Legislative Steering Committee
October 20, 2026, 5:30 pm
Cochiti Conference Room

Rafael Romero-Salas
Chair

Rafael Colón	**Sofie Carrillo**	**Kodiak Ly**	**Saheed Oyeniran**
Vice-Chair	Member	Member	Member

I. Opening
   a. Call to Order
      i. 5:37 PM
   b. Land Acknowledgement
   c. Roll Call
      i. Present – Rafael Colón
      ii. Present – Sofie Carrillo
      iii. Not Present – Kodiak Ly
      iv. Present – Saheed Oyeniran
   d. Approval of Agenda
      i. Motion by Sofie Carrillo to approve the agenda
         1. 2nd – Saheed Oyeniran
         2. Approved
   e. Approval of Minutes
      i. Minutes opened – Motion by Sofie Carrillo
         1. 2nd – Rafael Colón
      ii. Motion by Rafael Colón to add names to the Present and Not Present lists on the previous minutes
         1. 2nd – Sofie Carrillo
         2. Approved
      iii. Discussion
         1. Hybrid meetings permitted as a special circumstance
         2. Discussion closed
      iv. Vote on approval of the minutes
         1. Approved

II. Preliminary Business
   a. Chair
      i. Thank you for being here – full steam ahead
   b. Members of the Committee

i. Sofie – Author of the bill being considered today

c. Public Comment
   i. Auh
      1. Had a lot of interesting conversations in Council
      2. Not sure whether actual bills will be sent this way; thank you for handling them

III. Old Business
   a. None

IV. New Business
   a. Bill 1F 2026
      i. Opened
         1. Motion by Sofie Carrillo
            a. 2nd – Saheed Oyeniran
      ii. Author Speech – Sofie Carrillo
         1. Constitutional amendment addressing membership of the LSC
         2. Edits made
            a. Section header moved to Section 4 to match
            b. LSC members no longer required to also be members of Council or Council representatives
            c. Composition of committee language
               i. Shall be composed of five (5) members, including the Chair
               ii. Maximum of twelve (12) stays the same
               iii. RDSA requirement removed
            d. Subsection C (the Chair) – grammatical change
         3. Reasoning
            a. Council representatives have had difficulty serving on both given time commitments
            b. Opens the opportunity for more graduate students to be involved
      iii. Questions
         1. Saheed – First change: "may also serve as"
            a. "May" is not exclusive
            b. Concern about the reverse situation
         2. Saheed – Second change: can members come from a single RDSA?
            a. Yes – since members are not representatives, they may not have an RDSA (education example given)
            b. A clause could be added that members preferably be from different RDSAs
         3. Auh – Finance requires members from at least three (3) RDSAs
            a. Purpose of the bill was to remove the Council requirement, not return to RDSAs
            b. Item tabled for discussion
      iv. Discussion
         1. RDSA edit – line 45

2. Sofie reviewed the Constitution and Finance provisions
    a. Legislative Committees, Section 2, Section 4(A)(3)
    b. Finance requires members from three (3) departments; also found in the Standing Committees bylaws
    c. Bylaws Section 3, GPSA Committees, Subsection C (p. 7) – amendment to bill
3. Council still has to approve the committee
4. Discussion on whether two or three RDSAs is appropriate
    a. Safeguards are already in place
    b. An RDSA requirement goes against the intent of the bill to open the committee to as many students as possible
    c. Some schools do not have an RDSA; "departments" preferred

v. Motion by Rafael Colón to amend the composition language to read: "Shall consist of a minimum of five (5) and no more than twelve (12) members, from at least three (3) different departments, including the Chair."
    1. 2nd – Sofie Carrillo
    2. Approved

vi. Motion by Sofie Carrillo to enter voting procedure
    1. 2nd – Saheed Oyeniran
    2. Approved

vii. Roll Call Vote on Bill 1F 2026
    1. Yay – Colón
    2. Yay – Carrillo
    3. Yay – Oyeniran

viii. Bill passed

V. Closing
- a. Members of the Committee
    - i. Sofie – Thanks for passing the bill; everyone brought up good points. I hope this opens up opportunities for more GPSA students.
- b. Vice Chair
- c. Chair
    - i. Next meeting: November 10, 5:30 PM – four (4) bills on the agenda
    - ii. Last meeting: November 24
    - iii. Snacks for future meetings
    - iv. Rafael Romero-Salas will follow up with Auh

VI. Adjournment
- a. 6:27 PM