



GPSA Finance Committee August 2026 Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order:

- i. The meeting was held on Aug 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM in SUB Trail/Spirit. The meeting began at 6:05 PM and was presided over by Finance Chair Soumyodipta Karmakar.
- ii. Roll Call:
 - i) Chair: Soumyodipta Karmakar
 - ii) Vice-Chair: Bhawana Kafle – Voting Member
 - 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
 - vii) Member: Payal Banarjee – Voting Member
 - viii) Member: Rymer Hewitt – Voting Member
- iii. Quorum was established (8 out of 8 FC members present at roll call).
- iv. The agenda was adopted by motion (Motion to approve agenda – Moved by Hope, seconded by Payal. Motion passed unanimously).
- v. [Indigenous People's Land & Territory Acknowledgement](#) was read into the record by Soumyodipta Karmakar.

2) Opening Business:

- i. Approval of Minutes: None
- ii. Media, Gallery, and Public Comment:
 - i) Charlotte Auh, GPSA Council Chair: welcomed new finance committee

3) Officer Reports:

- i. Finance Committee Members Report: None
- ii. Vice Chair Report: None
- iii. Chair Report:
 - i) Welcome introduction by Finance Chair and introduction by FC members
 - ii) Presented by Soumyodipta Karmakar, reflected on the last year serving as Finance Committee Chair, thanked finance committee members and Karl Anderson for their hard work and support.



- iv. Student Government Accounting Office, Karl Anderson introduced himself as an advisor for finance committee, and offered support to the committee.

4) Business:

- i. Old Business: None
- ii. New Business
 - i) Discussion & Edits in [GPSA Finance Committee Standing Rules](#)
 - (1) FC Chair Soumyodipta Karmakar opened the floor to committee members to suggest changes to GPSA Finance Standing Rules
 - (2) Discussion included changes to allocation of caps for media, mileage and large events.
 - (3) Amendments adopted included: Media, Milage, Large events,
 - (4) Advertising Language: Nikhil proposed revised language “Advertising includes online or social media promotions” from Article 9.2(b), motion moved by Nikhil and approved by committee.
 - (5) Article 9.9: Payal motioned to strike out “media rentals and online subscriptions.” Hope seconded, and the motion was approved.
 - (6) Article 10.7: Hope motioned to rename “medium licenses and subscriptions”, which rephrase the description to include software licenses Payal seconded the motion.
 - (7) Mileage: Karl recommended adding definitions for “mileage” and “gas” to the Definitions section for clarity.
 - (8) Approval of Standing Rules: Refat motioned to approve the Standing Rules with the proposed changes. Hope seconded, and the motion was approved by the committee
 - ii) August 2026 Appropriation Requests
 - (1) Sweeping motion to open all appropriations on August 20, 2026, agenda – Bhawana moved, Hope seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - (2) [Appropriation#1F](#) – Environmental Law Society (University of New Mexico)



- (a) Hope motioned, Nikhil seconded to update the number of active members in the form.
- (b) Motion to fund line item 158 at \$0 and to fund line item 67 at 600 – Hope moved, Payal seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- (c) Motion to line-item-item 71 Nikhil 70% of the requested amount and seconded by Hope.
- (d) Motion to fund line item 64 at \$0 can't use university funds to generate fund, Motion moved by Refat and seconded by Nikhil
- (e) Motion to fund line item 74 at \$54, motion moved by hope seconded by Nikhil.
- (3) [Appropriation#2F](#) – Hindu YUVA
 - (a) Travel line 112 recommended to approve
 - (b) Travel Line item 114 recommended for \$372 amount motion moved by Refat seconded by Nikhil
 - (c) Line item 117 recommended for full amount motion moved by Nikhil seconded by Rymer.
 - (d) Line item 158 recommended at \$1000, motion moved by Hope seconded by Bhawana
 - (e) Line item 159 recommended at 163 moved by Refat and seconded by Hope
 - (f) Line item 164 recommended at \$160, motion moved by Nikhil seconded by Refat.
 - (g) Line 163 at recommended at \$140 motion moved by Hope and seconded by Refat
 - (h) Line 164 recommended at \$286, motion moved by Hope seconded by Refat



