



GPSA FY27 Annual Budget Hearings and Deliberations Minutes

1) Call to Order

- a. This meeting was held on March 7, 2026 at 9:00am in SUB Fiesta A & B. The meeting began at 9:09 am and was presided over by Acting Finance Director Charlotte Auh.
- b. Roll Call
 - i. Director: Soumyodipta Karmakar (absent)
 - ii. Vice-Chair: Charlotte Auh – Not voting; acting as director
 - iii. Member: Xiaoxuan (Shane) Li – Voting Member
 - iv. Member: Hope Smith – Voting Member
 - v. Member: Refat Mishuk – Voting Member (absent)
 - vi. Member: Nikhil Sain – Voting Member
- c. Quorum was established (4 out of 6 FC members present at roll call)
- d. Motion to approve the agenda – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Shane. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. [Indigenous People's Land & Territory Acknowledgement](#) was read into the record by Nikhil Sain.

2) Opening Business

- a. Media, Gallery, and Public Comments
 - i. No public comment

3) Officer Reports

- a. Committee Members Report
 - i. None
- b. Vice-Chair Report
 - i. Thanked committee members for committing their Saturday. Explained the rules for the budget process.
- c. Director Report

4) Business

- a. New Business



- i. Sweeping motion to open all budgets- motioned by Hope, seconded by Nikhil. Motion passed unanimously.
- ii. GPSA FY27 Annual Budget Hearings
 1. [AnnualBudget#1](#) – Women in Physics, Astro, Optics (WiPAO) – 9:15 AM
 - i. Line item 11 recommended for full amount (\$1,200)
 - ii. Line item 12 recommended for full amount (\$600)
 - iii. Line item 13 funded at \$0 (WiPAO should use the appropriations process for this request) - Motion to fund line item 21 at \$0 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Shane. Motion passed unanimously.
 2. [AnnualBudget#2](#) – American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) – 9:30 AM
 - i. Line item 11 recommended at \$0 (FC cannot fund items used by CSO to generate funds) - Motion to fund line item 21 at \$0 –moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Line item 12 recommended for full amount (\$199)
 - iii. Line item 13 recommended for full amount (\$80)
 - iv. Line item 14 recommended for full amount (\$26)
 - v. Line item 15 recommended for full amount (\$24)
- iii. Refat Mishuk arrived to meeting at 9:32am. He was afforded full voting privileges.
 1. [AnnualBudget#3](#) – Hindu YUVA – 9:45 AM
 - i. Nikhil Sain disclosed his affiliation with this group
 - ii. Line item 11 was recommended for full amount (\$1,200)
 - iii. Line item 12 was recommended for full amount (\$200)
 - iv. Line item 13 was recommended at \$440 (70% of supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 21 at \$440 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously
 - v. Motion to change category for line item 14 to office supplies gen (3100) - moved by Hope, seconded by Shane
 - vi. Line item 14 recommended for \$140 (70% of supply costs)
 - vii. Line item 15 recommended for full amount (\$300)

- viii. As Hindu YUVA's budget was still above \$2000, FC made further recommendations
1. Motion to fund line item 14 at \$0 – moved by Shane, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 2. Motion to fund line item 13 at \$440 –moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
2. [Annual Budget#4](#) – Indian Student Association (ISA) –
10:00 AM
- i. Line item 11 recommended for \$800 (8 GBMs for the year) - Motion to fund line item 11 at \$800 – moved by Shane, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Line item 12 recommended for \$0 (requested for specific event) - Motion to fund line item 12 at \$0 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. Line item 13 recommended for \$0 (requested for specific event) - Motion to fund line item 13 at \$0 – moved by Hope, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iv. Line item 14 recommended for \$140 (70% of supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 14 at \$140 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - v. Line item 15 recommended for \$86 (70% of supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 15 at \$86 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - vi. Line item 16 recommended for \$0 (requested for specific event) - Motion to fund line item at \$0 – moved by Refat, seconded by Hopes. Motion passed unanimously.
 - vii. Line item 17 recommended for \$150 (Max \$150 for office supplies) - Motion to fund line item at \$150 – moved by Hope, seconded by Nikhil. Motion passed unanimously.
 - viii. Line item 18 for \$0 (cannot fund subscriptions) - Motion to fund line item at \$0 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.

