I. Call to Order
   At 6:01
   Attendance: Jasmine Sears, Mariia Khorosheva, Juhyung Sun, Sarah Netherton, Joy Veluz, Alexander Karaman, Madeline Ryder, Thomas McClintock, Ryan Fagan, Sierra Fung, Falguni Sonawala, Sarah Seavey, Chris Sogge, Mark Ryan, Chandni Parikh, Brandon Smith, Katie Strawn, Caitlyn Harrison, Jim Collins, Sarah Kosso, Usir Younis, Delaney Stratton, James Carlson, Vic Keschrumrus, Jahaira Vera, Anne Myers, James Geach, Preshit Ambade, Marquez Johnson, Cari Tusing, Trudie McEvoy (proxy by Paul Renigar), Justin Ostrowski (proxy by Thomas McClintock), William Robertson (proxy by Chris Sogge), Rohan Beri (proxy for Anne Myers), Kate Chisholm (proxy by Preshit Ambade).
   Guests: Mary Stoecklein, Madelyn Pawlowski.

II. Call to Audience
   i. S. Netherton: Breathing Exercise.
      Mary Stoecklein, GPSC Elections Commissioner
   ii. M. Stoecklein: If you have any information or suggestions about elections for me, let me know/email me.

III. Approvals
   a. October 26, 2015 minutes
      Vote: 35 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain
   b. Research and Project Grant recommendations
      Vote: 35 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain
   c. Club and POD Funding recommendations
      Vote: 35 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

IV. New Business
   a. GPSC’s 25th Anniversary Brainstorming – J. Veluz
      i. J. Veluz: We want to plan the GPSC anniversary.
         1. Talk to your partner how your department can get involved.
         2. Send an email to me with your suggestions.
         3. I will be compiling all your answers to see what we can do.
   b. GPSC Advisory Board – J. Sears
      i. J. Sears: GPSC used to have an advisory board, and we haven’t been utilizing it this year.
         1. Some of the people on the advisory board are: Javier Durand (the father of GPSC), John Hildebrand, Alexander Sudiama, Meg Lota Brown.
         2. If you think any of these people’s expertise might be useful, you can contact them as a member of GPSC.
ii. **B. Smith:** If any of these faculty members are still teaching/working on campus, we can use them to have our presence known, so people know that GPSC exists.

iii. **J. Sears:** Great idea.
   1. We will think of how we can do this.

c. **NAGPS Legacy Member – S. Netherton**
   i. **S. Netherton:** I was just at the NAGPS national conference.
      1. We have been a member for several years.
      2. They are changing the structure so that we can become a Legacy Member.
      3. It is a 12500 dollar expenditure for as long as your organization is in existence.
      4. We can then be NAGPS members for life.
      5. It is 25 years worth of dues.
      6. It does come with some benefits as far as being a leader in our region, and being proactive on a national level.
      7. Because we have money this year, and because we haven’t come up with a way to use our money, this is what we can do.
      8. We have a lot of money, we are sponsoring other groups. For example, “The Out and Proud” event was sponsored by us. We gave money to Campus Pantry too.
      9. But we still have a lot of money that we need to spend this year.
     10. I am proposing that we become an NAGPS legacy member.

ii. **U. Younis:** If we have ideas on how we can spend the extra money, who do we email?

iii. **S. Netherton:** Me.

iv. **C. Tusing:** What can we spend the money on?

v. **S. Netherton:** It is difficult to give money directly to grad students.
   1. From now on we might be able to buy food for campus pantry, but we can’t give them money any more.
   2. We are working more through campus health, to give them money for what they do.
   3. It much longer to spend all the extra money than I anticipated.

vi. **B. Smith:** When does the Legacy decision need to be made?

vii. **S. Netherton:** It is no rush, but it would be good to make it earlier.
   1. I found 40 thousand more dollars in GPSC, so the money we have to spend keeps going up.
   2. It is a fantastic problem to have.
   3. If we have opportunities to spend money, we have to take them.

viii. **J. Sears:** We will never have this much money again.

ix. **S. Netherton:** We were able to keep 2 hundred thousand dollars this year.
   1. This will never happen again.
   2. There is a whole wealth of policies online on how money can be spent.
   3. They are there, but I haven’t been able to start looking at them.

x. **J. Sears:** I have not seen a paper manual myself.

xi. **J. Collins:** Maybe we can find a person to whom we can start throwing idea at, and who knows all the rules.
xii. S. Netherton: The few people who know all the rules are the bosses’ bosses.
   1. They do not have enough time to review our questions, it’s not the most efficient way to go about things.

xiii. J. Collins: We should come up with as many ideas as we can, and if they stop us, they stop us.
   1. We should do everything quickly.

xiv. J. Vera: How is this NAGPS membership beneficial?

xv. S. Netherton: We are a leader in the Western Region and across the country.
   1. We have a larger budget than 99 percent of graduate student governments.
   2. We actually have grant programs that give money to students.
   3. This membership would be a way to distinguish ourselves, to take our participation seriously.
   4. National graduate student organizations are designing program around ours.

xvi. C. Tusing: Why can’t we just expand our grant program?

xvii. J. Sun: We want to keep grant program constant, so that it doesn’t contract and expand.
   1. If we give more money to the grants program, then the criteria will be looser. This might be problematic.
   2. We might put this money into the grant program if we can figure out how to solve this issue.

xviii. S. Netherton: We already put in extra money into the grants program.

xix. J. Vera: Is there a deadline for getting this membership?

xx. S. Netherton: This is the only option we have now.
   1. If we have any other idea about spending money, we can execute them later.
   2. If we postpone these ideas, we might not be able to do many of them.

