



Spring 2017 GPSA Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 2017 April 11

Location: Student Union Building, Sandia Room

Presiding Committee Member: Hanh Nguyen

Present Committee Members: Travis Scholten, Eliberto Calderon, Hanh Nguyen, Joe Raborn, Brian Mackie-Mason

Absent Committee Members: Chia-Ling Chen

1 Opening

Meeting called to Order at 1000

Roll call of committee members was taken.

Agenda Approval: Rep Scholten moved to add an agenda item, for budget revisions. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: The FC unanimously approved the minutes of its 2017 March 7 meeting.

2 Preliminary Business

2.1 Media and Gallery

No media and gallery.

2.2 Chair Reports

No chair report given.

2.3 Budget Revisions

2.3.1 Financial Management Association

Group would like to transfer money into Food and Refreshments, from Copying and Advertising. FC recommends revision be authorized.

2.3.2 GPSA Grants Committee

Committee would like to transfer \$1500 to pay for reader stipends, from its general operating expenses. FC recommends revision be authorized.

2.3.3 GPSA General Government

GPSA will be moving money to pay for deficits in Food and Refreshments, Professional Services, and General Operating. The money will be taken out of Tuition. FC recommends revision be authorized.

3 Business Items

3.1 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-012 - UNM Parents in Medicine

Group is seeking funds to offset cost of hosting a monthly get-together event, until approximately July, when they will be able to receive funding from the Medical School.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 6, "Food and Refreshments", at \$600, citing the fact the group would like to hold several such get-togethers. The Standing Rules limit the FC to fund up to \$300 per event. Rep Calderon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-009 - UNM Cricket Club

Group is requesting money for a capital improvement project on Johnson Field, to build a surface to play cricket on. Council had funded small portions of such projects in the past (FA_2016-006). FC discussed whether funding capital improvement projects was economical; for this project, the group will need \$15,000. Some of the funding will also come from ASUNM, as well as a fundraising campaign. If the group is unable to raise the money by the end of the semester, they will return the proceeds.

Rep Mackie-Mason moved to approve line item 11, "Other", at \$500, under the stipulation the funds will be reverted on September 1 (*not* at the end of FY 2017). Rep Calderon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3.3 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-016 - Association of Latino Professionals for America

Group is seeking funds to send two students to the ALPFA National Convention in Las Vegas. FC recommended students also be aware of travel grants through GPSA. The purpose of this convention is networking and to participate in a case study competition.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 10, "Travel", at \$447. Rep Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously, with Rep Raborn abstaining.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 11, "Other", at \$400, citing FC Standing Rules regarding payment for conference fees. Rep Mackie-Mason seconded. Motion carried unanimously, with Rep Raborn abstaining.

Rep Mackie-Mason moved to fund line item 9, "Per Diem", at \$400. Rep Caledon seconded. Motion carried unanimously, with Rep Raborn abstaining.

The FC intends that this money *not revert* at the end of FY 2017, as the travel will take place in August 2017.

3.4 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-017 - Student Veterans of UNM Association

Group has withdrawn their request.

3.5 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-018 - Iranian Student Association

Group is seeking funds to offset cost of Persian New Year celebration (Nowruz). FC expressed concern whether, since the group had already received \$800 in funding from GPSA (SP_2017-002), a follow-up request was appropriate. After deliberation, the FC determined repeat requests are acceptable. However, only costs in excess of previous amounts received were considered, and funded in alignment with the Standing Rules. (This prevented duplication of funding for line items which had already received funding.)

Rep Calderon moved to fund line item 1, "Advertising", at \$50. Rep Mackie-Mason seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 4, "Copying Services", at \$25. Rep Mackie-Mason seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 7, "Honorarium", at \$0, citing the fact the group had already received a \$250 honorarium as part of their previous request, and that the Standing Rules capped that expense at \$250. Rep Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Mackie-Mason moved to fund line item 11, "Other", at \$110, citing the fact the group had already received \$100 in previous funding. Rep Scholten seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Mackie-Mason moved to fund line item 6, "Food and Refreshments", at \$0, citing the fact the group had already received \$300 for this expense as part of their previous request, and that the Standing Rules capped that expense at \$300. Rep Scholten seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3.6 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-019 - Speech and Hearing Sciences GSA

