



## GPSA Finance Committee February 2026 Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to Order:

- a. The meeting was held on February 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM in SUB Acoma A & B. The meeting began at 6:01 PM 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
  - vi. Member: Nikhil Sain – Voting Member
- c. Quorum was established (5 out of 6 FC members present at roll call).
- d. The agenda was adopted by motion (moved, seconded, approved unanimously).
- e. Indigenous People's Land & Territory Acknowledgement was read into the record.

### 2. Opening Business:

- a. Approval of Last FC Meeting's (January 2026) Minutes: January 2026 minutes adopted by motion (moved, seconded, approved unanimously).
- b. Public Comment:
  - i. Hinde Sahnoud, Second Year Law Student: Asked the committee to consider opening Finance Committee meetings to Teams or Zoom to make them more accessible for CSO representatives to attend

### 3. Officer Reports:

- a. Finance Committee Members Report: None
- b. Finance Director: None
- c. Vice Chair Report – Presented by Charlotte Auh, asked new committee members Hope Smith and Shane Li to introduce themselves



#### 4. Business:

##### a. Old Business

i. Sweeping motion to open old business – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.

##### ii. January 2026 Appropriation Requests

1. [Appropriation#1S](#) – Communities in Health (CIH)

a. Line item 7 recommended at full amount

b. Line item 14 recommended at full amount

2. [Appropriation#2S](#) – American Civil Liberties Union-University of New Mexico School Of Law Chapter (ACLU-UNM)

a. Line item 7 recommended at full amount

b. Motion to fund line item 14 at \$140 (\$500 cap for food for small events) – Hope moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.

c. Motion to fund line item 21 at \$0 (CSO no longer needed this money) –Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.

d. Motion to fund line item 28 at \$0 (anti-donation policy) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.

iii. Sweeping motion to approve Appropriation#1S and Appropriation #2S as adjusted – Hope moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.

##### b. New Business

##### i. February 2026 Appropriation Requests

1. Sweeping motion to open all appropriations on February 17, 2026 agenda – Shane moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.

2. [Appropriation#5S](#) – National Organization for the Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE)

a. Motion to fund line item 7 at \$500 (\$500 cap for food for small events) – Nikhil moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.



3. [Appropriation#6S](#) – Political Science Graduate Student Association (PGSA)
  - a. Refat disclosed his personal affiliation with this group.
  - b. Line item 7 recommended at full amount
  - c. Motion to fund line item 14 at \$900 (maximum allocation for conference fees) – Refat moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - d. Motion to fund line item 21 at \$2,496 (75% upto \$500 per unit price airfare allocation) – Refat moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - e. Motion to fund line item 28 at \$1,800 (maximum allocation for per diem) – Shane moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
2. [Appropriation#7S](#) – Physics and Astronomy Graduate Student Association (PANDA GSA)
  - a. Line item 7 recommended at full amount
  - b. Motion to fund line item 14 at \$140 (70% of supply costs) – Refat moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
3. [Appropriation#8S](#) – Biomedical Sciences Graduate Student Society (BSGSS)
  - a. Motion to change funding category of line 7 to 31B0 Food F&A Unallowable Gen – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - b. Line item 7 recommended at full amount
6. [Appropriation#9S](#) – Albuquerque Students for Nuclear Disarmament (AND)
  - a. Charlotte disclosed her personal affiliation with this group.
  - b. Line item 7 recommended at full amount
  - c. Line item 14 recommended at full amount
  - d. Line item 21 recommended at full amount



