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GPSA Council Meeting Minutes

Sept 25, 2021 10:00 am – General Meeting

Discussion about inclusion of password on

- I. Call to Order – 10:14am
 - a. Confirmation of Quorum
 1. Gerstner (Biology)
 2. Allen (Biology)
 3. Henkel (COEHS)
 4. Von Haas (History)
 5. Birdwell (Physics and Astronomy)
 6. Olofinsao (EGSO)
 7. Pena-Parr (Spanish/Portuguese)
 8. Maimouna Bio Gado (Foreign Languages & Literature)
 9. Cowan (OILS)
 - b. Adoption of Agenda
 - o Motion to amend by Gerstner
 - Seconded by Allen
 - Creation of Committee Reports for LSC after officer reports
 - 7y, 0n, 0a
 - o Motion to adopt by Henkel
 - Seconded by Allen
 - 6y, 0n, 1a
 - o Inquiry about whether GPSA has a motion form
 - No indication that we have ever had a motion form
 - c. Indigenous Peoples' Land and Territory Acknowledgement
 - i. Read by Henkel
- II. Opening Business
 - a. Approval of Aug 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - o Motion to amend line 221 by Gerstner
 - o Motion to adopt by Henkel
 - o Seconded by Von Haas
 - 6y, 1n, 0a
 - o Minutes adopted
 - b. Media & Gallery – *public comments*
 - None made
 - c. Motion to move to officer's report
 - i. Motion to adopt by Pena-Parr
 - ii. Seconded by Von Haas
 - 11y, 0n, 0a
- III. Officer Reports
 - Council Chair Cowan's Report
 - Made an effort to incorporate suggestions from previous meeting
 - Will change the way we handle passwords.

45 Want to streamline taking of minutes and make things more efficient where
46 possible. This might include things like motion forms or tabling minutes and
47 making corrections afterwards, as discussed.

48 Questions/Comments

49 • No questions

50 • .President Saavedra's Report

51 • Seen different council members out and about

52 • Met with council member Gerstner about concerns regarding sponsorship.

53 • Excited about collaborating with legislative branch on policies like this.

54 • SFRB hearing to be held on Oct 21st and Monday October 25 from 1 to 3pm
55 in the sub Atrium in a hybrid modality, in person, or via zoom

56 • Have secured office space for Chief Health Advisor

57 • Want to highlight north campus and our work with student regent Randy
58 Ko.

59 Questions/Comments

60 • Gerstner asked if Damon Alvarez would be resubmitted for approval by
61 council

62 • Gerstner also asked if SGAO announcement of COVID outbreak affected
63 GPSA office.

64 Committee Report

65 LSC Report:

66 Henkel stated that they haven't met yet and she hasn't been confirmed yet.

67 Have some new members. Appreciate people helping out with rules, and posting
68 documents on LSC meeting website.

69 Question:

70 Gerstner: How many members are on LSC. Believes Constitution and Bylaws require
71 five members.

72 Henkel states that standing rules will be changed to allow 3 members rather than 5.

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74 IV. Action Items

75 a. Standing Rules discussion and adoption

76 i. Old logo needs to be changed.

77 ii. Section 1, item 7 says quorum must be met by 10:15. Discuss changing to
78 a different time like 10:10.

79 iii. Date needs to be changed.

80 iv. Solicitation of agenda items to be sent out two weeks prior to each regular
81 scheduled meeting

82 v. Public notice and tentative agenda of meeting 1 week prior

83 vi. Indigenous People's Land Acknowledgement Section.

84 vii. Item 1 Call to order can include confirmation of quorum, adoption of
85 agenda, and indigenous land and territory acknowledgement. Then item 2
86 can be opening business

87 viii. The standing rules only suggest that these should be there but do
88 not mandate this exact wording.

89 ix. Section 5 comment on three minutes withdrawn.

90 x. Section 6 notes that meeting minutes do not have to be verbatim

- 91 xi. Minutes should include person who makes and entertains and seconds as
92 well as the vote on the motion.
93 xii. Section 7, 1. Extraneous g to be deleted.
94 xiii. Meetings are important and only once a month so a 15 minute
95 grace period should be preserved.
96 xiv. 1 week of notice and posting may be more feasible for all the other
97 committees to meet their deadlines.
- 98 b. Motion to amend by Henkel
99 i. Seconded by Von Haas
100 • 6y 0n 0a
- 101 c. Motion to open LSC items i, ii, and iii by Gerstner
102 i. Seconded by Von Haas
103 ii. 6y 0n 0a
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- 105 d. Confirmation of Alex Henkel
106 i. Questions:
107 • Gerstner: Do you anticipate using LSC changes form?
108 • Henkel: Will use same form with minor updating
109 • Henkel: Noted that \$50 compensation for members is no longer adequate
110 due to time consuming obligations and this amount should be bumped up.
111 • Olofinsao: Do you have any improvements you recommend for LSC.
112 • Henkel: Plans to be open to suggestions, maintain flexibility, and ensure
113 that rules are being followed. Approach people in more positive way and
114 listen.
115 ii. Motion to confirm to confirm all three nominees by Von Haas withdrawn
116 iii. Motion to appoint Alex Henkel as LSC chair by Gerstner
117 i. Seconded by Maimouna
118 ii. 7y, 0n, 0a
- 119 e. Confirmation of Wilfred Osei Padmore
120 i. Motion to confirm Padmore and Olofinsao by Henkel
121 i. Seconded by Maimouna
122 ii. 7y, 0n, 0a
- 123 f. Call for additional LSC Members
124 Cowan: Call for new members. None volunteered.
- 125 g. Motion to open all finance committee items in block by Henkel
126 i. Seconded by Allen
127 ii. 7y, 0n, 0a
- 128 h. Finance Committee Standing Rules Confirmation
129 i. Summarized reason for changing standing rules to update costs and to
130 change from COVID restrictions. Maximum allowances were increased
131 for a variety of items such as food. Travel restrictions have been lifted.
132 Will not list absent members.
133 ii. Questions:
134 • Gerstner: Out of state travel should be permitted.
135 • Rodarte: Will update allowances for out of state, driving, and air
136 travel.

