

October 9th, 2018
Renfrew Hall, 125
Moscow, ID

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Edited by Speaker Ramyaa Ravichandra

Minutes for GPSA Senate Meeting #4

- Meeting called to order by Connor Hill at 6:31 PM
- Approval of Minutes
 - Error: Students can apply for travel funding two deadlines before their travel, not one.
 - Error: Graduate Counsel Report - Second Bullet - Shutdown
 - Motion to approve minutes pending corrections
 - Motion by Senator Corpus, Seconded by Brandon Day
 - Passed Unanimously
- Executive Report – Ananth J.
 - University of Idaho Give Campaign – Ananth J.
 - We need pictures for the banner of the U and I Give campaign – Currently GPSA Banner
 - Trying to fundraise \$1,000.
 - Budget is \$500 for Thesis and Binding Awards and \$500 for Travel Awards.
 - Suggestion: Get pictures of graduate students being active for advertisement.
 - Question: How do we donate?
 - Answer: Enter an amount on the website and select Donate Now. There are options to enter payment information.
 - There will be rewards added for students who donate enough, such as signed postcards/plaques.
 - Reward Idea: Name Award after biggest donator.
 - Last Day for Suggestions: November 12th
- New Business – Website Changes
 - We're planning on phasing out of Orgsync.
- Leadership Awards
 - Leadership Awards are our payment for being part of the GPSA.
 - The leadership Award comes from the GPSA budget, from student fees. As long as we do our job as a GPSA senator and faithfully communicate with our constituents, we can collect payment.
 - GPSA Reserves: \$87000. Currently requesting to remove \$10,250 for next year.
 - 23.2% of this goes toward Leadership Awards. This is a lot.
 - We might consider spending these funds in more constructive ways.
- Committee Reports
 - Coffee Hours and Oktoberfest, Coupon Book – Madison G.

- Next coffee Hour Friday the 12th. After that, October 26th, November 2nd, 16th, and 30th.
 - “Study Nook” Coupon Book being put together. There are already several local businesses who have agreed to participate.
 - Suggestion: Focus coupon books on those who bring own mugs to coffee hour.
 - Apparently, there are dishwashers in IRIC. This might not be necessary.
 - Oktoberfest
 - Takes place at Hunga Dunga at 6 PM, October 18th.
 - Will probably be a fundraising event.
 - Open to grad students, family and friends. Raffle will have Hunga Dunga gear.
- Announcement
 - Diversity Chairman Andre
 - The Ubuntu Committee will have an art contest.
 - More information will be coming later in November.
- Ideas on how to spend leadership awards:
 - Travel Funding
 - There is a lot of rollover in travel funding. Most sessions it doesn’t all get spent.
 - Suggestion: Is it possible to let students travel more than once but get less money each time.
 - Answer: It’s possible but, would require a change in the bill.
 - Suggestion: We could split Travel Awards from Thesis binding, so students could apply to both.
 - We could use the money to match possible contributions from other sources toward things we want, like health insurance for students.
 - It might be difficult to incentivize people to take time away from their lives to be GPSA members.
 - We could let leadership awards be a percentage of available funds, so we don’t overdraft.
 - Ramyaa points out that many of us put in significant hours and suggests that our travel awards funds shouldn’t come out of GPSA funds.
 - GPSAs nationwide have no consensus on this issue. Some schools pay senators a lot. Some don’t pay anything.
 - We might ask graduate students for their opinions.
 - If you have further suggestions, drop them off at the GPSA box in the second floor of Morill Hall
- Motion to Adjourn called by Andre, seconded by Louis,
 - Motion Passed Unanimously
 - Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 PM