



GPSA Finance Committee September 2025 Meeting Minutes

1. Opening:
 - a. The meeting was held on September 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM in SUB A & B Fiesta Ballrooms. The meeting began at 6:03 PM and was presided over by Finance Director Soumyodipta Karmakar.
2. Roll Call:
 - a. Director: Soumyodipta Karmakar (Finance Director, non-voting except in case of tie)
 - b. Vice Chair: Caitlyn Tullar – Voting Member
 - c. Member: Nikhil Sain – Voting Member
 - d. Member: Charlotte Auh – Voting Member
 - e. Member: Refat Mishuk – Voting Member
 - f. Member: Tosin Olofinsao – Voting Member
3. Quorum was established (6 out of 6 FC members present at roll call).
4. Indigenous People’s Land & Territory Acknowledgement was read into the record by Caitlyn Tullar.
5. Motion to add two (2) appropriations (moved by a voting member, seconded, approved unanimously). The agenda was adopted by motion (moved by a voting member, seconded, approved unanimously).
6. August minutes approved (moved by a voting member, seconded, approved unanimously).
 - a. Motion to open August minutes – Nikhil moved, Charlotte seconded.
 - b. Motion to open forum for discussion – Nikhil moved, Caitlyn seconded.
 - c. Motion to approve August minutes – Caitlyn moved, Nikhil seconded.
 - d. Decision: Minutes approved unanimously.



7. Preliminary Business:

- a. Director Report – Presented by Finance Director Soumyodipta Karmakar, mentioned that updates to standing rules were passed and thanked the FC for their efforts in these appropriations. Clarified that we should not suspend standing rules unless necessary and should make our best effort to stay within standing rules.
- b. Vice Chair Report – Presented by Vice Chair Caitlyn Tullar, thanked members for attendance and encouraged efficient deliberation.
- c. Public Comment – A public member noted incorrect time for grants workshop; Finance Director referred it to Grants Director.

8. Business:

- a. Motions to enter Business and open Standing Rules were properly made and seconded by voting members.
 - i. Discussion of all edits made to standing rules including:
 1. Addition of the term “Notice” in Article IV, Section 2 (Agenda and Notice), subsections (b) and (c);
 2. Addition of Article IV, Section 4 (Deliberations) and Section 5 (Motions and Procedure);
 3. Addition of a funding allocation for general body meetings under Food (\$200 per general body meeting, with a maximum of four meetings per semester);
 4. Update of Article VIII, Section 10(a) (Per Diem) to include Lodging and Meals, max \$2,500 per conference;
 5. Update of Article VIII, Section 10(c) (Airfare) to max \$5,000 per conference;
 6. Clarification of Article V, Section 3 (Suspension of Rules);
 7. Revision of Article VIII, Section 8 (Food and Refreshments) on alternative funding sources; and
 8. Clarification of Article VIII, Section 8 (honorarium travel not covered).



- ii.
 - iii. All amendments adopted.
 - iv. [Fall 2025 GPSA Finance Committee Standing Rules](#) were approved by unanimous vote of voting members (Vote: 5-0-0).
9. Appropriations: Motion to open: Caitlyn moved - Nikhil seconds.
- a. [Appropriation #11F](#): Economics Graduate Student Organization (EGSO)
 - i. Tosin and Refat disclose affiliation with organization.
 - ii. Nikhil motions to open – Charlotte seconds
 - iii. Nikhil motions to open for discussion – Caitlyn seconds
 - iv. Per standing rules Caitlyn recommends funding airfare at 75% of each student ticket for 14 tickets for a total of \$3,801.
 - v. Recommend line item 14 at \$2,500 per standing rules
 - vi. Recommend line item 21 at full amount.
 - vii. Motion to approve total: Caitlyn moved – Charlotte seconds.
 - viii. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$7,037 (including surcharge)
 - b. [Appropriation #12F](#): Indian Student Association (ISA)
 - i. Motion to open: Caitlyn moved– Charlotte seconds
 - ii. Soumyodipta discloses affiliation with the organization.
 - iii. Motion to open discussion: Nikhil moved – Tosin seconds
 - iv. Line item 7 recommended at \$1,500 per standing rules.
 - v. 70% of line item 14 recommended per standing rules
 - vi. Line item 21 recommended at \$1,500 per standing rules
 - vii. Line item 28 recommended at full amount
 - viii. Line item 35 recommended at 70% per standing rules
 - ix. Line item 42 recommended at 70% per standing rules
 - x. Description in line item 49 altered to include posters and flyers
 - xi. Description in line item 56 altered to take out flyers and posters
 - xii. Line item 49 recommended at full amount
 - xiii. Line item 56 recommended at full amount
 - xiv. Line item 63 recommended at full amount
 - xv. Motion to approve amount total Charlotte moved – Nikhil seconds
 - xvi. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$5,210.50 (including surcharge).



