



## GPSA Finance Committee January 2026 Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to Order:

- a. The meeting was held on January 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM in SUB Acoma A & B. The meeting began at 6:04 PM and was presided over by Finance Director Soumyodipta Karmakar.
- b. Roll Call:
  - i. Director: Soumyodipta Karmakar (Finance Director, non-voting except in case of tie)
  - ii. Vice-Chair: Caitlyn Tullar – Voting Member (absent)
  - iii. Member: Nikhil Sain – Voting Member
  - iv. Member: Charlotte Auh – Voting Member
  - v. Member: Refat Mishuk – Voting Member
  - vi. Member: Tosin Olofinsao – 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 prior minutes: November 2025 minutes adopted by motion (moved, seconded, approved unanimously).
- b. Public Comment:
  - i. Jacob Griego, GPSA Council Chair: announced that Caitlyn Tullar will no longer serve as Finance Committee Vice Chair and appointed Charlotte Auh as the new Vice Chair. He noted one vacant Finance Committee Member seat and an upcoming budget revision.
  - ii. Karl Anderson, SGAO Head: introduced himself and offered support to the committee.

### 3. Officer Reports:

- a. Finance Committee Members Report: None



- b. Finance Director – Presented by Soumyodipta Karmakar: Spring budgets timeline; changes to pre-FC meetings with SGAO to ensure OMA compliance; discussion with SGAO on allocation considerations (GPSA budget, prior GPSA funding, grad student ratios).
- c. Tosin asked clarifying questions on budget allocations and graduate student ratios among chartered student organizations
- d. Vice Chair Report – Presented by Charlotte Auh, welcomed Finance Committee back from break.

#### 4. Business:

##### a. New Business

##### i. Discussion & Edits in [GPSA Finance Committee Standing Rules](#)

- a. FC Director Soumyodipta Karmakar opened the floor to committee members to suggest changes to GPSA Finance Standing Rules.
- b. Discussion included changes to allocation of caps for food, travel, and conference registration.
- c. Amendments adopted included:
  - A. Per Diem cap decreased from \$2,000 to \$1,800 per conference.
  - B. Airfare cap decreased from \$5,000 to \$3,000 per conference.
  - C. Food for General Body Meetings cap decreased from \$200 to \$150 per meeting.
- d. Sweeping motion to approve all amendments – Tosin moved, Refat seconded.
- e. Standing Rules were approved by unanimous vote of voting members (Vote 4-0-0)

##### ii. Discussion on Annual Budget Processes for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27)

- a. Karl Anderson (SGAO) clarified ASUNM budget hearing dates as FC worked to solidify GPSA budget hearing dates.
- b. FC decided on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> for GPSA budget hearing dates.
- c. Soumyodipta explained expectations for budget proposals with clarifications from Karl Anderson (SGAO).



iii. January 2026 Appropriation Requests

- a. Sweeping motion to open all appropriations on January 20, 2026 agenda – Tosin moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
- b. [Appropriation#1S](#) – Communities in Health
  - A. Motion to table Appropriation#1S due to representative absence – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
- c. [Appropriation#2S](#) – American Civil Liberties Union - University of New Mexico School Of Law Chapter (ACLU-UNM)
  - A. Motion to table Appropriation#2S due to representative absence – Charlotte moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
- d. [Appropriation#3S](#) – BioOptics Student Society (BOSS)
  - A. Nikhil discloses affiliation with organization.
  - B. Line item 7 recommended at full amount.
  - C. Motion to fund line item 14 at \$1,530 (for 5 conference days and 1 travel day) – Refat moved, Charlotte seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - D. Motion to fund line item 21 at \$900 (\$900 cap for conference fees as per standing rules) – Tosin moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - E. Motion to fund line item 28 at \$933.75 (75% funding of airfare as per standing rules) – Tosin moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - F. Motion to fund line item 35 at \$1,275 (for 4 conference days and 1 travel day) – Charlotte moved, Tosin seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - G. Motion to fund line item 42 at \$600 (\$150 per general body meeting as per updated standing rules) – Charlotte moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - H. Line item 49 approved at full amount.
  - I. Motion to fund line item 56 at \$105 (70% funding of supply costs as per standing rules) – Refat moved, Charlotte seconded. Unanimously approved.



- J. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$6,159.75.
- e. [Appropriation#4S](#) – Indian Student Association (ISA)
  - A. Soumyodipta discloses affiliation with organization.
  - B. Motion to fund line item 7 at \$1,500 (\$1,500 cap for large events as per standing rules) – Charlotte moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - C. Motion to fund line item 14 at \$140 (70% funding of supply costs as per standing rules) – Refat moved, Charlotte seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - D. Motion to fund line item 21 at \$971.60 (70% funding for items not specified in standing rules) – Charlotte moved, Tosin seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - E. Motion to fund line item 28 at \$1,500 (\$1,500 cap for large events as per standing rules) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - F. Motion to fund line item 35 at \$850.50 (70% funding of supply costs as per standing rules) – Charlotte moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - G. Motion to fund line item 42 at \$140 (70% funding of supply costs as per standing rules) – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - H. Motion to fund line item 49 at \$350 (70% funding for items not specified in standing rules)– Charlotte moved, Tosin seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - I. Motion to fund line item 56 at \$400 (Cap of 4 general body meetings per semester as per standing rules) – Refat moved, Nikhil seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - J. Decision: Appropriation approved unanimously at \$5,882.10.
- f. Motion to enter 5-minute recess – Nikhil moved, Refat seconded. Unanimously approved.
- g. Motion to resume Finance Committee meeting – Nikhil moved, Charlotte seconded. Unanimously approved.



- h. Sweeping motion to approve Appropriation#3S through Appropriation#4S as adjusted – Charlotte moved, Tosin seconded. Unanimously approved.

5. Closing

- a. Committee Member Comments – None.
- b. Vice-Chair Comments – Vice Chair Charlotte Auh stated that the meeting went well.
- c. Director Comment – Director Soumyodipta Karmakar discussed plans for next meeting.
- d. SGAO Comment – Karl Anderson announced that the Finance Committee allocated around \$12,000 for the two appropriations seen tonight and noted that budgets must be rounded to the nearest whole dollar.
- e. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

6. Director'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.