



## Spring 2017 GPSA Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

*Date:* 2017 March 07

*Location:* Student Union Building, Sandia Room

*Presiding Committee Member:* Hanh Nguyen

*Present Committee Members:* Travis Scholten, Eliberto Calderon, Hanh Nguyen, Joe Raborn

*Absent Committee Members:* Brian Mackie-Mason, 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, SP 2017-015. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: The FC unanimously approved the minutes of its 2017 February 14 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**

No budget revisions were discussed at this time.

## **3 Business Items**

### **3.1 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-005 - Physician Assistant Student Society**

Members of the group will be attending a conference as part of their Continuing Medical Education. The FC reviewed its policy on travel, and concluded that, with the Spring 2017 Grants cycle just closing, it would be prudent to fund the group now, instead of waiting to hear their results, which would necessitate reconsidering their request at the April FC meeting.

Rep Scholten moved to recategorize line item 10, "Travel", as line item 9, "Per Diem", and fund it at \$1076. Rep Raborn seconded; motion carried unanimously.

### **3.2 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-006 - Speech and Hearing Sciences GSA**

Three graduate student members of the group will be traveling to Mexico for a service project.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 10, "Travel", at \$614, citing the fact the FC's Standing Rules allow for the funding of airfare at 70% of an economy class ticket, up to two students. Rep Raborn seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Rep Calderon moved to fund line item 9, "Per Diem", at \$750, as that amount is in alignment with the Standing Rules. Rep Scholten seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to approve request as amended; Rep Raborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **3.3 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-007 - Chemistry GSA**

Group is seeking to cover some of the costs associated with hosting the UNM STEM Research Symposium, which took place on 2017 February 11. There were 9 student speakers and approximately 30 student poster presentations.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 1, "Advertising", at \$50; Rep Raborn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Rep Scholten moved to approve the request as requested; Rep Calderon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **3.4 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-008 - Indian Student Association**

Group is requesting funding to help offset the cost of holding the Festival of Colors event (Holi) in April. Last year, approximately 180 students attended the event, which lasted for 4 hours.

The FC discussed with the group how many students they anticipated would attend this year. The Association indicated they expected comparable turnout. Regarding “Food and Refreshments”, the Association told the FC that the amount requested was based on quotes from vendors of Indian food. The Holi celebration would also include a DJ, who is charging \$150 for 4 hours of their time. The FC expressed some concern about the amount requested in “Advertising”, and was told that much of the cost comes from year-specific banners the Association wishes to have made.

Rep Calderon moved to fund line item 6, “Food and Refreshments”, at \$300, citing FC Standing Rules. Rep Scholten seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 1, “Advertising”, at \$50, citing FC Standing Rules. Rep Calderon seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 5, “Educational Supplies”, at \$0, citing the fact the nature of the supplies being funded were more appropriately categorized as “Office Supplies”. Rep Calderon seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 8, “Other”, at \$100; Rep Raborn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to combine line items 7 and 9, “Honorarium” and “Per Diem”, into a single “Honorarium” line item, and fund it at \$250. Rep Raborn seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Rep Calderon moved to fund line item 4, “Copying Services”, at \$50; Rep Scholten seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding line item 11, “Other”, the FC inquired as to the nature of the cost, and was told that the colored dye used for Holi comes in large bricks. Each brick costs approximately \$50, and the Association wished to purchase 10. The Association said that number of bricks would be sufficient for their event.

Rep Calderon moved to fund line item 11 at \$500; Rep Scholten seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to approve the request as amended; Rep Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **3.5 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-009 - UNM Cricket Club**

No member of the group was in attendance, so the FC voted to table their request until its next meeting.

### **3.6 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-010 - Golden Key International Honor Society**

One member of the group (an officer) will be attending the International Summit in Las Vegas as part of an effort to increase membership within the group.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 9, “Per Diem”, at \$225, citing FC Standing Rules. Rep Raborn seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Rep Calderon moved to fund line item 10, “Travel”, at \$193, citing FC Standing Rules, and recommending that 70% of the lowest-cost ticket (\$275) be used as the FC’s recommendation. Rep Scholten seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Rep Raborn moved to fund line item 11, “Other”, at \$249. Rep Scholten seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to approve the request as amended; Rep Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **3.7 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-011 - International Business Students Global**

Group will be attending the Santa Fe International Folk Art Market, as well as hosting a Folk Art Market at UNM. FC believed the reasoning behind this request is better-developed than its previous version, FA\_2018-018.

Rep Scholten moved to approve the request as requested; Rep Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **REQUEST DETAILS:**

In its request, IBSG requested the following line items:

“Copying Services” : \$100

“Per Diem”: \$300

“Travel”: \$ 190

“Other”: \$500

### **3.8 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-012 - UNM Parents in Medicine**

No member of the group was in attendance, so the FC voted to table their request until its next meeting.

### **3.9 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-013 - NM Defense Lawyers Association Student Chapter**

Group is requesting "start-up" funds to tide it over until its budget for FY 2018 commences. The group is new; at its most recent meeting, there were 23 attendees.

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

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 6, "Food and Refreshments", at \$300, citing FC Standing Rules. Rep Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 8, "Office Supplies", at \$100; Rep Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding line item 11, "Other", the group's description was

"We would like funding so that our officers can attend Continuing Legal Education (CLE) meetings. We have 6 officers, and the average CLE cost is \$25 per law student. We would like to have our 6 officers attend two CLEs this semester, for a total of 12 CLE fees."

The FC discussed whether funding this line item would violate Section V.12.(a) of the Standing Rules, which states that "Dues and Fees to External Organizations shall not be funded".

Rep Calderon moved to fund line item 11 at \$0; no second was made. Motion failed.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 11 at \$150, and recommended the group come before Council to make its case for further funding. Rep Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Calderon noted that this line item may be more appropriately categorized as line item 5, "Educational Supplies".

### **3.10 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-014 - Beta Alpha Psi Theta Xi**

Twelve members of the group will be helping hosting a regional meeting in Denver, CO. As such, the group requested money to help offset the cost of the trip, which will total approximately \$6700.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 11, "Other" at \$400, citing the FC's Standing Rules regarding funding conference fees. Rep Raborn seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 10, "Travel", at \$400; Rep Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to fund line item 9, "Per Diem", at \$600, as a good-faith compromise between the maximum amount which could have been given for the line item, and what the group is requesting. Rep Raborn seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Rep Scholten moved to approve the request as amended; Rep Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **3.11 Appropriations Request: SP 2017-015 - GPSA Finance Committee**

Request provides an outlay for paying members of the committee (who do not already receive a stipend) a small token of appreciation for their service during the FY 2018 budget process. At its 2017 January meeting, Council asked the FC to draft this request.

Rep Scholten moved to approve the request as requested; Rep Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **REQUEST DETAILS:**

The request consisted of a single line item, "Other", in the amount of \$200.

## **4 Discussion Items**

The FC considered no discussion items.

## **5 Closing**

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

No comments. The next FC meeting is scheduled for 2017 April 11, at 1000, in the SUB, Sandia Room.

### **5.2 Committee Member Comments**

No comments.

### **5.3 Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1240.

## **6 Appropriations Summary**

At this meeting, a total of \$11041 dollars was requested (including requests from groups not present at the meeting) and spending in the amount of \$7997 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 \$47,823.50. This estimate was computed as of 2017 March 1.

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