**GPSA Legislative Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**April 12, 2021 –12:00 PM Zoom Meeting: 258 288 4809

1. **Roll Call**  
   Members:  
   Aaron Cowan  
   Andie Gudbergsson  
   Tosin Olofinsao  
   Victoria Pena-Parr  
     
   Guests:  
   Nikhil Reddy  
   Anu Khadka   
   Meeting Started at 12:04
2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Aaron – There may be an additional bill that we can add to the agenda.   
We may be able to discuss a version that Anu has, but not sure we are able to discuss it fully.   
Anu – We were going to discuss in the Fall, but it was moved to the Spring.   
Andie – I’d make a motion to look at it, but maybe not have it move pass this committee because I’m not sure what exactly it is and we are low on members.  
Aaron – Yeah, I think I second that where we can at least have a discussion and see how it is. Technically it could still go to Council.   
  
We anonymously voted to amend the agenda; Aaron adds a new section: VIII NMRG Bill presentation  
  
Aaron makes a motion to adopt the new agenda, Tosin seconds.  
Unanimously passes

1. **Approval of previous minutes**Andie makes a motion to approve the previous minutes, Aaron seconds   
   4 AyesUnanimously passes
2. **Announcement and Public** **Comments**NA
3. **Opening Business**
4. **TPNR  
   Aaron makes a motion to open TPNR bill, Andie seconds**3 Ayes   
   1 Abstain   
     
   **Bill 2021-12** **is now open**   
   Aaron – I believe the bold is the only change  
   Nikhil – The is the main change in our bylaws. The TPNR is mentioned in our bylaws. Many times.This is now being updated as it is; We are proposing that the most recent OMA Act will be what we follow. Why are we having it at all? The TPNR is mentioned many times. Question that we may have is one bill for all of it or just say that it is TPNR.   
   Aaron – any comments?  
   Victoria – Totally in favor – ASUNM has this as its law, if we reference the OMA, it should be fine for the rest of the law book and don’t need to change anything else.   
   Aaron – I think it should work, the only issue is the OMA is complicated, so we need to make sure people are familiar with it, but for us, its pretty simple to include in our bylaws.  
   Victoria in chat: Ryan Lindquist is usually very familiar :)  
     
   Victoria makes a motion to approve this bill to council, Andie seconds  
   Aaron Cowan – Aye  
   Andie Gudbergsson – Aye  
   Tosin Olofinsao – Aye  
   Victoria Pena-Parr – Aye  
     
   **Bill 2021-12 Referred to Council**
5. **Election Dates**Aaron - It’s already been adopted as a bill so we will move on.   
     
   Victoria – Point of Clarification – Is the executive order bill, we don’t have to do anything with that?  
   Aaron – I know you sent something regarding that. I didn’t have it on the agenda for today’s meeting.   
   Nikhil – In Chat - We didn't write it formally.

But for future...anyone can propose it.  
Aaron – It’s not written in a bill.   
Vicotira – In Chat – It doesn’t need to go through LSC  
Victoria – Point of Order – It goes through the Executive office  
Aaron – The only thing I’ve seen in what is that it hasn’t been formally written.Victoria – I was just following up to see if we had to follow up about it today

1. **NMRG Bill presentation**Aaron – Can we have a motion to open this discussion? Anu is here and she can go ahead and discuss it. We may not move it to Council today, but we can have this discussion.   
   Victoria makes a motion to open this discussion, Andie seconds,  
   3 Ayes  
   1 Abstain   
   0 Nays   
   NMRG Bill presentation opens  
     
   Aaron – This is a proposed change to our bylaws of our graduate research development fund   
   Anu – This bill contains the specific language for the graduate research development. For the other grants, the sections are being moved.   
   Aaron – Only bolded items are being added?  
   Anu – yes  
   Aaron – A lot of things are being deleted here.   
   Anu – The language is being moved from Section 5 to section 1.   
   Aaron – The only thing we could give advice is description – So a rearrangement of the test. The information is being moved for purpose of organization?  
   Nikhil – My opinion we need to recommend it to council and LSC approve or disapprove it. It is up to LSC to recommend a bill from an admin point of view, I may have to fight for it. In chat, I added proposed language: Can we add " The proposed bill makes the current section to include details about NMRG grant. All the deleted contents are moved or updated to different sections.”   
   Aaron – I’ll leave it up to members about how to review it.   
   Nikhil – Remove “current bylaw” One more thing about bylaw. It is the last thing about updating about our bylaws in the grant phases.   
   Andie – Just to clarify, it’s just reorganizing information. Nothing is being deleted?  
   Anu – The LSC or Council meeting was against deleting Funding History, so should we keep that? Or can we move it?   
   Nikhil – That request came from one particular member and we don’t think it’s necessary for this because it doesn’t affect the legislature or purpose of the bill. We think it can go on the website or somewhere else, but it doesn’t need to be in the bylaw or legislation part.   
   Aaron – Anyone in Council can still restore that language be preserved in Council.   
   Andie – So that’s the only section being deleted? What about in the other grants?   
   Aaron – The funding information itself doesn’t have any funding legislation effect. It goes into a header or definition of terms, perhaps, so we could move that somewhere else.   
   Andie – I think it needs to be consistent with the other grants, so I think we should still forward it to Council, but let’s check with the other grant sections to make sure the language is consistent. .   
   Aaron – I think that’s a good consideration and something we can look further and decide as a Council. Do we have any motions to?  
    **(Notee: I missed who made the motion. I think it may have been Andie followed with Victoria seconding.\_**Aaron Cowan – Aye  
   Andie Gudbergsson – Aye  
   Tosin Olofinsao – Abstain  
   Victoria Pena-Parr – Aye  
   **NMRG Bill recommended to Council**
2. **Next meeting**Aaron - This is the last meeting of the semester. Do we need to consider another one?  
   Nikhil – There won’t be another bill from admin bill.  
   Aaron - So we can say this will be the last one for the semester unless there is an emergency.
3. **Adjourn**Andie moves to adjourn, Aaron seconds4: Ayes   
   Unanimously passesAdjourned at 12:40 PM