

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO  
SENATE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE**

The Senate Graduate and Professional Committee met on Thursday, September 4, 2014, in Scholes Hall, Roberts Room.

**Members Present:** \*Robben Baca, Ranjit Bose, \*Julie Coonrod, \*James Fowlkes (alternate for \*Monica Orozco), \*Debby Knotts (alternate for \*Monica Orozco), Nikki Jernigan, Texana Martin, Agustin Leon-Moreta, Judy Liesveld, \*Tim Lowery, Jennifer Thacher (acting chair), and Wayne Thorpe

**Members Excused:** Pamela Hall (alternate for Ning Yan Gu), Andrea Polli and Mindy Tinkle (chair)

**Members Absent:** Katya Crawford, Cassiano de Oliveira, \*Alex Gonzalez, \*Greg Heileman, and Wei Wang

(\* Indicates non-voting member)

**Approval of Agenda:**

Ranjit Bose moved approval of the September 4, 2014 agenda. Nikki Jernigan seconded the motion; the agenda was approved.

**Minutes:**

Bose moved approval of the April 3, 2014 minutes. Agustin Leon-Moreta seconded the motion; the minutes were approved.

**Sub-Committee Memberships:**

Chair Thacher described the various sub-committees and the need for members to join at least one. The committee will consider the roles of each sub-committee and send their preference to Robben Baca via email.

**Reports:**

**GPSA:**

Texana Martin reported that the GPSA Grants will accept applications beginning Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Applications for the Student Regent position are currently being accepted through September 26<sup>th</sup>. ASUNM & GPSA will each select 7-10 names as finalists.

Welcome Back event will be held September 12<sup>th</sup>, 4-6:00pm at Hodgin Hall. All resources centers are welcome to have a table at the event to highlight services; contact Martin ([gpsapres@unm.edu](mailto:gpsapres@unm.edu)) to make arrangements for a table.

FAFSA requirements for need-based awards (Graduate Scholarship Fund) often disqualifies an applicant when there are extenuating circumstances. Martin advised the committee to have their student expand in their letter of interest why their situation is an exception.

**Graduate Studies:**

Dean Coonrod summarized a communication email she sent to all faculty (original email attached for reference).

Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs are making slight changes to how they are managed.

- Water Resources has moved under Graduate Studies
- Graduate Dean serves on the steering committee for Nanoscience & Microsystems Engineering
- Master of Public Policy proposal is moving forward to state reviews

**New Business:**

Thacher explained a concern in how Amigo Scholarships are awarded. Some programs have an application deadline that is beyond that of the scholarship and so some students are not given the opportunity. Coonrod suggested the issue be brought to Janine Pacheco in the Global Education Office and also explained that programs that this impacts could change their application deadline or have one for international and one for domestic applicants.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.