



GPSA FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 18th, 2024

SUB LoboLair Room 1045

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

a. Roll Call

1. Mariano Fernandez
2. Rebecca Owopetu
3. Nnenna Udebunu (joined at 6:45pm)
4. Nikhil Sain
5. Soumyodipta Karmakar

b. Adoption of Agenda

- i. A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Soumyodipta and seconded by Rebecca, and all committee members voted to adopt the agenda.

II. Preliminary Business

- a. Approval of September FC meeting: Soumyodipta made the motion to consider the minute which was then seconded by Nikhil. Soumyodipta indicated that there was an error in his name this was corrected. Rebecca made the motion to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Soumyodipta and all committee members voted the approval.

III. New Business

- a. Budget Revision: Rebecca made the motion which was seconded by Nikhil to review the budget revision request from India Student Association. \$350 which was initially allocated for food for their Independence Day celebrations was reallocated to fund the food for their welcome party. Nikhil made a motion to approve the request it was seconded by Soumyodipta and all committee members voted for the approval of the request.
- b. Review of Standing Rules Account Code Clarification: The motion to amend the standing rules was made by Rebecca and seconded by Soumyodipta. **Account Code 37Y0 was changed to include funding of 70% up to a cost of \$500.**

- c. Appropriations Request: At 6:35pm the motion to open appropriations was made by Soumyodipta and seconded by Nikhil and all committee members voted in favor of it. Nikhil made another motion which was seconded by Soumyodipta to open appropriations for **American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing**. The group originally requested \$1143 for their monthly writing club but after deliberation by the committee was approved for \$150 in a motion made by Rebecca, seconded by Nikhil and approved by all committee members.

Soumyodipta made a motion to open appropriations for **African Student Association** and the motion was seconded by Rebecca. Because the group was absent, Soumyodipta made a motion to table the appropriations and Nikhil seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Rebecca and seconded by Nikhil to open appropriations for **Electrical and Computing GSA**. The group presented their request for \$5,823 to fund their Matlab and OPAL-RT training fee, thanksgiving event and swags for their members. Following committee deliberation, a total of \$1508 was approved in a motion made by Nikhil and received a second from Soumyodipta and unanimous vote from the committee.

Soumyodipta made a motion to open appropriations for **Electrochemical Society** and it was seconded by Nikhil. Requesting \$200 for their last two meetings for the semester, the group's proposal was reviewed and discussed. The committee approved \$200 in funding. Nnenna made the motion and Soumyodipta seconded the motion, and it passed with full approval.

Appropriations was opened for **Graduate and Professional Student' Association** after Soumyodipta made the motion and Nikhil seconded it. A funding request of \$4600 for Owl, council members stipend and food for meetings was presented by the group. Soumyodipta made a motion to suspend the standing rules for GPSA and the motion was seconded by Rebecca. After thorough discussion, the committee agreed to approve \$4623. The motion was made by Rebecca and seconded by Nikhil and approved unanimously. Soumyodipta made a motion to reinstate the standing rule, and it was seconded by Nikhil.

Nnenna made a motion to open appropriations **Bangladesh Student Association** and Nikhil seconded the motion. The group requested \$1773 to support them for their upcoming event. Following careful consideration, the committee agreed to award them \$930. The motion was made by Nikhil and seconded by Soumyodipta and unanimously approved by all members.

Finally, Rebecca made a motion which was seconded by Nikhil to open appropriations for **Women in Physics, Astronomy and Optical Science**. Presenting a funding request of \$1489 for their meeting and travelling cost, the group's proposal was considered and amended to an approved total of \$503 because they are a new group and limited to \$500. The motion was made by Rebecca and seconded by Nikhil and received unanimous approval from the committee.

IV. Closing: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.