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2 **GPSA Council Meeting Minutes**  
3 Oct 30, 2021 10:00 am – General Meeting  
4 Tentative: Detailed version coming soon  
5 Discussion about inadvertent technical problems in starting zoom  
6 I. Call to Order – 10:14am  
7 a. Confirmation of Quorum  
8 1. Henkel (COEHS)  
9 2. Nana (C &J)  
10 3. Allen (Bio)  
11 4. Gerstner (Bio)  
12 5. Cowan (OILS)  
13 6. Rojas (PAGSA)  
14 7. Grant (P & A)  
15 8. Karmakar (P & A)  
16 9. Olofinsao (Econ)  
17 10. Gridley (COEHS)  
18 11. Gudbergson (COEHS)  
19 12. Lionbarger (Asc. Grad Bus Stu)  
20 13. Reyna (Psych)  
21 b. Indigenous Peoples’ Land and Territory Acknowledgement  
22 i. Read by Henkel  
23 c. Introduction of new members  
24 i. Lionbarger, Gridley, Reyna introduced selves  
25 d. Adoption of Agenda  
26 i. Moved by Henkel and seconded by Allen for adoption with the following  
27 revisions  
28 12 y, 0 n, 0 a  
29 ii. Revisions  
30 1. Remove Committee Reports item 3c  
31 2. Removed New Business  
32 3. Remove Ad Hoc Committee reports  
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34 II. Opening Business  
35 a. Approval of Meeting Minutes  
36 • Motion to approve without revision by Henkel  
37 i. Seconded by Grant  
38 ii. 11y, 0n, 0a  
39 Questions:  
40 About motion sheets  
41 Will be difficult for people to do online  
42 About previous minutes  
43 They were available on the website  
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45 b. Media & Gallery – *public comments*  
46 • Motion to open by Henkel and seconded by Gudbergson

- 47 • Olofinsao: password issue on agenda but not on notice. Should be  
48 password on notice.  
49 i. We are meeting in public so another option  
50 c. Motion to move to officer's report since there are no guest speakers  
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- 52 III. Officer Reports
- 53 a. Motion to open officer reports by Henkel and seconded by Grant  
54 i. 11y, 0n, 0a
- 55 • President Saavedra's Report
- 56 • Not present.
- 57 • No other representative
- 58 • Council Chair Cowan's Report
- 59 • Updated all of our credential lists
- 60 • Encourage people to attend in person since we set up room and provided  
61 refreshments
- 62 • On training, we have discussed with office manager and with advisor
- 63 i. We are supposed to have a powerpoint for training for new  
64 members
- 65 ii. Probably needs to be revised and updated and then can be  
66 circulated to new members
- 67 • Questions:
- 68 i. Gerstner: What done with UGW
- 69 1. Attended many meetings and events with them and  
70 communicated with them through various means
- 71 2. Invited them to come to our meetings and have passed on  
72 materials
- 73 ii. Gerstner: What done with RDSAs
- 74 1. Contacted new groups in Architecture and Planning as well  
75 as engineering groups.
- 76 2. 13 RDSAs have been fairly active but we are trying to  
77 encourage participation from other
- 78 iii. Gerstner: What done with national association of graduate students
- 79 1. This specific organization does not appear to exist and the  
80 statement was generally about strengthening association  
81 with national groups. This has not been a priority at  
82 present due to issues like zoom fatigue and reluctance to  
83 participate in endless online meetings due to COVID
- 84 iv. Gerstner: Can meeting be put on calendar of events
- 85 1. It should be possible. We will work on it.
- 86 v. Gerstner: When will bylaw changes be uploaded
- 87 1. LSC chair stated that it was uploaded through our office  
88 manager
- 89 vi. Gerstner: Why did we use a service other than UNM Catering  
90 Services for this meeting?
- 91 1. UNM catering stated that they could not serve us for this  
92 meeting because they were too short-staffed.

