



## GPSA FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 11th, 2025

Venue: Acoma A&B

### I. Call to order at 6:02pm by the chair, Mariano Fernandez

#### a. Roll Call

1. Mariano Fernandez
2. Rebecca Owopetu
3. Caitlyn Tullar
4. Nikhil Sain

#### b. Adoption of Agenda

i. The meeting commenced with the Chair, Mariano, calling for a motion to amend the agenda to include the American Choral Directors Association Student Chapter, who submitted their request before the deadline but was not included in the Agenda, Caitlyn introduced the motion, which was seconded by Rebecca. The committee unanimously approved the amended agenda.

### II. New Business

- a. Appropriations: Caitlyn made a motion to open the February cycle of appropriations and this motion was seconded by Rebecca. To start off the appropriations, a motion which was seconded by Caitlyn was made by Rebecca to open appropriations for the **American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing** who is requesting funds for their upcoming CV/resume workshop. The committee unanimously voted to allocate a total of \$513, \$260 was for food and \$250 for honorarium, after a motion was made by Caitlyn and seconded by Nikhil.

Continuing with the appropriations for this cycle, Rebecca motioned to open appropriations for the **Bangladeshi Student Association at UNM** requesting \$3699 for their upcoming "International Mother Language Day 2025: Stories of Love and Revolution" event, and Caitlyn seconded. After careful deliberation, the committee unanimously voted to award a total of \$1705. Of this, \$750 was allocated to their line-item food, as they had already secured funds from ASUNM and would be selling tickets for the event. Their other line-item Rental

gen was awarded \$500, supply cost \$336, copy gen \$60, promotional expense \$50. This motion was made by Rebecca and seconded by Nikhil.

Rebecca then motioned to open appropriations for **American Choral Directors Association Student Chapter**, which was seconded by Nikhil. Unfortunately, the representative was an undergraduate and per GPSA bylaws only members of GPSA can request and present. They were encouraged to reapply next month and have their graduate student member attend the hearing.

- b. Recommended Finance Bylaws Update: Mariano led the team to continue discussions on introducing a bill to amend the **GPSA Bylaws** to increase the allowable budget allocation for students from **\$1,000 to \$2,000** as outlined in **Article VIII, Section 2(H)(1) of the Bylaws**. All committee members voted in favor of this increase.
- c. Budget revision: The GPSA executive branch requested that \$500 from their budget allocation for professional services be reallocated for travel. The committee voted unanimously for the budget reallocation.

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.