to place on the ballot of a GPSA Special Election to be held as soon as practicable: 'Members of GPSA have no confidence in Senior Vice President Paul Krebs' leadership of the athletics department.'" Desi Brown seconded the motion.

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Vote #12 to amend the No Confidence in Athletics Resolution part two **passed, 9/5/4.**

Vote #13 to approve the No Confidence in Athletics Resolution part two as amended **passed, 10/8/2.**

Sean Donnelly moved to extend session by 20 minutes.

Patricia Roybal Caballero seconded the motion.

Vote #14 to extend meeting by 20 minutes **passed, 11/7/0.**

c. Human Resources Resolution

Brandi Lawless moved to pass the Human Resources Resolution which reads, "Be it resolved to place on the ballot of a GPSA Special Election to be held as soon as practicable: 'The members of the Graduate and Professional Students Association have no confidence in Human Resources Vice President Helen Gonzales for her handling of the September 20, 2009 Locksley/Gerald incident.'"

Motion died for lack of a second.

Chessa Scullin moved to amend the Human Resources resolution to read: "Be it resolved to place on the ballot of a GPSA Special Election to be held as soon as practicable: 'The members of the Graduate and Professional Students Association have no confidence in Human Resources for the handling of the September 20, 2009 Locksley/Gerald incident.'"

Lucy Grannell seconded the motion.

Michael Verrilli moved to divide the Human Resources resolution into two parts.

Patricia Roybal Caballero seconded the motion.

Robyn Lubisco moved to postpone indefinitely the vote on amending the Human Resources resolution into two parts.

Frank Tellez seconded the motion.

Vote #15 to postpone indefinitely the vote to divide the Human Resources resolution into two parts **passed, 11/3/4**

Sid Solano moved to table discussion regarding the amendment of the Human Resources resolution indefinitely.

Robyn Lubisco seconded the motion.

Vote #16 to postpone discussion indefinitely **tied, 10/10.**

Council Chair broke the tie, and the motion **failed, 10/11.**

Sid Solano moved for a 5 minutes recess.

Kathrin Spendier seconded the motion.

Chessa Scullin moved to adjourn 20 minutes after returning from the 5 minute recess.

Carmen Halstead seconded the motion.

Vote #17 to reconvene at 2:21 **tied at 10/10.**

Council Chair voted to reconvene at 2:21; motion **passed 11/10.**

Vote #18 for a 5 minute recess **passed, 14/5/1.**

Session reconvened at 2:21.

Chessa Scullin moved to defer discussion on the Human Resources Resolution until after the Resolution to Call for an Independent Investigation.

Sean Donnelly seconded the motion.

Vote #19 to defer discussion on the Human Resources resolution item until after the Resolution to Call for an Independent Investigation **passed, 15/0/1.**

d. Resolution to Call for an Independent Investigation

Carmen Halstead moved to place on the ballot of a GPSA Special Election to be held as soon as practicable: "The members of the Graduate and Professional Students Association call upon the UNM Board of Regents to launch an independent, third-party investigation into the UNM Administration's and UNM Athletics Department's handling of the September 20, 2009 Locksley / Gerald incident."

Chessa Scullin seconded the motion.

Vote #20 to place the Call for an Independent Investigation on the ballot as written **passed, 13/3/3.**

The Human Resources amendment was taken out of deferment.

Carmen Halstead moved to defer Human Resources amendment until next regularly scheduled meeting.

Sid Solano seconded the motion.

Chessa Scullin moved to move the resolution to fund special election advertisements and the resolution to fund the videotaping of SFRB before a vote on deferment of the Human Resources amendment.

Carmen Halstead seconded the motion.

Vote #21 to move the resolutions regarding funding for special election advertisements, and funding for videotaping of SFRB **passed, 15/2/2.**

e. Resolution to fund advertising for the GPSA special election for an amount not to exceed \$880.00.

Chessa moved to fund advertising for the GPSA special election for an amount not to exceed \$880.00.

