

**GPSA Finance Committee Meeting Minute**  
March 22, 2024  
Venue: Rm 1045 Lobo Lair, Student Union Building

Opening

- a. Confirmation of Quorum was found, and the meeting started at 6:16 pm.

***Finance Committee Members present.***

Silas Wyatt – Finance chair

Eric Eke – Vice finance chair

Kim Hongyoung

Ansley Emeanuwa

Blessing Akinlabi

***Student Organizations Members/Representatives Present & SGAO***

Karl Anderson (via Zoom)

A total of six (6) people were present at the meeting.

- b. Adoption of Agenda- All members approved the meeting's agenda.

2. Preliminary Business

No opening comments.

3. New Business

- The acting chair entertained a motion to open the appropriation bill for March 2024. The motion was moved by committee member, Ansley and seconded by committee member, Kim.

**4. Appropriation Bills**

**a. Appropriation 4S – Association of Geology Graduate Students**

AGGS requested funding for regular meeting expenses as well as educational events they participate in at the Explora event. The sum of \$654 was approved by the organization.

**b. Appropriation 5S – Sociology Graduate Student Association**

SGSA requested funding to host a two-day writing retreat at Sevilleta Field Station. 10 students from the club will drive to Sevilleta and work communally on their writing skills. After deliberations by committee members, the sum of \$1,256 was approved.

**c. Appropriation 6S – Electrical and Computing Graduate Student Association**

Electrical and Computing GSA requested funding for food for their 4-day coding workshop. The sum of \$654 was approved by the finance committee for the organization.

**d. Appropriation 7S – Hindu YUVA**

Hindu YUVA is requesting funding to celebrate Holi and Guru Vananda. Specifically, food for Holi and a small decorating budget/planning budget for both events. The FC, after deliberations, approved the sum of \$700.

**e. Appropriation 8S – Nepali Student Association**

Nepali Student Association requested the sum of \$2,708 for their annual Nepali Night, as well as a rental fee for their Holi celebration. The FC approved the sum of \$2,201 for their events.

**f. Appropriation 9S – Islamic Medical Association**

The Islamic Medical Association, a new organization requested the sum of \$500 for the purchase of food (for general meetings and health fair events), office supplies, and a textbook for club use. This was approved in full by the FC.

**g. Appropriation 10S – Indian Student Association**

ISA has requested the sum of \$750 to be used to restart the organization's activities, after years of dormancy. The fund is to be used for the purchase of general promotional materials and some durable items that will be useful in hosting events. As an organization, that has not received any form of funding from GPSA in the last two (2) academic sessions, the organization is limited to the sum of \$500. This was approved by the FC.

**h. Appropriation 11S – Physics and Astronomy Graduate Student Association**

The Physics and Astronomy GSA, represented by Soumyodipta Karmakar requested funding to advertise their annual table tennis tournament as well as food for their regular meetings. After deliberations by the FC, the sum of \$400 was approved.

**i. Appropriation 12S – Graduate and Professional Student Associations.**

GPSA, represented by Joseph Conteh, requested approval for an additional \$39,371 to be allocated to the FY25 budget process from the general fund. This will allow the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches to receive their full funding as requested, and student organizations to receive their funding with standing rules cuts only. Without this funding, severe austerity cuts would be necessary for student organizations and the government to balance the budget. The fund was approved in full by the finance committee.

The chair entertained a motion to open the GPSA Legislative branch budget revision. The motion was moved by Ansley and seconded by Kim. The fund (\$1000) is for the payments of 9 LSC stipends. Moving food and refreshment money to LSC stipends. The revision was approved in full.

The chair entertained a motion to open the Nepali Student Association budget revision. The motion was moved by Ansley and seconded by Kim. They are refining food and rental money for flash mop event and Nepali night event. The revision was approved in full.

#### 5. Closing

The chair appreciated the FC members for their time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Signed

**Eric Eke**

**Vice-chair.**