I. Call to Order
   At 6:17
   Attendance: Jasmine Sears, Sarah Netherton, Jared Brock, Juhyung Sun, Maria Khorosheva, Joy Veluz.

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Vote: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.

IV. Approval of Minutes from October 22, 2015
   Vote: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.

VI. Old Business & Ongoing Business
   a. Women in STEM Travel Grants – Sarah Netherton
      i. S. Netherton: The Women in STEM are giving us 1-6 thousand dollars to distribute to women in STEM.
      1. We won’t have any problem distributing this money.

VII. New Business – Updates, Introduction to new topics
   a. Committee updates:
      i. Policy & Health/Wellness – Sarah Netherton
         1. S. Netherton: Meetings are going in both committees.
      ii. MACC & Special Project – Juhyung Sun
         1. J. Sun: Kate doesn’t have time to do some of what we need for marketing.
            i. We are trying to see what marketing campaign we want to do.
            ii. With MACC there are varying levels of marketing involvement we can do.
            iii. In general, it doesn’t matter what you post on Facebook, you just need to post every day.
         2. J. Sears: We have a free box subscription.
            i. The library wants box.com to be used more since they paid for it.
            ii. Years ago we talked about a resource tab on the GPSC website.
            iii. We could include what GPSC provides there, and some external resources.
         3. S. Netherton: Yes, we can do that for sure.
      iii. Jasmine Sears – REAP
         1. J. Sears: We finished judging the October REAP round.
            i. We had someone applying, who previously got a grant and did not give a report.
            ii. We’ve run into this before. Once the person provides a report, they can get the funding for the new project.
            iii. After this round, will have a different evaluation rubric.
            iv. The Committee of 11 is meeting with the Federal Relations Vice president. We will be talking for an hour, there is a list of questions.
            v. There will be some discussion with President Hart to get more endowed chairs. This helps grad students, since it was hard to get promising faculty without the chair positions.
            vi. The College of optics does not track attempted suicides, but our next food drive will be in support of campus pantry.
iv. Appropriations – Jared Brock

1. **J. Brock:** I substituted Sarah at the SAPC (Student Affairs Policy Committee).
   i. Faculty Senate was on Monday, I was the only student there.
   ii. Summer stipend lists were sent to Alexi.
   iii. I am in charge of the Club and POD committee.
   iv. I don’t know what is going on with this committee.
   v. Alexi emailed me, but it took me longer than expected to email her back.
   vi. Then I found out the meeting was already over, and they all the decisions were made.
   vii. I don’t know who is on my committee.

2. **J. Sears:** Sarah, have you looked at the committee report?
3. **S. Netherton:** Yes, I did.
4. **J. Sears:** We need to go through GC with the report.
5. **S. Netherton:** Ok, please put it on the meeting agenda.
6. **J. Sears:** The new elections commissioner will come to the next GC meeting.
   i. Staff should come to the GC meetings once a year. We need to make sure staff shows up to the meetings at least once, so people know each other.
   ii. For the Club and POD, it might be helpful if Alexi knows that Jared is in charge of the committee in this case.

7. **S. Netherton:** We should clarify that in terms of personnel, I am in charge of everyone now, since we don’t have a program coordinator.

v. Governing Docs – Mariia Korosheva

1. **M. Khorosheva:** We are working on the governing documents.
2. **J. Sears:** Maybe there could be a version by the end of the semester.
   i. Could you approve the changes in GC section by section as you make them?
3. **S. Netherton:** I think this might be possible.
4. **M. Khorosheva:** The end of this semester is something we can aim for.
   i. But knowing how much time it took before to edit the governing docs, it may not be plausible as a specific goal.
   ii. We can aim for it.
   iii. I will set up a google drive where committee members can all edit the governing documents.

vi. Social – Joy Veluz

1. **J. Veluz:** We are talking about having a game night.
   i. It is better to have the Tucson Game and Gadgets event at the end of the semester instead of during finals week on December 13.
   ii. I don’t want to push it off to the Spring.
   iii. Will have it on 13 or 20th and we can still have the pub crawl on the same day.
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VIII. New Business – Action Items
   a. September 2015 Club/POD Funding Approval – Jared Brock
   b. Building community – Sarah Netherton
      i. S. Netherton: We need to talk about GC dynamics.
         1. There are several people that talk during our meetings, and a lot of people that do not.
         2. There are many reps who see each other during meetings, but don’t even know who they are.
         3. There is a seating problem now too, as people don’t see who is in front and behind them.
         4. On one side of the room, all the professional students sit, on the other side- all the graduate students.
         5. Maybe we can have a break in the middle of the meeting.
      ii. J. Veluz: I don’t know if in terms of pacing that would be natural.
      iii. S. Netherton: A bit of networking would enhance GPSC.
      iv. J. Brock: Maybe we can have everyone stand up and say their name and college.
         1. We can do ice breakers sometimes.
      v. J. Sears: We have had better participation this year than in some years.
      vi. M. Khorosheva: If we had a different seating arrangement in our meeting room, interaction and engagement would work better.
      vii. S. Netherton: Yes, but there was no other room availability.
      viii. J. Sun: There are a variety of meeting techniques to have people engage more.
         1. For example, reps can be asked to speak in a pair, than in a group, then people can volunteer to share their opinions from around the room. It is worth trying during meetings.
      ix. J. Sears: I hear that you all want to do a retreat, but want to do it during a GC meeting.
      x. J. Veluz: A quick, fun and lively activity is to say someone else’s name.
         1. You have to say the name of someone you don’t know.
         2. Introduce this activity as something fun and different.
         3. Don’t call the activity as an icebreaker at all. Call it a mid-semester thing.
         4. I am hesitant about being required to talk, since people in GPSC often speak my opinion.
         5. This could be something we save for the retreat.
      xi. J. Sun: My experience with the GPSC retreat was not as good.
      xii. J. Sears: Were you actually there during the retreat?
         1. We had multiple icebreakers.
      xiii. J. Sun: I was present during orientation, not the retreat.
         1. But the retreat is only held one time.
         2. If we have more granular activities, it would be more beneficial.
         3. People can start showing up to meeting late because of the changes in meetings, but that why we should keep things short.
         4. We should allow people to speak on issues more.
         5. I don’t think that we have right now is the best model, and I don’t think the additions will be burdensome.
      xiv. S. Netherton: Can we try doing snacks at the beginning of meetings?
      xv. J. Sears: We have the room 5:30-8:30.
         1. We can do snacks before.
         2. I support Joy’s idea with the roll call.
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xvi. **S. Netherton:** We need to do icebreaker activities in a meaningful way.