- 93 2. Therefore we requested and got a special exemption to  
 94 bring in our own outside food for this event.  
 95 vii. Olofinsao: Will training be a requirement for people to join.  
 96 1. We don't envision making it a requirement, and I don't  
 97 believe any bylaws exist at present which could compel  
 98 that.  
 99 viii. Sumadipta Karmakar: Also asking for training  
 100 1. First will provide powerpoint and then possibly a zoom  
 101 session  
 102 ix. Allen: What does a typical week look like. Is there room to do a  
 103 zoom trial run.  
 104 1. I'm 4 hours Wednesday and several on Friday.  
 105 x. Gerstner: How do you account for time required in contract  
 106 1. The 4-7 hours is office hours.  
 107 2. Attending other committee meetings such as LSC and  
 108 finance  
 109 3. Revising minutes  
 110 4. Meeting with Ryan via zoom  
 111 5. Managing budgets with SGAO  
 112 6. Attending numerous outside events as well as discussions  
 113 with president and chief of staff
- 114 IV. Committee Report  
 115 a. Moved to open in block by Lionbarger  
 116 b. Seconded by Von Haas  
 117 c. LSC Report:  
 118 i. Standing rules are up to date according to Henkel  
 119 ii. Discussed stipend for LSC members  
 120 iii. Next meeting is Nov 12  
 121 iv. Bill FA-2021-001: Council chair stipend and member stipends  
 122 v. Resolution on sponsorship was tabled temporarily  
 123 1. President Saavedra plans to meet with council member Gerstner to  
 124 get some suggested wording on resolution  
 125 vi. Thanked office manager for helping with these processes.  
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 128 d. FC Report:  
 129 i. Described schedule of meetings and how it could be found on the gpsa  
 130 website.  
 131 ii. Detailed how to write and submit appropriation requests  
 132 iii. Noted that standing rules have been updated  
 133 iv. Annual budget calendars for spring semester have been created  
 134 v. Questions:  
 135 1. Gerstner: Can you post actual budget that was passed for general  
 136 government? This would aid in transparency.  
 137 Rodarte stated that we have to check with SGAO to see if allowed  
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V. Action Items:

Motion to open in block by Von Haas and seconded by Henkel

a. LSC Recommendations:

- Resolution 1: Language was not finished so failed to approve.
- Pushed through LSC member stipends
- Resolution 1: is a sponsorship

Question:

- Cowan: Resolution is posted on LSC meeting area.
- Olofinsao: Novel Point Coffee needs to be clarified because GPSA communique says they are already sponsors
  - We need executive to respond on this.
  - Council has not yet approved any sponsor. Resolution is to ask that council should approve sponsorships, since there is no present rule requiring that it be approved by council.

b. Finance Committee:

- i. Approved \$1353 for Council Chair health insurance
- ii. Changed amount for LSC stipend because it has no vice chair.
  1. Recommending \$600 for present semester.
- iii. Questions
  1. Gerstner: Will stipends be paid out at end of semester?
    - a. Henkel states they will be paid at end if they show up to meetings and meet various criteria.
  2. Nana: How was LSC stipend determined?
    - a. Henkel explains that this is to be consistent with executive committees

c. Motion to approve 1d appropriation by Von Haas and seconded by Olofinsao

- i. 11y, 0n, 1a
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VI. Council Announcements

- a. Gerstner: Thanks President Saavedra for quickly getting answers that RDSA had within 2 day. Also thanked President for Club 89 event.
- b. Gudbergson: Working with Tara for GEO Friendsgiving food and game night on Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. Should be fun.
- c. Henkel: Remind about Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. ABQ Artwalk. Silent Nights. 6 DJs, 3 stages. One silent disco.
- d. Cowan: Club 89 on Oct 27<sup>th</sup> as well. I attended along with President and Chief of Staff.
- e. Question about in-person or hybrid meeting by Gerstner.
  - i. We will always be hybrid. Ballrooms might be better due to more screens. But we want to encourage in person if you can.
  - ii. Von Haas pointed out that zoom session saves gas.
  - iii. Can we have microphones around the room?
    1. I would like to have table microphones and possibly wireless mic.
    2. Could also help since we often have to mask and it's hard to hear.

- 185 VII. Upcoming Meeting  
186 a. Upcoming meeting – Saturday, Nov 20, 2021 10:00am Via Zoom and/or in  
187 Person hopefully  
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189 VIII. Adjourn – 12:29pm