

SASgov GB meeting minuted 9/25

- Attendance: all current reps present
- Exec updated:
 - Tom: policy has nothing so far
 - Tom for Andrew: Cheese and wine event (9/28) with Engineering that everyone should attend
 - Hong and Asminet: have been working on the budget – will be presented later in the meeting
 - Nicole: the new website is up but the domain name is not yet
 - Ida: reminding reps to email their departments about their role in SASgov
 - Akshay resigns as President by the end of the meeting because of personal reasons (he was asked to leave his PhD program after the completion of an MA by his program)
 - Will serve as the acting President until the next meeting in two weeks
- LPS:
 - Akshay presented the formal email where LPS withdrew from SASgov
 - Signed by several former SASgov members (including a former President and Vice President) as well as several GAPSA GB members (including a former President).
 - Explains how SASgov did not know what was going on during the process, which is what Tom's letter is based on
 - Tom explains the reasoning with the new LPS letter – based on feedback in last week's meeting
 - Reconciliation with the new government
 - Possible future monetary consequences
 - Comments:
 - Still too long and negative, can we not be more supportive?
 - GAPSA handled it wrong
 - Less adversarial, focus on the fact that the tradition will be difficult (not a long term financial burden)
 - Votes:
 - Amendment - focus on transitions = passes
 - Vote on document with Amendment = fails
 - Vote to amend and bring back – shorter, focus on transitions, make the language less hostile = passes
- Budget:
 - Akshay presents procedures
 - Hong explains the current budget and compares it with last year's budget.
 - Admin decreased by \$2000
 - Dept merit brought down to reflect the actual money needed to give out the merit funds \$14 000 (from \$19 000)

- Travel grants brought up to be able to give out 68 grants (now \$27 200 from \$25 600)
 - Social down by \$3000 to \$10 000 as we can use more GAP funding
 - Policy down to \$3000 (from \$6500) – need less money this year as we had to host several events last year around union issues
 - Public Affairs/ Publicity – down to \$500 (from \$7200) as the website is mostly done
 - GB discretionary – down to \$10 000 from \$12 500 as LPS has left
 - Exec stipends - \$14 000 (same as last year)
 - Contingency - \$17 490 (from \$0)
- Questions:
 - What is the process of using contingency money?
 - Can vote on spending money from contingency throughout the year such as:
 - Vote on creating new spending category
 - Can vote on using money from contingency in other spending categories if they run out of money
 - Vote (need simple majority to pass):
 - Can be amended throughout the year
 - Motion passes
 - Ida will send out the new budget after the meeting
- Committees:
 - Committees have been assigned