Patricia Roybal Caballero seconded the motion.

Vote #22 to fund advertising for the GPSA special election **passed, 17/2/0.**

f. Resolution to Fund SFRB Videotaping

Patricia Roybal Caballero moved to fund SFRB video recording for an amount not to exceed \$3060.

Chessa Scullin seconded the motion.

Chessa Scullin moved to extend meeting by 5 minutes.

Sean Donnelly seconded the motion.

Vote #23 to extend meeting by 5 minutes **failed, 9/10/0.**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:42.

MEMO

To: Danny Hernandez, GPSA Council Chair

From: Brendan Picker, GPSA Programs Chair (bpicker@unm.edu), Lissa Knudsen, GPSA President (gpsapres@unm.edu), Jordon Johnson Equity and Inclusion committee Chair (jordon@unm.edu), and Katie Richardson-McDaniel (richardson.mcdaniel@gmail.com)

Re: **LGBTQ Resource Center Resolution**

Date: 11/9/09

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Whereas, peer institutions have similar centers and institutes dedicated to the LGBTQ community, including UC Denver, UC Boulder, University of Arizona, and UT Austin.

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Be it resolved, the Graduate and Professional Student Association recommend that University of New Mexico provide a dedicated space on campus, preferably within the ethnic centers area in the student activities center, for the creation of an LGBTQ Resource Center.

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From: Brendan Picker, GPSA member, bpicker@unm.edu, (505)453-4835

Date: 11/25/09

Re: Domestic Partnership Resolution

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Whereas the 8.8 million² LGBTQ people in the United States deserve to be treated with dignity, respect and to have equal protection of the laws;

Whereas there is a significant LGBTQ community (including but not limited to those who are members of the UNM student organization QSA-Queer Straight alliance) who are also Graduate and Professional students enrolled at UNM;

Whereas the absence of domestic partnership and the subsequent anti-LGBTQQ discrimination serves as a barrier to obtaining academic goals for LGBTQQ students;

Be it resolved, the Graduate and Professional Student Association recommend that the University of New Mexico support Domestic Partnership legislation in the state of New Mexico.

Be it resolved, the GPSA recommends that the University of New Mexico take every opportunity to support and encourage Domestic Partnership legal protections in the state of New Mexico.

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Be it resolved, the GPSA will serve as an ally with local community and organizations across the state to advocate such legislation.

1) <http://www.law.ucla.edu/williamsinstitute/publications/USCensusSnapshot.pdf>

2) <http://www.law.ucla.edu/williamsinstitute/publications/SameSexCouplesandGLBpopACS.pdf>

MEMO

Date: November 25, 2009
To: Danny Hernandez, GPSA Council Chair
Contacts: Katie Richardson-McDaniel unmgpsagrants@gmail.com 505-720-6391
Travis B. McIntyre

If money is appropriated to create an online application system for the GRD, SRAC and ST grants, then

- 1) The grants will be more accessible to non-traditional students who would have more difficulty getting a paper application to the GPSA office in the SUB.
- 2) It will be easier for applicants to get letters of recommendation from their world-wide colleagues if paper letters do not have to be mailed.
- 3) The GPSA will appear more professional for having an online interface. The grants process is the most public face of the GPSA, where we interact with the most of our constituents. We have over three hundred applicants every year and coordinate approximately one hundred application readers.
- 4) Applicants will have the opportunity to practice writing online applications as the majority of professional grant applications now use an online system. This serves the mission of the GPSA grants in providing experience to our members to help us prepare for our careers.
- 5) The environmental impact of the printed applications and score sheets will be eliminated.
- 6) We will save money in the grants budget each year on supplies. This money can be redirected to award more grants.
- 7) A more diverse set of readers will be available to score the now electronic applications via a connected database.
- 8) Grant chairs will be freed from the paper shuffling that takes at least half of their time and effort. This time can instead be redirected to making the grants available to all students by advertising and providing workshops to traditionally under-represented GPSA departments at UNM.
- 9) Online submission will mean that it will be easier to enforce the 12pm deadline and make the process fair for everyone.
- 10) Online submission will also automatically create anonymous proposals, budgets and cover sheets. No more applicants would have their applications rejected because of this fatal error, although it is a frequent problem now.

