Attendees: Genesis Gavino (GPSS Treasurer), Dan Teimouri (GPSS Budget Specialist), Evan Firth (Oceanography), Carolyn Shores (SCFS), Eddie Schwieterman (Astronomy), Colin Bateson (Chair – Mech. Eng.), Karen Michael (Env. Occ. Health Sciences).

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:06 a.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Committee approved the agenda unanimously.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Committee approved the minutes unanimously.

IV. TSA Funding Application

Event will be on May 10th. Night market is a food carnival with different vendors with Taiwanese food. There will also be Taiwanese games and performances. They will use the funding for the sound system and stage.

Sen. Schwieterman asked how they determine their estimated number of graduate versus undergraduate students and the group answered that it is based off their perception.

They have switched over to a cash only system, and there will not be admission tickets. Food vendors will be invited, and they are charged a vendor fee.

Advertising: They have a website, as well as bus ads. They also will do flyers and other advertising.

Sen. Schwieterman moved to approve at the full amount, Evan Firth seconded. Unanimously approved at the full amount.

V. Oceanography Funding Application

Sen. Firth gave a brief presentation of his department’s application for the retreat, including why they are seeking GPSS funding.
Sen. Firth said the cost per student would be around $84 per student. The group discussed the application.

Sen. Schwieterman moved to approve the funding at the full amount, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VI. Approval of Guidelines

There is a new list of guidelines for advisors this year. Treasurer Gavino asked that committee members review the proposed guidelines and approve them.

The groups discuss the differences between last year's guidelines and this year's guidelines. The major difference is the emphasis on GPSS acknowledgment for funding. Dollar amounts were not changed in the guidelines. We are now asking people to label things that they purchase with GPSS funding. Also, now advisors have to meet with the RSO instead of coming to GPSS directly.

Sen. Schwieterman asked whether SAF was going to increase money for special allocations this year. He remembered something from the meeting minutes last year about funding being increased from last year. The group reviewed the minutes from last year's binder and discussed the questions they had about the meaning of certain guidelines.

Sen. Firth moved to approve, Sen. Shores seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Regarding the special allocations, there is a change to an emphasis on funding graduate students rather than students in general. Last year there were some applications with only 5-10 percent graduate students. We also have new detail regarding advertising/acknowledgment/feedback guidelines. Sen. Schwieterman moved to approve the special allocations guidelines. Unanimously approved.

The SAO guidelines were then discussed. Since these are new minutes and not based on old minutes, Chairman Bateson stated that they should receive higher scrutiny. The group discussed the provisions of the SAO guidelines. Sen. Firth moved to approve the guidelines for advisors, and astronomy seconded. Unanimously approved.

VII. Announcements

Treasurer Gavino needs a member from the F & B Comm. to sit on the Comm. Coordinating Board. Sen. Michael agreed that she would be the representative.

VIII. Adjourn

Committee voted to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.