- ix. Line item 19 recommended for \$0 (requested for specific event) - Motion to fund line item 19 at \$0 = moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - x. Line item 20 recommended for \$0 (requested for specific event) - Motion to fund line item 19 at \$0 = moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
3. [AnnualBudget#5](#) – Bengal United Sports Club (BUSC) – 10:15 AM
- i. Refat Mishuk disclosed his affiliation with this CSO.
 - ii. Line item 11 recommended at \$150 (max \$150 per GBM) - Motion to fund line item 11 to \$150 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. Line item 12 recommended at \$80 (70% of supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 12 at \$80 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iv. Line item 13 recommended at \$80 (70% of supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 13 at \$80 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
 - v. Line item 14 recommended at \$65 (70% of supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 14 at \$65 – moved by Hope, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
 - vi. Line item 15 recommended at \$84 (70% of supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 15 at \$84 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - vii. Line item 16 recommended at \$49 (70% of supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 16 at \$49 – moved by Hope, seconded by Nikhil. Motion passed unanimously.
 - viii. Line item 17 recommended at \$16 (70% of supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 17 at \$16 – moved by Hope, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ix. Line item 18 recommended at \$13 (70% of supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 18 at \$13 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.

- x. Line item 19 recommended at \$30 (70% of supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 19 at \$30– moved by Hope, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
 - xi. Line item 20 recommended at \$0 (One time purchase) - Motion to fund line item 20 at \$0– moved by Nikhil, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
 - xii. Line item 21 recommended at \$0 (One time purchase) - Motion to fund line item 21 at \$0– moved by Nikhil, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
 - xiii. Line item 22 recommended at \$0 (One time purchase) - Motion to fund line item 22 at \$0– moved by Nikhil, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
 - xiv. Line item 23 recommended at \$70 (70% of supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 23 at \$70– moved by Hope, seconded by Nikhil. Motion passed unanimously.
 - xv. Line item 24 recommended at \$49 (70% of supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 24 at \$49– moved by Refat, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - xvi. Line item 25 recommended at \$140 (70% of supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 25 at \$140– moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - xvii. Line item 26 recommended at \$140 (70% of supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 26 at \$140 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
4. [AnnualBudget#6](#) – Latiné American Law Student Association (LALSA) – 10:30 AM
- i. Line item 11 recommended at \$0 (one time purchase) - Motion to fund line item 11 at \$0– moved by Nikhil, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously
 - ii. Motion to change category for line item 13 to office supplies gen (3100) - moved by Hope, seconded by Nikhil. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. Motion to add the descriptions of line items 14, 15, and 16 to line item 12 – moved by Refat, seconded by Nikhil. Motion passed unanimously.

- iv. Line items 14, 15, and 16 recommended for \$0. Sweeping motion to fund line items 14, 15, and 16 at \$0 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
 - v. Line item 12 recommended for \$300 – Motion to fund line item 12 for \$300 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - vi. Line items 17 and 18 recommended at \$0 (one time purchase) - Sweeping motion to fund line items 17 & 18 at \$0 – moved by Refat, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - vii. Deliberation for LALSA continued at TIME
 - viii. Line items 19-27 on budget sheet 1 and line item 11 on budget sheet 2 were combined to line item 13 on budget sheet 1 (all office supplies) - Moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ix. Line item 13 (with new additions) recommended for \$150 – Motion to fund line item 13 for \$150 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Shane. Motion passed unanimously.
 - x. Sweeping motion to fund line items 19-27 on budget sheet 1 and line item 11 on budget sheet 2 at \$0 – moved by Shane, seconded by Nikhil.
 - xi. Line items 12, 13, 15-17 on budget sheet 2 recommended for \$0 (one time purchases & subscriptions) - Motion to fund line items 12, 13, 15-17 on budget sheet 2 for \$0 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - xii. Line item 17 on budget sheet 2 recommended for full amount (\$90)
5. [AnnualBudget#7](#) – Bangladesh Student Association at University of New Mexico (BSAUNM) – 10:45 AM
- i. Refat Mishuk disclosed his affiliation with this group.
 - ii. Line items 11 and 12 recommended at \$0 (one time purchase/requested for specific event) - Sweeping to fund line items 11 & 12 at \$0– moved by Nikhil, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously

- iii. Line item 13 was recommended for full amount (\$150
 - iv. Line items 14, 15, and 16 recommended at \$0 (one time purchase/requested for specific event) - Sweeping to fund line items 14, 15, & 16 at \$0– moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously
 - v. Line item 17 was recommended for \$150 (max \$150 for office supplies. Motion to fund line item 17 at \$150 – moved by Hope, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
6. [AnnualBudget#8](#) – Pentecost Students and Associates (PENSA) – 11:00 AM
- i. Line item 11 recommended for full amount (\$1,189)
 - ii. Line item 12 recommended at \$0 (anti-donation clause) Motion to fund line item 12 at \$0 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. Line item 13 recommended for \$171 (70% of supply costs) Motion to fund line item 13 for \$171 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iv. Line item 14 recommended at \$0 (one time purchase) Motion to fund line item 14 at \$0 – moved by Refat, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
7. [AnnualBudget#9](#) – National Organization for the Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) – 11:15 AM
- i. Sweeping motion to fund line items 11 and 12 for \$0 (one time purchases) - moved by Hope, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Line item 13 recommended for \$1,192 – Motion to fund line item 13 for \$1,192 – moved by Shane, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously
8. [AnnualBudget#10](#) – Association of Latino Professionals for America (ALPHA) – 11:30 AM
- i. Please let the record show that Jacob Griego (Council Chair) called the treasurer of ALPFA, Juan Romero, and they did not respond.

- ii. Line items 11, 12, and 13 recommended for \$0 (CSO did not attend budget hearing) - Sweeping motion to fund line items 11, 12, and 13 at \$0 – moved by Hope, seconded by Nikhil. Motion passed unanimously.
9. [AnnualBudget#11](#) – Managerial Accounting Fraud and Internal Audit (MAFIA) – 11:45 AM
- i. Line items 11, 12, and 13 recommended for \$0 (CSO did not attend budget hearing) - Sweeping motion to fund line items 11-13 at \$0 – moved by Hope, seconded by Shane. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Motion to recess until 1:15pm – moved by Hope, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously
- i. Motion to end recess at 1:15pm and reenter Parliamentary Procedure – moved by Hope, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
11. [AnnualBudget#12](#) – LAMBDA Law of UNM (LAMBDA) – 1:15 PM
- i. Line item 11 recommended for \$1,200 (8 GBMs per year) -Motion to fund line item 11 for \$1,200 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Line item 12 recommended for full amount (\$140)
 - iii. Motion to move “business cards” from promotional materials (line item 12) to advertisement (line item 13)
 - iv. Line item 13 recommended for full amount (\$140)
 - v. Line item 14 recommended for \$70 – Motion to fund line item 14 at \$70 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - vi. Line item 15 recommended for full amount (\$140)
12. [AnnualBudget#13](#) – Black Law Student Association (BLSA) – 1:30 PM
- i. Line item 11 recommended for \$1,200 (8 GBMs per year) -Motion to fund line item 11 for \$1,200 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Motion to move “business cards” from promotional materials (line item 12) to advertisement (line item 13)

- iii. Line item 12 recommended for full amount (\$140)
 - iv. Line item 13 recommended for full amount (\$140)
 - v. Line item 14 recommended for \$70 – Motion to fund line item 14 at \$30 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - vi. Line item 15 recommended for full amount (\$140)
13. [AnnualBudget#14](#) – Nepali Students Association (NSA) – 1:45 PM
- i. Line item 11 recommended for \$1,200 (8 GBMs per year) - Motion to fund line item 11 at \$1,200 – moved by Refat, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Line item 12 recommended for \$0 (supplies for specific events) - Motion to fund line item 11 at \$0 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. Motion to change category for line item 13 to copying gen 63C0 – moved by Refat, seconded by Nikhil. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iv. Line item 13 recommended for \$0 (max \$200 for copying gen which is fulfilled in line item 14) - Motion to fund line item 11 at \$0 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
 - v. Line item 14 recommended for full amount (\$200)
 - vi. Line item 15 recommended for full amount (\$150)
 - vii. Line item 16 recommended for full amount (\$150)
 - viii. Line item 17 recommended for \$140 (reduced to \$200 without quote, 70% of \$200 for supply costs) - Motion to fund line item 17 at \$140 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
14. [AnnualBudget#15](#) – Association for Mentorship in Pediatrics – 2:00 PM
- i. Line item 11 recommended for full amount (\$150)
 - ii. Line item 12 recommended for \$105 (70% of rental fees) - Motion to fund line item 12 at \$105 – moved by Refat, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. Line item 13 recommended for full amount (\$100)