- c. [Appropriation #13F](#): Intellectual Property MATTERS AT The University of New Mexico School of Law (IP MATTERS AT UNMSOL)
 - i. Motion to open: Charlotte moved – Nikhil seconds
 - ii. Charlotte recommends funding full amount of all line items
 - iii. Motion to approve total Nikhil moved – Charlotte seconds
 - iv. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$402 (including surcharge).
- d. [Appropriation #14F](#): Feather Flyers
 - i. Motion to open: Caitlyn moved – Nikhil seconds
 - ii. Motion to open for discussion: Tosin moved – Charlotte seconds
 - iii. Caitlyn recommends 70% of line 7 per standing rules
 - iv. Caitlyn recommends 70% of line 14 per standing rules
 - v. Nikhil recommends line 21 at full amount
 - vi. Refat recommends line 28 at the full amount
 - vii. Charlotte recommends line 35 at the full amount
 - viii. Motion to approve total: Nikhil Moved – Caitlyn
 - ix. seconds
 - x. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$1,263 (including surcharge).
- e. [Appropriation #15F](#): Institute of Transportation Engineers
 - i. Motion to open: Nikhil moved– Charlotte seconds
 - ii. Motion to open for discussion: Nikhil moved – Charlotte seconds
 - iii. Refat recommends unit number for line item 7 be changed to 50
 - iv. Charlotte recommends 70% of line item 14 per standing rules
 - v. Nikhil recommends \$100 for line item 21
 - vi. Charlotte recommends 70% of line item 28
 - vii. Charlotte recommends full amount of line item 35
 - viii. Motion to approve total: Nikhil Motions– Charlotte seconds
 - ix. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$571.50 (including surcharge).
- f. [Appropriation #16F](#): Nepali Student Association (NSA)
 - i. Motion to open appropriation: Caitlyn moved – Refat seconds
 - ii. Motion to open discussion: Nikhil moved – Caitlyn seconds
 - iii. Caitlyn recommends line item 7 at full amount



- iv. Tosin recommends line item 14 at \$1,500 per standing rules
 - v. Caitlyn recommends 70% of line item 21 per standing rules
 - vi. Charlotte recommends 70% of line item 28 per standing rules
 - vii. Refat recommends \$1,500 for line item 35 per standing rules
 - viii. Caitlyn recommends line item 42 at 70% per standing rules
 - ix. Charlotte recommends 70% of line item 49 per standing rules
 - x. Nikhil recommends full amount for line item 56
 - xi. Caitlyn recommends line item 63 at 70% per standing rules
 - xii. Tosin recommends full amount for line item 70
 - xiii. Motion to approve total: Nikhil moved– Charlotte seconds
 - xiv. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$5,535.60 (including surcharge).
- g. [Appropriation #17F](#): Cardiology Interest Group (CIG)
- i. Motion to open appropriation: Nikhil moved – Tosin seconds
 - ii. Motion to open discussion: Nikhil moved – Charlotte seconds
 - iii. Caitlyn recommends \$500 for line item 7
 - iv. Caitlyn recommends \$500 for line item 14
 - v. Charlotte recommends full amount for line item 21
 - vi. Refat recommends 70% of line item 28
 - vii. Motion to approve total: Caitlyn moved – Tosin seconds
 - viii. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$1,534.50 (including surcharge).
- h. [Appropriation #18F](#): Surgery Interest Group (SIG)
- i. Motion to open appropriation: Nikhil moved – Caitlyn seconds
 - ii. Motion to open discussion: Nikhil moved – Caitlyn seconds
 - iii. Caitlyn recommends \$500 for line item 7 per standing rules
 - iv. Caitlyn recommends \$500 for line item 14 per standing rules
 - v. Charlotte recommends full amount for line item 21
 - vi. Refat recommends 70% of line item 28 per standing rules
 - vii. Motion to approve total: Tosin moved – Caitlyn seconds
 - viii. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$1,926.50 (including surcharge).
- i. [Appropriation #19F](#): African Student Association (ASA)
- i. Motion to open appropriation: Tosin moved – Caitlyn seconds