xxi. B. Smith: I personally think that the quality of grant applications is going up.
   1. There are more applications, and a more stringent process.
   2. If we give more money to the grants program, the quality of applications will go down.

xxii. J. Sears: We will not reduce our criteria to fund more projects.
   1. We will move our money to other things in this case.
   2. We usually run out of money by the end of year.

xxiii. B. Smith: I suggest putting more money towards travel grants, not research grants.
   1. This Legacy thing makes sense.
   2. GPSC is not intending to disappear anytime soon, it seems sensible to me in the fiscal situation.

xxiv. S. Seavey: I’m thinking of fun ways to spend money.

xxv. S. Netherton: I’m thinking of just voting on spending this money on the membership now, and the review of other ways to spend money will happen later.
   1. I am proposing a vote, but we don’t have to.
   2. We have plenty of money to do this NAGPS thing and for future ideas as well.
   3. We can we vote on this tonight, there is no shortage of money.
4. This is membership voting is for whether or not you want to be members in the next few years.
5. I would love exploring other ideas of how we should spend extra money.
6. I spend many hours thinking how we can spend money, please send me your ideas.

xxvi. **M. Ryan:** Are there any other memberships?
1. Or just Annual and Legacy NAGPS memberships?

xxvii. **S. Netherton:** If we are a legacy member, we have more voice in moving the organization forward

xxviii. **J. Sears:** Send Sarah your ideas on spending money.

*Vote: 31 for, 3 opposed, 1 abstain*

**V. Staff Reports**

**VI. Representative Reports**

i. **J. Collins:** Jennifer Sedler had brought up the topic of getting hours changed at the Rec Center.
1. We met with Lin today.
2. She is okay with changing the hours for the graduate room.
3. The Rec center has sent out a survey email earlier, there were questions about hours there as well.
4. Let your constituent know they should answer the survey.
5. The Rec Center is also trying to get a Rec center facility North of Speedway.
6. 1.7 million dollars will be needed to create this new facility, and the university will need a new student fee introduced.
7. It will be a 25-50 dollars fee to have a new rec center to the north of Speedway.
8. If you want the new rec center, support this question on the survey, and rally your constituents.

ii. **J. Sears:** We can look into using GPSC money to waive fees for grad students.

iii. **S. Seavey:** What was the proposal for the hours?
1. If you fill out the survey and you want the gym open for 24 hours, it will mean the undergrads are working 8 hours to man that overnight shift.

iv. **B. Smith:** It is additional hours and requests like this that cause us to be unable to have the rec free of charge during the summer.

v. **J. Collins:** The span of time the gym will be open will stay the same.
1. That graduate room is just currently used for other things.
2. We can negotiate the hours to fit our needs.
3. I have also sent out a link at the beginning of the semester about what other governments have done to use their money to get more money.

**VII. Officer Reports**

a. President – S. Netherton
   i. **S. Netherton:** We are more than halfway through the regents selection process.
1. We are having a student regents selection meeting tomorrow.
2. All 4 of the applicants will be there.
3. There is not a lot of elimination to be done there. It will be a good time to do networking.
4. I would love to see you there, we have not been as involved with this process before.
5. ABOR will be here during November 18-20. They will be here all day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
6. On Wednesday there are Committee meetings. They can be more or less interesting.
7. On Thursday and Friday there will be a lot of people.
8. Health Sciences is what we will be highlighting. It is our chance to show off.
9. If you are interested in coming- please come.
10. There is a call to the audience on Thursday morning. You can say anything you want to the regents.
11. We are working with Campus Pantry and pushing for food distributions to students.

iii. **M. Ryan:** We should do tell students more about this resource north of campus.
1. In the College of Nursing, we will be talking more about it.
2. We will be making this more of a community event.
3. Brainstorm how you can make it work in your department
4. You don’t need to show “need” if you go to campus pantry, no paperwork or standing in line is necessary.
5. They have done a good job at making it accessible.

iv. **J. Collins:** I sent some materials out about the Campus Pantry.
1. I got a lot of questions answered.
2. There is not enough information on the official poster.
3. There should be something that tells people how Campus Pantry works.

v. **S. Netherton:** I would love if your colleges would do food drives as well.
1. We have food needs on our campus, and I would rather deal with them.

b. **Vice President – J. Sun**
   i. **J. Sun:** Sarah has mentioned all the main news.

c. **Assembly Chair – J. Sears**
   i. **J. Sears:** The Committee of 11 has chatted with Tim B.
      1. He had info about how faculty could get more involved politically.
      2. If you want to get involved politically, you can as well.
      3. For Pitchfest we had gotten more submissions in the health category, etc.
      4. The deadline has been extended to November 20.
      5. It’s a great chance to get a lot of money for little effort.
      6. If your questions are not answered on the website, direct them to me.
      7. Our next meeting is on November 30. We are skipping a week, as I will be in New Zealand.
8. On Nov 30 our room will be in the College of Nursing.
9. It is easier to set up skype there. There is ample parking. Everything is the same, it is just a slightly different room.
10. This will be the last meeting of the semester.
11. If you want to have another meeting, move to have another meeting.

d. Treasurer – J. Brock
e. Secretary – M. Khorosheva
   i. M. Khorosheva: We are continuing our work on the Governing Docs.
f. Social Chair – J. Veluz
   i. J. Veluz: We will have pizza and lots of fun playing games on the 21st of November.
1. There is a Pub Crawl on Friday, November 20.

VIII. Updates

IX. Other Business

X. Call to Adjourn
   At 7:04 pm.