Group had made a request (SP_2017-006) to help offset costs of a service trip to Mexico City. Council requested they return to FC to obtain additional money for airfare.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 10, "Travel", at \$308. Rep Raborn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3.7 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-020 - UNM Trumpet Guild

Group is sending four students to attend the International Trumpet Guild Conference in late May. FC recommended group also pursue Professional Development Grants through GPSA.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 10, "Travel", at \$902. Rep Raborn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Calderon moved to fund line item 11, "Other", at \$150, citing the fact the cost of transportation to/from the airport was unclear at this time. Rep Scholten seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 9, "Per Diem", at \$588. Rep Mackie-Mason seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3.8 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-021 - Student Bar Association

Group is hosting a celebration for the 3Ls this year who will be graduating in the spring semester.

Rep Mackie-Mason moved to fund line item 6, "Food and Refreshments", at \$300. Rep Calderon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Note: Between SP 2017-021 and SP 2017-022, Rep Scholten moved for a 5 minute recess. Motion passed unanimously.

3.9 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-022 - Physics and Astronomy Graduate Student Association

Group is seeking funding to host a summer BBQ. Citing expenses they will pay at the start of the Fall 2017 semester, they would like GPSA to help pay for a portion of the costs of this event.

Rep Raborn moved to approve entire request as requested. Rep Scholten seconded. Motion passed unanimously, with Rep Scholten abstaining.

REQUEST DETAILS:

The request consisted of the following items:

“Advertising”: \$25

“Food and Refreshments” : \$300

“Other” : \$75

3.10 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-024 - UNM4Nepal

Group is sending students to Nepal to help finish construction of a building they began building in 2016. The trip will last approximately 21 days.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 9, “Per Diem”, at the maximum allowed of \$525 per student, times four students, for a total of \$2100. In making his motion, Rep Scholten cited the unique nature of the travel the group was doing, and its extended nature. Rep Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Mackie-Mason moved to approve line item 10, “Travel”, at \$1600. Rep Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

It is the FC’s intent that this money *not revert* at the end of FY 2017.

3.11 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-023 - Beta Alpha Psi - Theta Xi

Group will be sending four students to the 2017 BAP Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA. FC reminded group to apply for travel grants through GPSA.

Rep Mackie-Mason moved to approve the entire request, as requested. Rep Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST DETAILS:

The request consisted of the following line items:

“Per Diem” : \$600

“Travel” : \$450

“Other” : \$400

4 Discussion Items

4.1 GPSA FY 2018 Budget

At its March meeting, Council discovered the FC had incorrectly budgeted for the tuition of the Council Chair, by excluding 3 credit hours of tuition for the summer semester (totaling \$975) Council requested the FC go back and fix this error.

To do so, the FC decided to take \$550 that had been set aside as being put into the General Fund, as well as an additional \$425 from the Grants Committee, “Professional Services” line item.

4.2 FY 2017 Compensation for GPSA President, Chief of Staff, and Council Chair

As part of its budget deliberations, the FC became aware of discrepancies between the budget for FY 2017 for the salaries of the GPSA President, Chief of Staff, and Council Chair, and the required salaries for those positions based on the Office of Graduate Studies’ rates. (Each position is funded at up to a .5 FTE graduate assistanceship.)

Chair Nguyen met with all three parties to discuss their compensation to date. According to the Council Chair, her compensation is correct. The GPSA President and Chief of Staff may require extra compensation. Chair Nguyen will work on drafting a statement to Council explaining the situation, and requesting they authorize more funding for those two positions for FY 2017.

5 Closing

5.1 Chair Comments and Future Meetings

No comments. This meeting concludes the FC’s duties for FY 2017. Chair Nguyen thanked the Committee members for their service.

5.2 Committee Member Comments

No comments.

5.3 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1315.

6 Appropriations Summary

At this meeting, a total of \$16315.31 dollars was requested, and spending in the amount of \$10381 was recommended by the Finance Committee. From correspondance with SGAO, the most recent estimate of the General Fund's balance through 2017/06/30 is \$37170.5. This estimate was computed as of 2017 April 6.

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