

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Renfrew Hall, 125  
Moscow, ID

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### Minutes for GPSA Senate Meeting #6

- Meeting called to order by Connor at 6:32 PM
- Approval of Minutes
  - Edit: Under announcements, “reduce by reuse”
  - Motion to approve last week’s minutes.
    - Moved by Senator Corpus, Seconded by Senator Reis .
      - Passed Unanimously
- Executive Report – Ananth J.
  - Support for Grad Student Clubs
    - We’re now accepting applications.
    - <http://webpages.uidaho.edu/gpsa/doc/applications/GSOApplicationForm.pdf>
  - U and I Give Campaign
    - Raised \$197, 20% of goal.
    - 3 days left
  - Parental Accomodation Policy
    - Received 116 responses
    - Will analyze the data and formulate a policy
  - Health Insurance
    - Default Health insurance is still being discussed.
    - A proposal will be made available soon
  - GPSA Website
    - OrgSync will be expiring at the end of this semester.
    - We’ve built a new webpage
    - <http://webpages.uidaho.edu/gpsa>
    - Question: Who do we contact to change forms on the website?
    - Answer: Somebody on the executive council.
- New Business – GPSA Constitution Overhaul – Ananth J.
  - Background – GPSA exists to serve students. We serve through our committees.
  - Problems
    - Bureaucracy
      - We don’t have as much time to devote to organization to important things.
      - GPSA members change a lot.
      - Grad students pay fees but without having senators cannot benefit.
    - Solution proposal:

- Rewrite the constitution.
    - Restructure GPSA into an executive council
    - Pres, VP, T and P, TEGA, Programming, Secretary/Relations, Treasurer, 8 support specialists
    - All 15 positions will be elected by GPSA student body
      - Tenure – 1 year
    - Every Moscow-campus grad student will be eligible for services
  - Advantages:
    - Efficiency
    - Equal access
    - Smaller organization
  - Question: How does a concerned student bring up a problem to this council?
  - Answer: They can bring a question to the GPSA if they get support from 10% of students
  - Comment: Are there limits on how many people from the same department can run?
  - Answer: We can put limitations on this in place
  - Suggestion: At least one person from each college
  - Question: What's to stop the 15 people from getting tired? Will the same 15 people be willing to continue to work over time?
  - Answer: This could be a potential problem, but experience says 15 people do most of the work most of the time.
  - Suggestion: Only elect officers, let officers appoint support members and be required to be chosen from different colleges in order to ensure diversity.
  - Suggestion: Especially on funding committees, it's a good idea to have members rotate so there can be no accusation of bias.
- New Business – Leadership Awards for Senators – Ramyaa R.
    - Award form deadline: November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4PM in Morill Hall GPSA Drop Box
    - Senators – Forward emails you've sent to your constituents to Ramyaa to make sure you get your award.
    - Questions to email: [gpsa-speaker@uidaho.edu](mailto:gpsa-speaker@uidaho.edu)
  - Committee Reports
    - TEGA Committee – Vignesh J.
      - There were two applications this semester. They were awarded \$750 and \$1250
      - Next deadline: November 26<sup>th</sup> @ 4PM
      - Have your constituents write your name in the application
  - Announcements
    - Anybody lose a blue water bottle?
    - Coffee Hour November 16<sup>th</sup>
      - Bring your own mug to get a coupon book
    - The Ubuntu Committee is hosting an art contest
      - A flyer will be emailed out
      - There is a prize
    - Next Travel Award Deadline is November 15 at 4 PM.

- Motion to Adjourn called by Senator Corpus, seconded by Louis Land
  - Motion Passed Unanimously
  - Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 PM