This will be a one-time expense and the benefits of the online system to the GPSA and its membership will be perpetual. The appropriated money will be used to

- Create an online submission form where applicants can enter their cover sheet information, proposals, budgets and letters of recommendation into a secure database.
- Organize the database of applications with automatically numbered applications. Applications could be anonymously assigned to readers. Readers will be able to score the online submissions electronically and enter their scores into the database.

Recommend: Council appropriate up to \$15,000 to make a professional online grants application system.

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Whereas the 8.8 million² LGBTQ people in the United States deserve to be treated with dignity, respect and to have equal protection of the laws;

Whereas there is a significant LGBTQ community (including but not limited to those who are members of the UNM student organization QSA-Queer Straight alliance) who are also Graduate and Professional students enrolled at UNM;

Whereas the absence of domestic partnership and the subsequent anti-LGBTQQ discrimination serves as a barrier to obtaining academic goals for LGBTQQ students;

Be it resolved, the Graduate and Professional Student Association recommend that the University of New Mexico support Domestic Partnership legislation in the state of New Mexico.

Be it resolved, the GPSA recommends that the University of New Mexico take every opportunity to support and encourage Domestic Partnership legal protections in the state of New Mexico.

Be it resolved, the GPSA president and GPSA Council Chair will convey to university leadership, including the Board of Regents that graduate students are in support of domestic partnerships.

Be it resolved, the GPSA will serve as an ally with local community and organizations across the state to advocate such legislation.

1) <http://www.law.ucla.edu/williamsinstitute/publications/USCensusSnapshot.pdf>

2) <http://www.law.ucla.edu/williamsinstitute/publications/SameSexCouplesandGLBpopACS.pdf>

MEMORANDUM

January 22, 2010

To: Danny Hernandez, GPSA Council Chair

From: Brendan Picker, Project Assistant
Sean Donnelly, Finance Committee Chair

Date: January 21, 2010

Re: Re-keying of GPSA office doors

After receiving a list of everyone who has key access to the GPSA office, room 1021 in the lower SUB, it was discovered that numerous people have access to the space, including past presidents and council chairs who are not currently involved with GPSA. The office has four doors, one exterior and three interior. The master key, which has access to all of the doors, is currently leased to eight people. In order to keep the office, and all of the documents, files and other materials secure, it is recommended that the locks on all four doors be changed and the process for key access be revisited. Only those with direct and current involvement with GPSA should be allowed to have key access to the office.

Lock Change Resolution

Whereas the GPSA offices have three interior doors and one exterior door,

Whereas numerous people, some of whom are no longer associated with GPSA, still have key access to the GPSA office doors. (List provided),

Whereas the security of the offices, including documents, files and other potentially sensitive materials is of importance to GPSA members and staff,

Whereas it is estimated that it would cost \$124.54 and take two days to get the locks re-keyed,

Be it Resolved that GPSA allocate funds from the General Fund to pay for the re-keying of all GPSA office doors.

MEMO

To: Danny Hernandez, GPSA Council Chair

From: Japji Hundal, Technology Committee Chair, japjihundal1@gmail.com, 440-3837

Date: 11/23/09

Re: new printer for GPSA office

The Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) needs a new printer to facilitate the working of the GPSA office much better and provide support to graduate and professional students in terms of printing. Over the course of the semester this need is going to grow, since the university is starting to charge graduate and professional students for printouts at the pods. Due to this we foresee a major flow of traffic into the GPSA office. Since one of the main objectives of GPSA is to provide support to graduate and professional students, this will not be possible with the printer and accessories that GPSA has to offer at this time. There is an urgent need to upgrade to a better printer and have accessories that support the ongoing operations and continue to support students over the next two to three years.

