GPSA Resolution 1:

Resolution Approving the GPSA Internal Budget for the 2018-2019 Term

Sponsored by: Cassandra Stambuk, on behalf of the GPSA Appropriations Committee.

WHEREAS, The GPSA Bylaws require that the Appropriations Committee recommend an internal budget in the form of a resolution (3.05(D)(vii); and

WHEREAS, The GPSA decided in 2015 to financially support the subsidized student-run and operated Anabel’s Grocery\(^1\) through an annual contribution of $20,000 for a maximum of four years (totaling $80,000)\(^2\) in exchange for the ability of graduate and professional students to shop at the store; and

WHEREAS, This short-term contribution was decided at that time to come through the GPSA directly as a line item in the internal budget; and

WHEREAS, The chair of the GPSA Finance Commission and chair of the GPSA Appropriations Committee met with the executive team of Anabel’s Grocery in spring 2017 to formalize this relationship; and

WHEREAS, This discussion resulted in the formal agreement among all parties that 50% of the GPSA’s contribution to Anabel’s Grocery would be used for capital depreciation, and the remaining 50% be added to the subsidy fund; and

\(^1\) http://anabelsgrocery.org/
\(^2\) GPSA Resolution 3 in 2015-16 Supporting Document
WHEREAS, The subsidy fund is an account used by Anabel’s Grocery to subsidize the cost of food items to customers with demonstrated financial need; and

WHEREAS, The first $20,000 contribution of the GPSA was contributed to Anabel’s Grocery in late Spring 2017 and 100% was used for capital depreciation in consideration to the store’s soft opening in late Spring 2017;

WHEREAS, The second $20,000 contribution of the GPSA was given in December 2017 for the 2017-2018 academic year;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That remaining years’ contributions by the GPSA to Anabel’s Grocery will be used by Anabel’s Grocery in a ratio of 50% towards capital depreciation and 50% towards the subsidy fund;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The current and remaining contributions of the original $80,000 decided on by the GPSA to Anabel’s Grocery will be designated as line items in the GPSA internal budget;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Appropriations Committee will meet with Anabel’s leadership in the coming months to evaluate their finances and progress towards sustainability once funding ceases;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a decision concerning the 2018 Anabel’s contribution will occur prior to the conclusion of the Fall 2018 semester;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the GPSA adopts the “Recommended Allocation” in the attached budget;
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Cassandra Stambuk

GPSA Appropriations Committee Chair