



LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

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FALL 2025 SESSION

Constitution


Legislative Action:

Introduced by: GPSA Representative and LSC Member Aidan Dunne

1 st Reading: LSC Chair	Referred To: LSC
2 nd Reading: LSC 11/12/25	Committee Action:
3 rd Reading: Council Meeting 11/22/25	Council Action: Introduced
4 th Reading: 12/6/2025	Council Action: Passed

Executive Action:

Approved Vetoed


GPSA President

January 16, 2025
Date

Unsigned by the President on this 16th day of January 2025. Bill automatically becomes law.

Legislative Response:

Veto override vote taken: _____ Council Action: _____

Summary of key changes/points:

- Corrects spelling errors and clarifies at what point a referendum and approval by the Board of Regents is needed to increase the GPSA Fee
- Added the term "annual" where applicable in the GPSA budget section
- Specified that Chartered student organizations seeking either GPSA funding or semester-wise appropriations must do so in compliance with the guidelines set out by the Finance Committee

Found in GPSA Constitution Article V

Section 1. Fees

Subject to authorization by the Board of Regents, a nonrefundable fee, henceforth referred to as the GPSA fee, shall be levied on all degree-seeking graduate and professional students. The University shall collect these fees and forward them immediately to the GPSA.

- The GPSA fee shall be forty (\$40) per student per semester beginning in Fall of 2024. It shall then increase every fall semester by two dollars (\$2) per academic year for the next five years until it reaches the fifty-dollar (\$50) cap. Any **further** increases to the GPSA fee shall be subject to approval through a referendum, and by the Board of Regents.
- Collected fees shall be allocated by the GPSA Council to fund the general GPSA government and to benefit chartered student organizations and graduate and professional students through GPSA Committees and Council.

Section 2. Oversight and Distribution

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- A. The Finance Committee (FC)
 - 1. The FC shall be established as a Joint Standing Committee.
 - 2. The FC shall make recommendations to Council on appropriations and compile and recommend the GPSA budget in accordance with the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws.
 - 3. The Finance Committee Chair and/or Vice Chair shall have all necessary authority to approve budget revisions. The FC shall prepare a monthly report of revisions to be included as a supporting document for the next Council Meeting.
 - a. When Council is not in session, the President, Council Chair, and Grants **Director** must jointly review and decide on budget revisions.
- B. SGAO acts as the agent of all GPSA financial transactions.
- C. The GPSA financial records including, but not limited to, the GPSA budget and appropriations may be subject to a financial review as requested by a Council Representative, the President, the Council Chair, or through a complaint filed with the Court of Review.

Section 3: GPSA **Annual** Budget

- A. This **annual** budget shall be based upon the anticipated revenue for the upcoming fiscal year, as determined by SGAO.
- B. All branches of the GPSA government must follow **annual** budget processes as defined by the GPSA Constitution, Bylaws, and applicable standing rules to be eligible for funding.
- C. A final **annual** budget must be approved no later than the April council meeting.
- D. ~~Forty~~ **Thirty** percent (430%) of the GPSA **annual** budget shall be reserved for the Pro-Rated Benefits Fund.
- E. No less than ~~ten~~ **fifteen** percent (150%) of the total GPSA **annual** budget shall be allocated to the **GPSA Grants Committee funded scholarships and grants**~~Grants Committee as Student Research Grants and Professional Development Grants.~~
- F. No less than five percent (5%) of the GPSA **annual** budget shall be reserved for appropriations.
- G. Funds not appropriated through the **annual** budget process shall be placed in the General Fund.
- H. Council shall have the authority to determine the process of reversion of funds allocated through the **annual** budget.

Section 4. Financial Compliance

- A. **In order for Pro-Rated Benefit funds to be disbursed, the respective RDSA must have a sitting member on GPSA Council.**
- B. GPSA shall be in accordance with all necessary local, state, federal, and University requirements as determined by SGAO.
- C. **S**~~Chartered~~ student organizations seeking funding **through** ~~from~~ the GPSA **annual** budget **or semester-wise appropriations** must be in compliance with guidelines set by the **Finance Committee**.
- D. Misuse of GPSA funds shall result in Council recourse, including Financial Enjoinment.