xvii. **J. Sears:** We have some great ideas we can try.

1. Also we can bring snacks and Joy's ball for rollcall activity.

xviii. **J. Sun:** Many of the people sitting in the back of the room during meetings are the people who don’t think they encounter the same issues that have been brought up.

xix. **S. Netherton:** Yes, they don’t know what they can bring up, though they are engaged.

xx. **J. Sears:** Yes, people tune out since some of the issues do not affect their constituents, and it is ok.

xxi. **J. Brock:** Last time we all met at Wilco's and it worked well.

xxii. **J. Sun:** Great idea, but only if the appropriate time can be coordinated.

1. Even if people want to interact. We don’t have a structure imposed.

xxiii. **J. Veluz:** That's why people need to come to happy hour.

c. **T-shirts – Sarah Netherton**

   i. **S. Netherton:** I am planning on buying polos with an A on it.

   ii. **J. Sears:** Do you have all the sizes?

   iii. **S. Netherton:** I will get them.

   iv. **J. Sears:** If we are deciding between red and blue, red polos look good.

   v. **S. Netherton:** Ok.

   1. We also have plenty of room in the budget to add things.

d. **Spending before the end of the year – Sarah Netherton**

   i. **S. Netherton:** I will start spending money on things.

   1. We will have the office painted.

   2. The lock box is coming, it has been ordered.

   3. It will cost $35 hundred to paint the office.

   4. We are paying $1 thousand dollars for the box.

   ii. **J. Sears:** If we have extra money, maybe we can have more food events.

   1. As long as the marketing committee was on the same page, the events were always popular.

   iii. **S. Netherton:** We have final survival week, we can do anything at that point.

   iv. **J. Sears:** We can do backrubs at the GPSC office.

   v. **S. Netherton:** We also need a golf cart.

e. **Agenda Items for next GPSC EB Meeting– Sarah Netherton**

f. **Agenda Items for next GPSC GC Meeting - Jasmine Sears**

IX. **Roundtable – time permitting**

   i. **J. Brock:** The next ABOR thing is here, and the focus is on health sciences at the UofA.

   1. Health sciences got the biggest budget cut.

   2. 10 percent of college of medicines money got cut.

   3. The highest tuition increase was ours too.

   ii. **S. Netherton:** I will be there during the meeting.

   1. Nov 18 is the ABOR meeting, the student leadership meeting is at 7:30 on that Wednesday night.

   2. We are meeting with 2 student reagents and will do dinner.

   3. On November 10th from 5-7 pm is the Regents selection process.

   4. We have done 5 applications, and are down to 4.

   5. There is a question whether discussions over emails violates open meeting laws.

   iii. **J. Sears:** We are not obligated to follow open meeting laws.

   1. We have public, but not open meetings.

   2. We are also not bound by Roberts Rules of order, we just chose to follow them.
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iv. S. Netherton: The national conference went well.

v. J. Sears: ASUA and NAU have made combined bid before.

vi. M. Khorosheva: We need to come up with such ideas earlier.

vii. S. Netherton: We had the idea about hosting the conference, just the combined bid came up later.
   1. In our governing docs only GPSC elected officials are perceived as members.
   2. I’m used to voting being done as a student body.

viii. J. Brock: Does ASUA do this?

ix. S. Netherton: Yes.

x. J. Sears: I don’t think it’s a problem.
   1. I don’t think we can get votes from graduates at large.

xi. S. Netherton: So it hasn’t been an issue.
   1. I wasn’t sure why we did it this way.

xii. J. Sears: Maybe we should ask Javier Durand about this?

xiii. J. Sun: This is a question that comes up.
   1. What defines membership per say?
   2. It an interesting situation: we represent everyone, that’s true, but we are the stewards of our governing docs.

xiv. S. Netherton: Maybe we could put forward a constitution document.
   1. If we have all the graduate students on campus vote on it, would we just be going through the motions?
   2. This process will be a safeguard in that we wouldn’t just be able to change our constitution.

xv. J. Sears: I’ve seen what has happened in this situation.
   1. Sometimes people don’t vote, you don’t achieve quorum, and you can’t change anything at all in the constitution.
   2. There is a need for defined voting members.

xvi. S. Netherton: So we are keeping the constitution changes as an internal process?

xvii. J. Sears: Yes.

X. Adjourn

At 7:59.