- ii. Tosin discloses affiliation with organization.
- iii. Motions to open discussion: Nikhil moved – Tosin seconds
- iv. Tosin recommends full amount for line item 7
 - v. Charlotte recommends \$500 for line item 14 per standing rules
 - vi. Refat Recommends \$1500 for line item 21 per standing rules
 - vii. Motion to approve total: Charlotte moved – Nikhil seconds
 - viii. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$2,151 (including surcharge).
- j. [Appropriation #20F](#): Law Students Against Imperialism (LSAI)
 - i. Motion to open appropriation: Caitlyn moved – Charlotte seconds
 - ii. Caitlyn discloses affiliation with organization
 - iii. Motion to open discussion: Nikhil moved – Charlotte seconds
 - iv. Refat recommends \$200 for line item 7
 - v. Caitlyn recommends full amount for line item 14
 - vi. Refat recommends \$300 for line item 21
 - vii. Motion to approve total: Tosin moved – Charlotte seconds
 - viii. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$1,005 (including surcharge).
- k. [Appropriation #21F](#): Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF)
 - i. Motion to open appropriation: Refat moved – Charlotte seconds
 - ii. Motion to open discussion: Caitlyn moved – Charlotte seconds
 - iii. Charlotte recommends full amount for line item 7
 - iv. Caitlyn recommends full amount for line item 14
 - v. Caitlyn recommends \$1,700 for line item 21 for full amount of per diem
 - vi. Charlotte recommends full amount for line item 28
 - vii. Motion to approve total: Caitlyn moved – Tosin seconds
 - viii. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$4,782 (including surcharge).
- l. [Appropriation #22F](#): American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS)
 - i. Motion to open appropriation: Caitlyn moved – Charlotte seconds
 - ii. Motions to open discussion: Nikhil moved – Tosin seconds
 - iii. Caitlyn recommends full amount for line item 7
 - iv. Charlotte recommends full amount for line item 14



- v. Nikhil recommends full amount for line item 21
 - vi. Caitlyn recommends full amount for line item 28
 - vii. Charlotte recommends \$200 for line item 35 per standing rules
 - viii. Motion to approve total: Caitlyn moved – Charlotte seconds
 - ix. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$965 (including surcharge).
- m. [Appropriation #23F](#): Association of Public Interest Law (APIL)
- i. Motion to open appropriation: Caitlyn moved – Charlotte seconds
 - ii. Motion to open discussion: Charlotte moved – Nikhil seconds
 - iii. Refat recommends full amount for line item 7
 - iv. Charlotte recommends full amount for line item 14
 - v. Caitlyn recommends changing categorization of line item 21 to copying gen
 - vi. Refat recommends full amount for line item 21
 - vii. Caitlyn recommends \$0 for line item 28 due to anti-donation policy
 - viii. Motion to approve total: Caitlyn moves – Charlotte seconds
 - ix. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$603 (including surcharge).
- n. [Appropriation #24F](#): Sports Law Association
- i. Motion to open appropriation: Charlotte moved – Caitlyn seconds
 - ii. Motion to open discussion: Caitlyn moved – Charlotte seconds
 - iii. Charlotte recommends full amount for line item 7
 - iv. Caitlyn recommends consolidating food requests for general meetings: \$800 for line item 14 and 0 for line item 21, 28 and 35.
 - v. Charlotte recommends full amount for line item 42
 - vi. Motion to approve total: Charlotte moved– Caitlyn seconds
 - vii. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$1,206 (including surcharge).
- o. [Appropriation #25F](#): American Civil Liberties Union UNM School of Law Chapter (ACLU-UNM)
- i. Motion to open: Charlotte moved – Tosin seconds
 - ii. Motion to open discussion: Caitlyn – Charlotte seconds
 - iii. Caitlyn recommends full amount for line item 7
 - iv. Refat recommends \$500 for line item 14 per standing rules



- v. Caitlyn recommends changing line item 21 from printing supplies to copying gen and funding full amount
- vi. Motions to approve total: Charlotte moved – Caitlyn seconds
- vii. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$1,186 (including surcharge).

p. [Appropriation #26F](#): Environmental Law Society (ELS)

- i. Motion to open: Caitlyn moved – Tosin seconds
- ii. Caitlyn discloses affiliation with organization
- iii. Motion to open discussion: Charlotte moved – Nikhil seconds
- iv. Nikhil recommends full amount for line item 7
- v. Refat recommends \$500 for line item 14 per standing rules
- vi. Caitlyn recommends full amount for line item 21
- vii. Caitlyn recommends \$0 for line item 28
- viii. Motion to approve total: Tosin Moved – Charlotte seconds
- ix. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$905 (including surcharge).

10. Closing:

- a. Committee Member Comments – None additional.
- b. Director Comment – Finance Director thanked members for following Robert’s Rules and acknowledged the length of the first meeting.
- c. SGAO Comment – Angela De Avila commended committee for thorough review and clarified travel/per diem policies.
- d. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.

11. Director’s Post-Meeting Note (for Council Public Comment):

- a. Per Article X, 2 (Posting of Minutes) of the initially approved Fall 2025 GPSA Finance Standing Rules, these minutes are posted as a DRAFT and are pending approval by the Finance Committee at its next regular meeting.