



## Fall 2016 GPSA Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

*Date:* 2016 November 28

*Location:* UNM Student Union Building, Sandia Room

*Presiding Committee Member:* Isaac Olaoye

*Present Committee Members:* Travis Scholten, Nina Cooper, Joe Raborn, Brian Mackie-Mason, Hahn Nguyen

*Absent Committee Members:* None

### 1 Opening

Meeting called to Order at 1352

Roll call of committee members was taken.

Agenda Approval: Rep Nguyen moved to approve the agenda with an amendment to hear request FA 2016 - 020. Rep Raborn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the 2016 November 7 meeting were approved unanimously.

### 2 Preliminary Business

#### 2.1 Media and Gallery

No media and gallery.

#### 2.2 Chair Reports

No Chair reports.

## **2.3 Budget Revisions**

No budget revisions were discussed at this time.

## **3 Business Items**

The only business items at this meeting were the consideration of appropriations requests, detailed below.

### **3.1 FA 2016-018 - International Business Students Global**

Group is looking to eventually host an international folk art project in collaboration with artists from South Korea. As a pilot project, they would like to hold a smaller project, featuring local New Mexican artists, at the Duck Pond next spring. The main costs for this event are the rental of digital equipment (the art installation will be mostly digital), as well as physical canvases.

The FC expressed concern at using GPSA funds to help promote an event which does not directly benefit GPSA members. To provide some level of support for the group, Rep Nguyen moved to approve line item 11, Other, at \$300. Rep Scholten seconded. Motion carried, with Rep Raborn abstaining. FC indicated the group could consider trying to find GPSA members to participate in the event, and to come back in the spring for another request in the event they do so.

At the request of the group, Rep Scholten moved to deny funding for line items 9 and 10, “Per Diem” and “Travel”. Rep Cooper seconded. Motion carried, with Rep Raborn abstaining. (Group indicated to the FC that the travel in question was for an undergraduate student.) Rep Scholten moved to approve the request as amended. Seconded by Rep Cooper. Motion carried, with Rep Raborn abstaining.

### **3.2 FA 2016-019 - Immigration Law Student Association**

Group is seeking funding for three activities - travel to El Paso, Texas, to see an immigration court in action, to hold events for its members, and to pay for faculty training regarding interactions with undocumented students.

Rep Scholten moved to approve line item 1, “Advertising”, as requested. Seconded by Rep Raborn. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to approve line item 6, “Food and Refreshments”, as requested. Seconded by Rep Mackie-Mason. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Cooper moved to approve line items 9 and 10, “Per Diem” and “Travel”, as requested. Seconded by Rep Nguyen. Motion carried unanimously.

The FC discussed funding for line item 7, “Honorarium”, to pay part of the cost of holding a Cultural Competency Training for law school faculty and staff regarding interactions with undocumented students. The FC expressed concern that, since the money would be spend on faculty training, and not graduate students, this cost should not be funded by GPSA. Further, the FC noted that, while undocumented students would benefit from faculty taking this training, that alone does not justify GPSAs financing part of the event. Rep Nguyen moved to deny funding for line item 7. Seconded by Rep Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to approve the request, subject to funding line item 10 at \$300. Rep Nguyen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **3.3 FA 2016-012 - Narrative Medicine**

Group was not able to attend the FCs 2016 November 7 meeting, and is presenting at this meeting. Group would like funding for meetings to bring together 3rd-year medical students and physicians to discuss the students experiences working in clinic. (3rd year is when students move from the classroom to the clinic.) Group believes that providing a place where students can share whats on their mind regarding clinic would be a benefit to them.

Rep Nguyen moved to approve line item 6, “Food and Refreshments”, as requested. Rep Cooper seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to approve the request as requested, seconded by Rep Raborn. Motion carried unanimously.

### **3.4 FA 2016-017 - Spanish and Portuguese Graduate Student Association**

Group had previously submitted a request to the FC, which was denied on the grounds of being too vague. Group had re-submitted their request with more details. However, no member from the group showed up to speak. As such, Rep Scholten suggested the FC simply affirm Council’s decision at its 2016 November 19 meeting to deny the request. Further, as the extra details indicate that the travel in question could be more appropriately funded by an SRG or PDG through the Grants Committee, Rep Scholten said he would follow up with the group and encourage them to apply for those grants in Spring 2017. Further, Rep Scholten asked that the FC consider the wording of its Standing Rules, to provide better clarification to group as to what kind(s) of travel appropriations requests should be used for.

