



GPSA Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 23, 2022

10:00am in person for voting purposes,

Zoom ID: 645 251 0377, Password: 4ATczX

I. Roll Call and Acknowledgement

- a. **Roll Call** was made by standing in Council Chair Henkel by way of attendance sign in sheet. Attendees in order of signatures on sign in sheet: Grant Block (Physics & Astronomy), Soumyodipta Karmakar (Physics & Astronomy), Miriam Sargent-Shearin (EMBA), Matt Gogel (EMBA), Nana Kwame Osei Furdjour (Communication & Journalism), Marie von Haas (History), Victoria Pena-Parr (Spanish & Portuguese), Rebekah Gridley (COEHS), Shaikh Ahmad (GPSA President 2022-2023), Ansely Emeanuwa (Council Chair Candidate), Jarrod Ronquillo (Council Chair Candidate), David Saavedra (GPSA President 2021-2022), Andrea Benites (GPSA Elections), Wilfred Padmore Osei (GPSA Policy Chair), Alex Henkel (COEHS), Maya Allen (Biology), Nicole Reyna (Psychology), Aaron Cowan (OILS), and Ryan Lindquist (Director of Student Activities). There was a total of 19 people present at this meeting.
- b. **Confirmation of Quorum** was made at 10:10am with the following RDSAs: Grant Block (Physics & Astronomy), Soumyodipta Karmakar (Physics & Astronomy), Nana Kwame Osei Furdjour (Communication & Journalism), Marie von Haas (History), Victoria Pena-Parr (Spanish & Portuguese), Rebekah Gridley (COEHS), Alex Henkel (COEHS), Maya Allen (Biology), Nicole Reyna (Psychology), and Aaron Cowan (OILS).
- c. **Indigenous People's Land and Territory Acknowledgment** was read by Council member Pena-Parr.
- d. **Introduction of new members**-there was none.

II. Opening Business

- a. **Approval of Agenda**-changes were made in the order of the LSC bills to 1, 4, 3, under Action Items. Second change made was to move in the Opening Business, e will go to c, and the rest will shift down. All Council Members approved changes.
- b. **Approval of previous Meeting Minutes** from March 26, 2022-many changes were made. On page 1, under roll call: delete the second "Henkel" on number 13, and replace with "Osuoha" (she is from the COEHS), and add, 14. Ryan Lindquist, 15. Katie Rodarte (FC Chair), 16. David Saavedra (GPSA President), 17. Schulz (COEHS). And let the title read: GPSA Council Meeting Minutes (deleting "Monthly"), and replace "(see below)" with ID: 645 2510 377, Password: 4ATczX.
On page 2, line 7, delete "Note that all candidates are male" and add: What did you do to welcome female applicants?

Line 15, in front of “Executive” add: In Bill 3, the.

Line 35, add ? after “running” and: And when?

Line 40, add Henkel: Lindquist has said that it is either we meet in person next meeting or via zoom due to the importance of the council chair elections will go more smoothly if done one or the other. All council members agreed to meet in person only for the April 23rd meeting. Henkel confirmed a second time with Lindquist that everyone would meet only in person.

On page 3, the 7th line, cut “and 3”, (Bill 3 has also been shortened due to parts that were not changes altered, etc.)

On page 4, the 21st line, delete “is”, and add: are all the responsibilities of the
Line 22, delete “again” and add a period.

All council members voted to make these changes and approved them all.

- c. **Council Chair Elections**-the Executive Board ran the elections successfully while the GPSA President called out all the names of each RDSA representatives, after most of the candidates presented speeches. The votes were counted and there was a tie between the candidates, Ansely Emeanuwa and Jarrod Ronquillo. The elections were done all over, but council members were only allowed to vote for the two candidates who were tied. Jarrod Ronquillo won the second vote.
- d. **Media & Gallery**-no comments were made.
- e. **EMBA Students addressed Council**- Miriam Sargent-Shearin and Matt Gogel gave a speech in reference to their issues with their department and requested Council’s support. Council asked questions and agreed to support students however they were comfortable with via email and were invited to the May’s Council meeting for follow up.

III. Officer Reports

- a. **President’s Report** and 2022-2023 GPSA President’s Introduction to Council. Council members asked questions and thanked President for representing graduate students so well.
- b. **Council Chair’s Report**-Cowan gave report via Zoom from CA. Council members asked questions and clarifications.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. **LSC Chair’s Report**-LSC Chair Henkel gave update on where all Spring Bills are in the stages of completion.
- b. **Finance Committee Chair’s Report**-FC Vice-Chair Henkel gave update on two new appropriations and three budget revisions, remaining Spring appropriations balance, and General fund balance.

V. New Business: Action Items

- a. **LSC**
 - i. **Bill 2022-001**-tabled till May 7th meeting.
 - ii. **Bill 2022-004**, changes made and passed by Council.
 - iii. **Bill 2022-003**, changes made and passed by Council.
- b. **Finance Appropriations**
 - i. **Appropriation 2L Lobos Unidos**-approved by Council.

- ii. **Appropriation 2M SNAGUS**-approved by Council.
- c. **May meeting cancel or modify**-FC, LSC, and Executive Branch strongly were against canceling or modifying May meeting due to appropriations needing to be passed, Bills need to be discussed and changed, and many other items that must be addressed in our May meeting. All Council members voted to have a hybrid meeting for the May 7, 2022 meeting via Zoom and in Lobo A/B rooms in the SUB.

VI. Council Announcements

- a. **Public Comment**-a few comments were made to inform Council of gatherings on campus.

VII. Upcoming Meeting

- a. Upcoming Meeting- May 7, 2022 at 10:00am via Zoom and in the SUB, Lobo A/B, hybrid meeting.

VIII. Adjourned at 1:34pm.

