GPSA Finance Committee October 2026 Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order

a. Roll Call

i. The meeting began at 6:09 PM and was presided over by Finance Chair Soumyodipta Karmakar.

ii. Roll Call:

1. Chair: Soumyodipta Karmakar (Non-voting member except in case of tie)
2. Vice-Chair: Bhawana Kafle – Voting Member
3. Member: Xiaoxuan (Shane) Li – Voting Member
4. Member: Hope Smith – Voting Member
5. Member: Refat Mishuk – Voting Member
6. Member: Nikhil Sain – Voting Member
7. Member: Payal Banarjee – Voting Member
8. Member: Tzetza Rosas-Perez– Voting Member

b. Quorum was established (8 out of 8 FC members present at roll call).

c. The agenda was adopted by motion (Motion to approve agenda – Moved by Payal, seconded by Hope. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Indigenous People's Land & Territory Acknowledgement was read into the record by Nikhil.

2) Opening Business

a. Approval of Last FC Meeting's (September, 2026) Minutes: September minutes approved (moved by Refat seconded by Payal, approved unanimously)

b. Media, Gallery, and Public Comments: Council Chair Charlotte Auh introduced herself, along with new Finance Committee member Tzetza Rosas Perez. Tzetza introduced herself, and the Finance Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and other members also introduced themselves to welcome her. SGAO Finance Committee Advisor Karl introduced himself as well.

3) Officer Reports

a. Committee Members Report: Payal pointed out the overlap between supply costs, miscellaneous costs, and other similar expenses within the same items. Following Karl's suggestion, the Finance Committee agreed to review these expenses on a case-by-case basis.

b. Vice-Chair Report: None

c. SGAO: Keep up the great work, and don't cut back too much or worry about having to cut costs.

d. Chair Report: We have $30K remaining for the fall, while $70K in requests have come this month. We will need to allocate funds cautiously without making excessive cuts.

4) Business

a. Old Business

i. Sweeping motion to open the old business, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Shane.

ii. September 2026 Appropriation Requests

1. Appropriation#16F – Intellectual Property (IP) Society
    a. Motion to change line item 158 to 67, and named it General body meeting and motion moved by Refat, and seconded by Hope
    b. Line item 67 recommended at $300, motion moved by Refat and seconded by Hope
    c. Line item 158 recommended at $0, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Shane
2. Appropriation#22F – Student American Society of Landscape Architects (SASLA)
    a. No one showed up. The appropriation request has been cancelled.
3. Appropriation#26F – Business Law Society (BLS (UNM))
    a. Line item 158 recommended at $385, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Refat
    b. Line item 183 recommended at $385, motion moved by Payal and seconded by Shane
4. Motion to approve the old business with all modification and motion moved by Nikhil and Seconded by Shane

b. New Business

i. October 2026 Appropriation Requests

1. Sweeping motion to open new business, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Refat

    a. Appropriation#31F – Historical Law Society (HLS)

        i. Line item 158 motioned to move to line-item 67 General body meeting at full amount, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Shane

        ii. Refat made motion to amend the line item 67 $150

        iii. Line 158 recommended at $0, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Shane

        iv. Line item 70 recommended at full amount

        v. Line item 71 recommended at $42, motion moved by Shane and seconded by Nikhil

        vi. Line item 74 recommended at $0, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope

        vii. Line item 90 recommended at $77, motion moved by Refat and seconded by Hope

        viii. Line item 183 recommended at $313, motion moved by Refat and seconded by Shane

        ix. Line item 184 recommended at $35, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Shane

x. Line item 208 recommended at full amount.
xi. Line item 209 recommended at $34, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Refat
xii. Line item 210 recommended at $34, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Refat

b. Appropriation#32F – Political Science Graduate Students' Association (PSGSA)
   i. Line item 112 recommended at full amount.
   ii. Line item 113 recommended at $1800, motion moved by Refat and seconded by Nikhil
   iii. Line item 114 recommended at $2145, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope
   iv. Line item 158 recommended at full amount.

c. Appropriation#33F – African Students' Association (ASA)
   i. Line item 158 recommended at $1000, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope

d. Appropriation#34F – Medical Students for Choice (MSFC)
   i. Line item 114 recommended at full amount.
   ii. Line item 115 recommended at $296 motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Shane

iii. Line item 116 recommended at $515, motion moved by Shane and seconded by Hope
iv. Line item 119 recommended at full amount.
v. Line item 160 recommended at full amount.
vi. Line item 161 recommended at $18, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Refat
vii. Line item 185 recommended at full amount.
viii. Line item 189 recommended at $105, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope

e. Appropriation#35F – Surgery Interest Group (SIG)
   i. Line item 67 recommended at $600, motion moved by Payal and seconded by Shane
   ii. Line item 80 recommended at $140, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope
   iii. Line item 87 recommended at $105, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Nikhil
   iv. Line item 158 recommended at full amount
   v. Line item 183 recommended at full amount
f. Appropriation#36F – Computer Science Graduate Student Association (CSGSA)
   i. Line item 67 recommended at $0, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Shane

ii. Line item 71 recommended at full amount
iii. Line item 87 recommended at $0, motion moved by Shane and seconded by Nikhil
iv. Line item 90 recommended at $0, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Refat
v. Line item 91 recommended at $140, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Nikhil

g. Appropriation#37F – Higher Education Art Group (Heart Group)
i. Line item 67 recommended at full amount
ii. Line item 67 at $735, motion moved Payal and seconded by Refat
iii. Line item 70 recommended at full amount
iv. Line item 71 recommended at $140, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope
v. Line item 87 recommended at $350, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope
vi. Line item 158 recommended at full amount
vii. Line item158 recommended at $857 moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope
viii. Line item 159 recommended at $70, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Shane