The present printer at GPSA is a used printer; it has already lived its life expectancy. One of the main causes of concern with the printer is the regular paper jams that take place, thereby not allowing users to finish a print job. The main reason for this is since the printer is old the roller drum is worn out and after a period of time, the printer gets heated causing a paper jam.

GPSA has done its best in maintaining responsible printing atmosphere for the graduate and professional students. All documents are printed double sided as set by default user settings. Each user is restricted to print 10 pages for a single print job. Students are encouraged to rotate the print jobs at peak hours.

There is a lot of emphasis at the graduate level for printing to be done since most graduate students are involved in research, writing thesis dissertation. Apart from this the need to keep up to date with the competitive market graduate and professional students to read and refer lot of reading materiel and many times this needs to be printed as a reference.

For these reasons, the Technology Committee is asking for a re-appropriation of funds to pay for a new heavy-duty printer for the GPSA office computer pod and all the necessary supplies to last at least one year. See attached for a break down of these costs.

Budget for GPSA Office Printer

Item	cost
printer	3,500
cartridges for 1 yr.	1,000
paper	1,000
cables	200
total	\$5,700

MEMO

To: Danny Hernandez, GPSA Council Chair

From: Lissa Knudsen, GPSA President, unmgpsa@gmail.com, (505) 350-9730

Date: 11/25/09

Re: Student Fee Review Board Recording and Posting Appropriation Request

The Student Fee Review Board makes recommendations about \$9.2 Million in student fees. In order to support the openness and transparency of the student fee review board process I ask the GPSA Council to appropriate \$2,837.50 to retroactively cover the costs of obtaining digital recordings and having them posted on-line (on the GPSA website).

SFRB Hearing, Town Hall, and Deliberation Schedule

Hearings	January 22, 2010 12:00pm-5:00pm
Hearings	January 23, 2010 9:00am-5:00pm
Hearings	January 24, 2010 9:00am-3:00pm
Town Hall	January 26, 2010 3:30-5:00pm
Town Hall	January 27, 2010 11:30-12:45pm
Town Hall	January 28, 2010 4:30-6:00pm
Deliberations	Friday February 5, 2010 5:00pm-9:00pm
Deliberations	Saturday February 6, 2010 8:00am-until done with a 3:00-6:00pm recess

The New Mexico Open Meetings Act states, "All meetings of any public body except the legislature and the courts shall be public meetings, and all persons desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings. Reasonable efforts shall be made to accommodate the use of audio and video recording devices."

(<http://www.nmag.gov/pdf/AGO%20OMA%20Guide.pdf>, 2008, p. 2).

By video recording the hearings, town halls, and deliberations we will make the process available for anyone to observe. This will result in above board decision making, and a better understanding of the process. This will ensure that those that pay student fees have an ability to observe how decisions are made. As SFRB Chair, I will also approach ASUNM for ½ half of the production and posting costs. In the event that they do not make an appropriation, and because I believe so firmly in making this process open, transparent, and available to the public, I will pay for half of the costs out of my own pocket (\$1,418.75) and ask GPSA Council to fund the other half of this request.

SFRB Video Recording Budget

For SFRB Hearings (Jan. 22, 12-5PM; Jan. 23 9-5PM; Jan 24 9-3PM)

-18 hours of Graduate Student Production times \$50/hour = \$900.00

For SFRB Town Halls (Jan. 26, 11:30-12:45PM; Jan. 27, 4:30-6PM)

-2.75 hours of Graduate Student Production times \$50/hour=\$137.50

For SFRB Deliberations (Fri. Feb. 5th, 2010 5-10PM; Sat. Feb. 6th, 2010 8AM-finished with a 3 hour recess from 3-6PM)

-13 hours of UNM ITV Production times \$90/hour = \$1,170.00

-Weblinks for 18 two hour tapes times \$35 a link =\$630.00

Total requested: \$2,837.50