GPSA Council Meeting Minute  
Saturday, April 27th, 2019, 10:00 am  
Student Union Building, 3rd Floor - Lobo A & B

I. Meeting called to Order at 10:18 am
a. Confirmation of Quorum: Sign in sheet was passed around to all the council representatives present and voting, quorum was confirmed

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b. Adoption of Agenda: A motion to adopt the agenda as it is by Greg, seconded by Trevor. Motion approved with majority.

II. Opening Business
a. Approval of the Minutes: Minutes for February not disputed. Minutes approved.

b. Media and Gallery: None
Muhammad Afzaal, thanked everyone and showed his appreciation to the last administration who have set a positive benchmark. He also mentioned that he’s looking forward to a positive year.

III. Guest Speakers:
None

IV. Officer Reports
a. President’s Report
Bpney mentioned the fact that it was the last council meeting with him as a president. He thanked all the council representatives for their time and commitment. He thanked council chair for his work in organizing meetings, Ryan for coming around and providing guidance and the executive chairs of various committees whose contribution has made the campus a better place.

He informed the council that there was an award ceremony for grad student leaders, details of which can be found on SAC website. Kyla was chosen as the outstanding committee chair. He also recognized the contributions made by Chief of Staff Brianna who had also served as an office manager in fall 2018, Marilyn the Lobby Chair, Urusha the Grants Chair and Kyla the Finance Chair for their work and support. He reiterated that his administration had to start from blank and he had the ambition to unite and encourage diversity which he said that he was able to achieve.

He highlighted the differences between ASUNM and GPSA and recognized some key changes in GPSA for improvement. Funding for full time office manager has been allocated and he is looking forward to working with Ryan, Muhammad and others to fill this position and smoothen the transition between administrations. He also stressed that he was able to improve accountability, promote transparency and built bridges where needed. Collaboration between North, South and other campus has been improved. However, he also felt that much couldn’t be done to facilitate socialization due to financial constraints. He informed the council that he had attended Board of Regents meeting and fee structure had been finalized. He also mentioned that further details could be found on Board of Regent’s website.

b. Grant Chair’s Report
Urusha informed the council that the grant allocation was completed and the details could be found on website. She also talked about the plan to update Grants website.

c. Finance Committee’s Report
Andrea thanked all the fellow committee members for their work. She provided updates of all the activities performed by the committee throughout the semester.

d. Election Committee’s Report
Gregor informed the council that there was an election on that day to elect council chair. He also informed the council about the complaints that had been filed contesting the result of presidential election. However, he further stated that due to the lack of evidence regarding violation, no further action was needed.

e. Communication Chair’s Report
Benjamin talked about the importance of proper communication in GPSA. He stated that there were no communication chairs before and he had to do everything from scratch including creating a proposal for the position. He highlighted 6 major tasks that he performed as a communication chair

V. Action Items
a. New Business
i. Council Chair Election
Ibitoy mentioned that he was intrigued by the number of departments and wanted to find out the ways to connect each of these departments. He felt the need of better communication. Regarding the question of how he will make meetings more efficient, he stated that he is working with other student organizations as well and would work towards making people committed. He will work to find out why people are not committed and then based on that he’ll resolve the issue. He also mentioned that he will follow a structure and he will work harder to learn Robert Rules and Open Meeting Acts. Regarding the question of how he will manage his stress and solve additional hardships that might creep up next year, he answered that he’ll utilize committee member’s experience and might need more information before he could fully answer the question.

Benjamin stated that he sat with the current chair of the council for about 40-45 minutes who was able to thoroughly explain him about the challenges and opportunities of the position. He thinks there’s a need to get rid of old platitude and embrace new changes. He believes there’s a need of changes in the bylaws and constitution. He also proposed some strict rules to ensure higher turn outs in the council meeting. He stated that he was familiar with parliamentary procedures as he had been political correspondent in his previous job. He ensured the council that he would be there in the summer to figure it out. He stated the need to change bylaws to run meetings smoothly. Regarding the question of how he will be able
to manage stress and workload in addition to his study, Ben assured the 
council that he would start working on his thesis and is willing to commit 
as much as needed by his role.

Trudy introduced herself and stated that she was almost done with her 
coursework so that she can fully commit to the position. She also talked 
about her past experiences where she worked as secretary, treasurer, vice 
president and president for different student organizations. She mentioned 
that she was very familiar with coordinating meetings and putting agenda 
out. So, she’ll follow up with everyone who’s on the agenda to make sure 
that they show up. She had recognized a need of Indian leadership on 
campus and stepped up herself to fill that void. She informed the council 
about her availability in the summer to work on drafts of bylaws and 
constitution. She stressed the need of locked-in schedule for specific day 
of the month which will allow everyone to plan ahead. She also stated that 
she will create a spreadsheet to keep track of students who will be 
graduating next semester and shortlist and train willing individuals to join 
later.

A Secret ballot was held to elect new Council Chair. Benjamin was 
elected as the new chair by majority of votes.

ii. Appropriations 
In the absence of Finance vice Chair, Andrea presented the appropriation 
report. A total of $15096 was requested and $7827 was recommended for 
April appropriation. A 24% cut was applied across all appropriations. A 
motion to block approve all the appropriations was made by Trevor, 
seconded by Ben. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Discussion Items
None.

VII. Council Announcements
Andrea informed the council about department of justice who’d be on campus 
on Monday to discuss about sexual misconduct and safety issues. She asked 
all the council members to disseminate this information to their friends.
Grant invited everyone who’s interested to come and fabricate electrical instruments at Mechanical and Electronic Engineering department.

Muhammad Afzaal thanked everyone again and asked everyone to work together in coming days as well.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regular council meeting was cancelled with a vocal approval of council members.

VIII. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trevor and seconded by Dalicia which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am

Council Chair

Date: ____________________