- (i) Line-item 165 recommended at \$0, motion moved by Hope seconded by Rymer
- (j) Line-item 166 recommended at \$140, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Refat
- (k) Line-item 183 recommended to fund at \$1000, motion moved by Hope seconded by Payal
- (l) Line-item 184 approved at \$140 motion moved by Hope seconded by Refat
- (m) Line item 185 approved at \$840, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Refat
- (n) Line item at 186 approved at \$613, motions moved by Hope and seconded by Refat
- (o) Line item 188 approved at \$280 motion moved by Hope and seconded by Refat
- (p) Line item 189 approved at \$140, motion moved by Refat and seconded by Hope
- (4) [Appropriation#3F](#) – Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) Lobos Chapter
 - (a) Motion to fund line item 112 at \$900 – Hope moved, Nikhil seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - (b) Line item 113 recommended at \$1800, Moved by Nikhil seconded by Refat
 - (c) Line 114 at recommended at \$957, moved by Refat and seconded by Nikhil
 - (d) Line item 117 \$0 by Refat and seconded by Nikhil
- (5) [Appropriation#4F](#) – Student Association of Geography and Environmental Studies (SAGES)



- (a) Motion to Line item 112 to \$600 by Refat and seconded by Hope
- (b) Motion to fund line item 112 to \$300 moved by Payal and seconded by Shane
- (c) Motion to allocate the full amount to line item 113, 116 and 117
- (d) Recommended to fund the line item 158 at full amount
- (6) [Appropriation#5F](#) – Society of Women Engineers (SWE)
 - (a) Line item 183 recommended for full amount
 - (b) Motion to Line item 84 recommended to modification with \$0 and transferred to line item 86 moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope
 - (c) Motion to approve the line item 85 for \$70 moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope.
 - (d) Motion to fund line item 112 for \$900 moved by Refat seconded by Hope
 - (e) Line item 114 recommended at \$1251 moved by Refat and seconded Shane
 - (f) Line amount 158 Recommended for full amount
 - (g) Line item 117 recommended at \$1020, moved by Nikhil seconded by Hope
 - (h) Line item 159 recommended at \$70 by Nikhil and seconded by Hope
 - (i) Line item 184 recommended at \$70 motion moved by Refat, seconded by Hope
- (7) [Appropriation#6F](#) – International Law Society (ILS)
 - (a) Motion to fund line item 113 at \$1020 moved by Refat and seconded by Nikhil
 - (b) Motion to move line item 114 at \$1000 moved by Hope second by Refat
 - (c) Motion to move line item 117 at \$0 moved by Nikhil seconded by Shane



(8) [Appropriation#7F](#) – Indian Student Association (ISA)

- (a) Line 158, motion to set \$1000 moved by Refat seconded by Hope
- (b) Line 159 recommended at \$140 motioned by Refat seconded by Hope
- (c) Line 183 recommended at \$1000 motioned by Hope and seconded by Refat
- (d) Line 184 recommended at \$140 motion moved by Hope and Payal
- (e) Line item 185 recommended at \$1000 moved by Hope and seconded by Shane
- (f) Line-item 186 recommended at \$1000, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Payal
- (g) Line-item 189 recommended full amounts at \$200
- (h) Line-item 208 recommended at \$0 moved by Hope seconded by Refat

(9) Sweeping motion made by Nikhil by seconded by Shan and na by Hope and Rymer, unanimously approved

5) Closing

- i. SGAO Comment – We had \$100,000 and today we allocated \$26,795 to 7 appropriations and we have \$73,205 remaining for this fiscal year and recommended round cents. And appreciated the first meeting.
- ii. Committee Member Comments – None.
- iii. Vice-Chair Comments – Thanked the committee
- iv. Chair Comment – Thanks members for their hard work this year.
- v. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

6) Chair's Post Meeting Note (for Council Public Comment):

- i. Per Article XI, 2 (Posting of Minutes) of the initially approved Fall 2026 GPSA Finance Standing Rules, these minutes are posted as a DRAFT and are pending approval by the Finance Committee at its next regular meeting.