- 137 • Gerstner: Not approving but just giving advice that they are consistent
- 138 with rules and giving “direction”.
- 139 • Birdwell: Feels that a motion of any kind would appear to be
- 140 approval.
- 141 • Allen: Each committee adopts rules in their committee.
- 142 • Rodarte: This mainly serves as information
- 143 • Henkel: “item 8: Standing rules must be approved by Council at our
- 144 regularly scheduled meeting”.
- 145 Motion to accept FC standing committee by Olofinsao
- 146 Secoded by Maimouna
- 147 6y 0n 0a
- 148 Confirmation of Maimouna
- 149 Motion to Confirm by Henkel
- 150 Second by Allen, Von Haas
- 151 6y 0n 0a
- 152 Confirmation of MD Rahman
- 153 Not present so tabled until next meeting
- 154 Confirmation of Olofinsao
- 155 Motion to confirm made by Henkel
- 156 Secoded by Maimouna
- 157 6y, 0n, 0a
- 158 Confirmation of Choi
- 159 Motion to confirm Choi and Rahman (in absentia) by Henkel
- 160 Secoded by Allen
- 161 7y, 0n, 0a
- 162 Appropriations (already opened in block)
- 163 1A-Industry Pharmacist Org Appropriation
- 164 Motion to approve by Birdwell
- 165 Second by Olofinsao
- 166 7y, 0n, 0a
- 167 1B-Muslim Student Assoc.
- 168 Questions:
- 169 Gerstner: Were there quotes provided for computer purchases?
- 170 What were details of events
- 171 Motion to approve by Olofinsao
- 172 Second by Von Haas
- 173 7y, 0n, 0a
- 174 1C-GPSA Ex Branch.
- 175 Health insurance supplement for President and Chief of Staff
- 176 Positions budgeted as ga-ship
- 177 Club 89, 21+ year old event at Draft and Table
- 178 Also proposing a Halloween event in collaboration with GEO
- 179 Additionally having a career and networking event
- 180 Stipend Supplement request for all chairs from \$400 to \$600
- 181 Also need to replace computers

182 Finally need to have marketing materials and logo change funds
183 Questions:
184 Gerstner: Are the partner organizations also contributing
185 Saavedra: They are pitching in for decorations and helping to
186 advertise.
187 Gerstner: What is cost breakdown on logo on backwall of office?
188 Saavedra: Looking to be as cost effective as possible with student
189 funds. Want to have enough marketing materials to get GPSA
190 name out there.
191 Gerstner: Is the program supplement being requested because
192 programs committee budget was already spent
193 Saavedra: Programs committee does have a skeleton budget but
194 not enough to put on major events like the ones being proposed
195 Gerstner: Shouldn't we put together a 4 year plan to upgrade a
196 couple computers every year so we are not in a place where we
197 have to replace all 10 computers right now.
198 Saavedra: We have a different stream of revenue from President
199 Stokes, so we have more money than we usually do.
200 Gerstner: For Finance Committee, you are recommending full
201 funding for all these appropriations, correct?
202 Henkel: Yes that was what we were trying to indicate on the
203 forms.
204 Motion to suspend standing rules for finance by Olofinsao
205 Seconded by Maimouna
206 4y, 0n, 2a
207 Motion to accept appropriation moved by Von Haas
208 Seconded by Birdwell
209 5y, 0n, 2a
210 Motion to reinstate standing rules by Henkel
211 Seconded by Birdwell
212 5y, 0n, 1a
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214 Motion to open Council Announcements by Henkel
215 Seconded by Von Haas
216 • 6y, 0n, 0a
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218 Council Announcements:
219 Saavedra: Wanted to thank council for supporting appropriations. Please also show
220 up to these events and if you want to volunteer that would be great as well.
221 Gerstner: Biology RDSA has conducted a survey and have pressing questions that
222 they would like leadership of GPSA to get answer to. Should GAs, TAs, and RAs, be
223 getting regular covid tests when put at risk. What legalities are involved in UNM
224 making TAs responsible for collecting COVID information from students?
225 Saavedra: Yes, count me in on finding this information

226 Von Haas: Thank you for all your work in setting up events and making things
227 available to GPSA members.

228 Cowan: I appreciate all the hard work that I am seeing from GPSA members.

229 Motion to Adjourn by Von Haas and seconded by Henkel

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231 V. Upcoming Meeting

232 a. Upcoming meeting – Saturday, Nov 20, 2021 10:00am Via Zoom and/or in
233 Person hopefully

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235 VI. Adjourn – 1:02pm