h. Appropriation#38F – Law Students Against Imperialism (LSAI)
    i. Line item 67 recommended at full amount
    ii. Line item 70 recommended at full amount
    iii. Line item 71 recommended at $70, motion moved by Payal and seconded by Shane
    iv. Line item 158 recommended at $214, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope
    v. Line item 159 recommended at $25, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Shane
    vi. Line item 162 recommended at full amount.
    vii. Line item 183 recommended at $214, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Shane
    viii. Line item 184 recommended at $18, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope
    ix. Line item 187 recommended at full amount.
    x. Line item 208 recommended at $0, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Refat
    xi. Line item 209 recommended at $0, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Refat
i. Appropriation#39F – Tau Beta Pi (TBP)
    i. Line item 158 recommended at full amount

ii. Line item 183 recommended at $500, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Refat
iii. Line item 184 recommended at $140, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope
iv. Line item 185 recommended at $200, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Refat
v. Line item 186 recommended at $490, motion moved by Payal and seconded by Hope

j. Appropriation#40F – Communities in Health (CIH)
   i. Line item 158 recommended at full amount
   ii. Line item 183 recommended at full amount
k. Appropriation#41F – Street Medicine Addiction and Harm Reduction Team (SMAHRT)
   i. Line item 158 recommended at full amount.
   ii. Line item 184 recommended at $213, motion moved by Refat and seconded by Hope
   iii. Line item 208 recommended at full amount.
l. Appropriation#42F – Healthcare Advocacy Initiative of New Mexico (HAINM)
   i. Line item 158 recommended at full amount
   ii. Line item 183 recommended at full amount

m. Appropriation#43F – American Studies Graduate Student Association (ASGSA)
    i. Line item 112 recommended at full amount
    ii. Line item 113 recommended at $1800, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope
    iii. Line item 114 recommended at $2095, motion moved by Refat and seconded by Hope
n. Appropriation#44F – Graduate Students in Math and Statistics (GSMS)
    i. Line item 158 recommended at full amount
o. Appropriation#45F – Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG)
    i. Line item 158 recommended at full amount
    ii. Line item 183 recommended at full amount
p. Appropriation#46F – Biomedical Sciences Graduate Student Society (BSGSS)
    i. Line item 67 recommended at $0, motion moved by Refat and seconded by Nikhil
    ii. Line item 70 recommended at $0, motion moved by Refat and seconded by Nikhil
    iii. Line item 71 recommended at $70, motion moved by Payal and seconded by Hope

iv. Line item 158 recommended at $500, motion moved by Payal and seconded by Refat
v. Line item 160 recommended at $336, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Refat
vi. Line item 183 recommended at $259, motion moved by Refat and seconded by Hope

q. Appropriation#47F – Students Exploring Careers in Health (SECiH)
   i. Motion to table appropriation #47F at 9:02pm as no one was showed up, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Refat

r. Appropriation#48F – Music Is Medicine (MIM)
   i. Line item 71 recommended at $21, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope
   ii. Line item 72 recommended at full amount
   iii. Line item 74 recommended at $0, motion moved by Hope and seconded by Shane
   iv. Line item 80 recommended at $225, motion moved by Payal and seconded by Shane
   v. Line item 158 recommended at full amount
   vi. Line item 159 recommended at $18, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Shane

vii. Line item 183 recommended at full amount
viii. Line item 184 recommended at $1000, motion moved by Shane and seconded by Nikhil
ix. Line item 186 recommended at $980, motion moved by Refat and seconded by Shane

s. Appropriation#49F – Women's Law Caucus (WLC)
i. Motion to move line item 158 to 67 at $85, motion moved Nikhil and seconded by Shane
ii. Line item 158 recommended at full amount, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Shane
iii. Line item 183 recommended at full amount
iv. Line item 208 recommended at full amount

t. Appropriation#50F – BioOptics Student Society (BOSS)
i. Line item 67 recommended at full amount
ii. Line item 80 recommended at $196, motion moved by Refat and seconded by Nikhil
iii. Line item 90 recommended at $140, motion moved by Shane and seconded by Refat
iv. Line item 112 recommended at $380, motion moved by Refat and seconded by Shane
v. Line item 114 recommended at $1416, motion moved by Refat and seconded by Shane

vi. Line item 117 recommended at $1800, motion moved by Refat and seconded by Hope

vii. Line item 158 recommended at full amount

u. Appropriation#51F – Bengal United Sports Club (BUSC)

i. Line item 67 recommended at $600, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope

ii. Line item 69 recommended at $294, motion moved by Payal and seconded by Hope

iii. Line item 70 recommended at full amount

iv. Line item 72 recommended at full amount

v. Line item 80 recommended at $1000, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Shane (for only Cricket related items)

vi. Line item 158 recommended at $833, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Shane

vii. Line item 168 recommended at $16, motion moved by Nikhil and seconded by Hope

viii. Line item 183 recommended at $770, motion moved by Shane and seconded by Nikhil

ix. Line item 208 recommended at $0, motion moved by Payal and seconded by Shane

2. Sweeping motion to approve all Oct 2026 appropriation Hope and Nikhil

5) Closing

a. SGAO: Thank you for the great work. Approximately $38K was allocated this evening, which is about $6K more than the amount available for this semester. I will check with Ryan to determine the best path forward for next month (November).

b. Committee Members Comments: None

c. Vice-Chair Comment: Thanked for the evening and patience.

d. Chair Comment: Just thanked everyone

e. Adjournment: 10:05 PM