*SFRB Executive Summary 2022-20223*

*Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)*

As *The* Graduate and Professional Student Organization at the University of New Mexico, GPSA serves an important role in advocating for issues and serving as an advisor to students in academic and extracurricular endeavors. GPSA was established in 1969, and has since been working with students, administration, government, and support organizations on campus to provide students with the resources they need in order to accomplish their academic goals, and have fun while doing it!

**Student Success:**

In order to accomplish this goal GPSA offers numerous opportunities to students:

* Over $164,000 in research and travel support given out directly to students: *$500 Student Research Grant, $500 Professional Development Grant, $1000 Graduate Scholarship Fund, $3000-5000 New Mexico Research Grant*
* Student leadership and representation: *GPSA Council, Student Fee Review Board, UNM Board of Regents Advisor, University Committees, Faculty Searches, NM State Legislature, etc.*
* Student organization funding through Appropriations and Annual Budgets
* Graduate student computer lab and FREE printing
* Advocating for students on tuition and fees
* And numerous Standing Committees: *Grants, Finance, Student Support & Advocacy, Lobby, Programs, Elections*

**Collaboration:** GPSA continually partners with numerous organization within UNM such as the Student Activities Center, Student Government Accounting Office, African American Student Services, American Indian Student Services, El Centro de la Raza, LGBTQ Resource Center, Women’s Resource Center, Student Health and Counseling, Information Technologies, Center for Academic Program Support, and many more. GPSA also sits on advisory boards for many organizations in order to give input on students’ needs and offer improvements to programs.

**Funding:** GPSA will continue to use student fees in in the amount of $25/student to fund chartered student organizations on campus through appropriations and budgets, offer student grants, staff the GPSA office, continue offering free printing, and provide support for student issues on campus. By supporting GPSA with student fees, we are able to better advocate for student throughout the calendar year, not just when classes are in session. As GPSA does not receive any outside or departmental funding, the direct funding through student fees allows us the financial support and stability to advocate on behalf of student at UNM. However, GPSA does continually seek outside funding and collaboration with other UNM organizations, as well as the NM state legislature, which have established endowments for GPSA Grants.

**Funding Changes:**

*At this time, GPSA is NOT requesting a funding increase.*