- e. Line item 28 recommended at full amount
  - f. Line item 35 recommended at full amount
  - g. Line item 42 recommended at full amount
  - h. Motion to fund line item 49 at \$63 (70% of supply costs) – Refat moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
7. [Appropriation#10S](#) – Language, Literacy, and Sociocultural Studies Graduate Student Association (LLSS-GSA)
- a. Line item 7 recommended at full amount
  - b. Line item 14 recommended at full amount
  - c. Line item 21 recommended at full amount
  - d. Line item 28 recommended at full amount
  - e. Motion to fund line item 35 at \$200 (no quote for \$500 honorarium requested) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - f. Line item 42 recommended at full amount
8. [Appropriation#11S – LAMBDA Law of UNM \(LAMBDA\)](#)
- a. Motion to fund line item 7 at \$1,776 (75% upto \$500 per unit price airfare allocation) – Refat moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - b. Line item 14 recommended at full amount
  - c. Motion to fund line item 21 at \$270 (max allocation for per diem reached) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - d. Motion to fund line item 28 at \$0 (max allocation for per diem reached) – Refat moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
9. [Appropriation#12S](#) – Pentecost Students and Associates (PENSA)
- h. Line item 7 recommended at full amount
  - i. Line item 14 recommended at full amount
10. [Appropriation#13S](#) – Nepali Students Association (NSA)

- a. Committee discussed similarities between NSA and Hindu YUVA appropriations, but the guideline remains that funding should be given based on standing rules and no other sources of funding/collaboration
  - b. Line item 7 recommended at full amount
  - c. Line item 14 recommended at full amount
  - d. Motion to fund line item 21 at \$1,050 (70% of facility costs) – Refat moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - e. Motion to fund line item 28 at \$140 (70% of supply costs) – Refat moved, Shane seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - f. Motion to fund line item 35 at \$137 (70% of supply costs) – Refat moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - g. Line item 42 recommended at full amount
  - h. Motion to fund line item 49 at \$105 (70% of supply costs) – Refat moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - i. Motion to fund line item 56 at \$0 (individual use) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved
  - j. Motion to fund line item 63 at \$105 (70% of supply costs) – Refat moved, Hope seconded
  - k. Motion to fund line item 63 at \$91 (previous math was incorrect) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - l. Line item 70 recommended at full amount
11. [Appropriation#14S](#) – Women in Physics, Astro, Optics (WiPAO)
- a. Shane disclosed her personal affiliation with this group
  - b. Line item 7 recommended at full amount
  - c. Motion to fund line item 14 at \$210 (70% of supply costs) – Refat moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
    - i. Shane noted that last semester (Fall 2025) FC funded a similar request in full using 3110 Books Periodicals Gen; Karl stated that this was the incorrect category because the



mentioned book was not related to the education materials of the respective CSO.

- d. Motion to fund line item 21 at \$105 (70% of supply costs) – Refat moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.
12. [Appropriation#15S](#) – History Graduate Student Association (HGSA)
  - a. Motion to fund line item 7 at \$135 (70% of quoted price) – Refat moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
13. [Appropriation#16S](#) – Badminton Club at UNM (Feather Flyers)
  - a. Nikhil discloses his personal affiliation with this group
  - b. Charlotte clarified with Karl that Feather Flyers could be funded through FC as they are not a competitive sports org
  - c. Motion to fund line item 7 at \$140 (70% of supply costs) – Refat moved, Hope seconded
  - d. Line item 14 recommended at full amount
  - e. Motion to fund line item 21 at \$450 (Max \$150 per GBM) – Refat moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.
14. [Appropriation#17S](#) – Environmental Law Society (University of New Mexico) (ELS)
  - a. Motion to fund line item 7 at \$450 (Max \$150 per GBM) – Refat moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - b. Line item 14 recommended at full amount
  - c. Line item 21 recommended at full amount
15. [Appropriation#18S](#) – Bangladesh Student Association at University of New Mexico (BSAUNM)
  - a. Refat discloses his personal affiliation with this group
  - b. Motion to fund line item 7 at \$1,500 (max allocation for large event) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - c. Motion to fund line item 14 at \$0 (max allocation for single large event reached) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - d. Motion to fund line item 21 at \$763 (70% allocation) – Shane moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.