15. [AnnualBudget#16](#) – African Students’ Association (ASA) – 2:15 PM
 - i. Line item 11 recommended at \$392 (70% of rental fees) – Motion to fund line item 11 at \$392 – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Line item 12 recommended at \$1,200 (only \$150 per GBM) - Motion to fund line item 12 at \$1,200 – moved by Refat, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
16. Motion to suspend Finance Committee Standing Rules – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
17. [AnnualBudget#17](#) – Student Activities Center (SAC) Publications – 2:30 PM
 - i. Line item 11 recommended for full amount (\$1,000)
18. [AnnualBudget#18](#) – Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Legislative Branch – 2:45 PM
 - i. Line items 11-18 on salaries page recommended at full amount
 - ii. Line item 19 on salaries page recommended at \$0 (workers compensation was already funded in line item 28 of salaries page) - Motion to fund line item 19 at \$0 – moved by
 - iii. Line item 11 recommended for \$7,011 (Funded food for 9 council meetings as council chair said at least one of the meetings would be too short to necessitate food) - Motion to fund line item 11 at \$7,011 – moved by Hope, seconded by Nikhil. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iv. Line items 12 and 13 recommended at full amount (\$400)
19. [AnnualBudget#19](#)– Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Judicial Branch – 3:00 PM
 - i. Line item 11 recommended at full amount (\$100)
 - ii. Line item 12 recommended at full amount (\$200)
20. [AnnualBudget#20](#) – Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Executive Branch – 3:15 PM
 - iv. GPSA FY27 Annual Budget Deliberations: 3:30–5:30 PM



1. [AnnualBudget#20](#) Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Executive Branch
 - i. Motion to exit Parliamentary Procedure and suspend the minutes – moved by Hope, seconded by Nikhil. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Motion to return to Parliamentary Procedure – moved by Hope, seconded by Shane. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. Motion to restart the minutes – moved by Nikhil, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iv. Line items 11-25 of salaries page recommended at the full amounts
 - v. Line item 11 of budget sheet 1 recommended at \$200 (reasoning provided for “Misc. Supplies for GPSA Office” unclear) - Motion to fund line item 11 at \$200 – moved by Hope, seconded by Nikhil. Motion passed unanimously.
 - vi. Line items 12-19 of budget sheet 1 recommended at full amounts
 - vii. Motion to change the description of line item 15 to ensure that the president’s discretionary fund is only used to fund item purchases and salaries – moved by Hope, seconded by Nikhil. Motion passed unanimously.
 - viii. Line item 11 of budget sheet 1 recommended at \$835 (Using the \$167 GSA per diem rate for Santa Fe x 5 days) - Motion to fund line item 11 at \$835– moved by Nikhil, seconded by Refat. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ix. Line item 21 recommended at full amount (\$1,500)
 - x. Line item 22 recommended at full amount (\$1,700)
 - xi. Line item 23 of budget sheet 1 recommended at \$0 (violates anti-donation clause, we asked the presenter to elaborate on the dental hygiene clinic initiative and he presented to initiative as a participation incentive, i.e. paying students to come to events) - Motion to fund line item 11 at \$0– moved by Hope, seconded by Nikhil. Motion passed unanimously.



- v. Sweeping motion to pass all 2026-2027 budgets with changes made – moved by Hope, seconded by Nikhil. Motion passed unanimously.

5) Closing

- a. SGAO
- b. Committee Members Comments
- c. Vice-Chair Comment
- d. Director Comment
- e. Adjournment
 - i. The meeting was adjourned at 3:56pm.