### **3.5 FA 2016-020 - Women Student Veterans of UNM (WSVUNM)**

Group is newly-chartered, and is looking for money to begin its operations. This group would serve the women students at UNM who are also veterans, in distinction from the Student Veterans of UNM group, which serves all veterans.

The FC expressed some concern about the particular line items requested by this group such as computer costs and supplies as the group shares office space with the Student Veterans of UNM group, which received appropriations from GPSA in request FA 2016 - 005 for such costs/supplies already. There was also concern regarding requests for “Travel” and “Per Diem”, as WSVUNM was not able to provide many details regarding the nature of the travel, and how that travel would benefit its members and GPSA members.

The FC recommended WSVUNM begin its operations with the funds approved, and to either participate in the GPSA Spring 2017 budget process, or to come back for another appropriation in Spring 2017.

Rep Nguyen moved to approve line item 1, “Advertising”, at the Standing Rules limit of \$50. Rep Mackie-Mason seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Cooper moved to deny funding for line item 2, “Computer Costs”, citing request FA 2016 - 005. Rep Scholten seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to deny funding for line item 3, “Computer Supplies”, citing request FA 2016 - 005. Rep Cooper seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Mackie-Mason moved to approve line item 4, “Copying Services”, at the Standing Rules limit of \$100. Rep Raborn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Nguyen moved to approve line item 6, “Food and Refreshments”, at the Standing Rules limit of \$300. Rep Mackie-Mason seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Cooper moved to approve line item 8, “Office Supplies”, at the Standing Rules limit of \$100, citing the need of WSVUNM to be able to procure pens, stationery, etc. Rep Scholten seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to deny funding for line items 9 and 10, “Per Diem” and “Travel”, citing the lack of specific need/events/details provided by WSVUNM. Rep Mackie-Mason seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Cooper moved to deny funding for line item 11, “Other”, citing the lack of a specific need. Rep Raborn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to approve request as amended. Rep Cooper seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **4 Discussion Items**

The FC discussed several topics, detailed below. As discussion items are for discussion only, no official committee action was required.

### **4.1 Update on Finance Working Group**

FC thanked Rep Scholten for his work on Council's working group regarding the Finance Code. Rep Scholten said the group had met within the past month to lay out its goals and objectives. He mentioned that there will be some parts of the Finance Code modifications which could touch upon the Spring 2017 budget process, and as such, he would be asking the working group to recommend Council enact those changes to be in effect starting in the Spring 2018 budget process.

Rep Mackie-Mason asked whether there had been any clarification from SGAO regarding why the amount of PB funds dispersed back to RDSAs is computed as 40% of 95% of GPSA's anticipated revenue, as opposed to 40% of 100% of the revenue. (SGAO receives 5% of revenue as payment for their services.) Rep Scholten indicated he would bring that up with the group.

Chair Olaoye asked whether the working group would look at when SGAO's payment is calculated, and in particular, if the amount paid to SGAO is 5% of the actual revenue, or is simply 5% of projected revenue. Rep Scholten agreed this was an important question, and would bring it up.

### **4.2 GPSA Website Update**

Rep Raborn said he is still working on taking the Cascade training necessary for him to be able to edit the website. Rep Scholten asked if there was a willingness for people to meet informally and go over the website. Rep Nguyen indicated an availability of December 8 - 18. Rep Mackie-Mason asked that the phrase "Brian likes trees" be added to the minutes, after Rep Scholten suggested the FC simply print out the entire FC website and go over it.

## **5 Closing**

### **5.1 Chair Comments and Future Meetings**

Chair thanked the Committee members for their service, and indicated he would be graduating in December.

The next FC meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2017, time and location to be determined.

## **5.2 Committee Member Comments**

Rep Cooper asked if Rep Scholten knew about the telecommunication policies of the FC, as this was brought up at the previous Council meeting. Rep Scholten indicated he did not, and said he would look into it.

## **5.3 Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1514.

## **6 Appropriations Summary**

At this meeting, a total of \$12134.84 was requested, and spending in the amount of \$1950 was recommended by the Finance Committee. From correspondence with SGAO, the most recent estimate of the General Fund's balance through 2017/06/30 is \$44208.89. This estimate was computed as of 2016/11/23.