- e. Motion to change wording of description for line item 28 from International Mother Language Event to Pohela Boisakh – Hope moved, Shane seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - f. Line item 28 recommended at full amount
  - g. Motion to fund line item 35 at \$69 (70% of supply costs) – Nikhil moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - h. Motion to fund line item 42 at \$65 (70% of supply costs) – Refat moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - i. Motion to fund line item 49 at \$1,500 (max allocation for large event) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - j. Motion to fund line item 56 at \$0 (max allocation for single large event reached) – Nikhil moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - k. Motion to fund line item 63 at \$69 (70% of supply costs) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
16. [Appropriation#19S](#) – Hindu YUVA
- a. Nikhil discloses his personal affiliation with this group
  - b. Line item 7 recommended at full amount
  - c. Motion to fund line item 14 at \$175 (70% of supply costs) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - d. Motion to fund line item 21 at \$560 (70% of supply costs) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - e. Motion to change language in description of line item 28 to include Cultural Heritage Showcase – Hope moved, Shane seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - f. Motion to fund line item 28 at \$3,000 (Max allocation for 2 large events) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - g. Motion to fund line item 35 at \$175 (70% allocation) – Refat moved, Shane seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - h. Motion to fund line item 42 at \$140 (70% allocation) – Refat moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.



- i. Motion to fund line item 49 at \$700 (70% allocation) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - j. Line item 56 recommended at full amount
- 17. [Appropriation#20S](#) – Student Association of Geography and Environmental Studies (SAGES)
  - a. Motion to change unit price of line item 7 to \$150 (max allocation for GBM) – Shane moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - b. Motion to change the # of units of line item 14 to 4 (max allocation for GBMs per semester) – Shane moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - j. Line item 7 recommended at full amount
  - k. Line item 14 recommended at full amount
- 18. [Appropriation#21S](#) – Black Law Student Association (BLSA)
  - a. Motion to fund line item 7 at \$1,000 (max \$500 per ticket) – Refat moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - b. Line item 14 recommended at full amount
  - c. Motion to fund line item 21 at \$170 (max allocation reached for per diem) – Refat moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - d. Line item 28 recommended at full amount
  - e. Line item 35 recommended at full amount
  - f. Motion to fund line item 42 at \$140 (70% allocation) – Refat moved, Shane seconded. Unanimously approved.
- 19. [Appropriation#22S](#) – Graduate Association of Students of Psychology (GASP)
  - a. Sweeping motion to fund line items 7-70 at 70% supply costs – Hope moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
- 20. [Appropriation#23S](#) – Sri Lankan Students' Association (SLSA)
  - a. Line item 7 recommended at full amount



- b. Motion to change spending category of line item 14 to 37Y0 Supply Costs F&A Unallowable – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - c. Motion to fund line item at \$214 (70% of quoted price supply costs) – Nikhil moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - d. Line item 21 recommended at full amount
  - e. Motion to fund line item 28 at \$140 (70% allocation) – Refat moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - f. Motion to fund line item 35 at \$140 (70% allocation) Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - g. Line item 42 recommended at full amount
  - h. Motion to fund line item 49 at \$0 (anti-donation policy) – Refat moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - i. Line item 56 recommended at full amount
21. [Appropriation#24S](#) – Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA)
- a. Motion to fund line item 7 at \$1,243 (70% allocation) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - b. Motion to fund line item at \$500 (Max for event with less than 100 graduate students) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - c. Motion to fund line item 21 at \$140 (70% of supply costs) – Refat moved, Hope seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - d. Motion to fund line items 28 and 35 at \$0 (items should be funded by academic department) – Refat moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
- ii. Sweeping motion to approve Appropriation#5S through Appropriation#24S as adjusted – Refat moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.

## 5. Closing



- a. SGAO Comment – Karl Anderson announced that the Finance Committee allocated around \$46,000 for the two appropriations seen tonight, leaving FC with approximately \$53,000 for the rest of the semester.
  - b. Committee Member Comments – None.
  - c. Vice-Chair Comments – Vice Chair Charlotte Auh shared that the Finance Committee would need to have a meeting in March, details of which would be forthcoming.
  - d. Director Comment – None
  - e. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.
6. Vice-Chair’s Post-Meeting Note (for Council Public Comment):
- a. Per Article X, 2 (Posting of Minutes) of the Spring 2026 GPSA Finance Committee Standing Rules, these minutes are posted as a DRAFT and are pending approval by the Finance Committee at its next regular meeting.