



## GPSA FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 17th, 2024

### I. Call to order at 6:05pm by the chair, Mariano Fernandez

#### a. Roll Call

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

#### b. Adoption of Agenda

- i. A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mariano and seconded, and the motion is adopted by the council.

### II. Preliminary Business

- a. Introductions: All committee members introduced themselves and their disciplines.

### III. New Business

- a. Budget Revision: The committee reviewed the budget revision request from GPSA. The chair made a motion to approve the request it was seconded by Rebecca and all committee members voted for the approval of the request as is.
- b. Review of Standing Rules: A motion was made to review the standing rules. It was seconded by Soumydipta. A motion was made to include a limit for professional services and it was seconded by Caitlyn. The committee voted unanimously to set it 60% per event up to \$1500. A motion seconded by Nikhil to increase the limit for food per event from \$350 to 450 and from \$650 to \$750 for large event. A clause was included for groups collaborating to host an event. Each group would be awarded \$450 each. The committee unanimously voted to approve this.
- c. Approval of Standing Rule: Mariano made a motion for the approval of the standing rules at 6:35pm. This motion was seconded by Soumydipta and all the committee members present voted for its approval.
- d. Appropriations: A motion was made to begin the appropriations hearing at 6:40pm with **Nepali Student Association** opening the floor. This motion was seconded by Rebecca and approved by all members of the committee present. The group was given five minutes to present after which the committee deliberated. Their request was mainly for

the Diwali event they are hosting in collaboration with Hindu Yuva Although their original request was a total of \$2919, the committee voted to award them \$1709 after much deliberation. This motion was made by Mariano and seconded by Caitlyn.

**High Desert Linguistic Society** was the next group that presented their request. They are making the request for their upcoming conference scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, 2024 at the Hibben Center Atrium. Their initial request of \$4110 was voted to be approved at \$2573 after much discussion amongst the committee and a motion seconded by Nikhil.

This was quickly followed by **Hindu Yuva** presenting their request for reimbursement for a travel to California for a conference and their upcoming Diwali event that they are organizing in collaboration with Nepali Student Association. They were approved \$2459 out of their original request of \$5383. The motion was seconded by Caitlyn and all committee members voted its approval.

The **Graduate and Professional Students Association** president presented their request of \$16800 to pay for the Summer HSC rural rotation awards on behalf of the Grants chair. Mariano made a motion that was seconded by Rebecca and the committee unanimously voted to approve their request fully after much deliberations.

**Indian Student Association** had the privilege of presenting next. They were making a request of \$5150 to cover their Bollywood movie night, dance party and board games for their community engagement activities. After their presentation, the committee discussed and a motion to fund them at \$1343 was made and seconded by Soumydipta and all the committee members voted to approve it.

Finally, the **Graduate and Professional Students Association** presented their request. They requested a total of \$8700 to cover the cost of the stipend of directors and some office supplies. After much deliberations, a motion was made to suspend the standing rules and it was seconded by Caitlyn. The committee voted to approve a total of \$8694. Afterwards, Soumydipta seconded the motion to reinstate the standing rules.

IV. Closing: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.