

# GOSUMEC Foundation USA

## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – Endowment Plan Review

**Date:** September 20, 2025

**Time:** 8:00–9:30 AM (approx.)

**Location:** Zoom

### Attendees

- **Dr. Sanjay Bindra** – President, Chair
  - **Dr. David Graham** – Financial Advisor (Guest)
  - **Dr. Vinod Patel** – Finance Committee
  - **Dr. Anil Modi** – Finance Committee (Incoming)
  - **Dr. Kishore Harjai** – Finance Committee (Outgoing)
  - **Dr. Anil Sheth** – Incoming President (2027) & Treasurer
  - **Dr. Tushar Vora** – Finance Committee
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### 1. Introductions

- Dr. Sanjay Bindra opened the meeting and welcomed participants.
  - Each member introduced themselves.
  - Dr. Graham shared his background as a physician and advice-only fiduciary financial planner.
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### 2. Endowment Structure & Goals

- **Two corpuses currently managed:**
  - **Legacy Corpus** – funded through \$100K and \$20K donor pledges; designed for perpetual scholarships.
  - **Community Corpus** – funded through smaller, recurring donations (\$50–\$1,000); functions as a rainy-day fund and hedge for increased student demand.
- **Targets:**
  - \$3M+ Legacy Corpus by 2032.
  - ~\$600K+ (20%) Community Corpus.
- **Draw Rule:** 5% (~\$150K/year initially), adjusted for inflation every 3 years.
- **Impact Goal:** Support ~150+ MBBS students annually at \$1,000/student, inflation-adjusted.

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### 3. Investment Allocation

- Current allocation: **70% Vanguard S&P 500 Index (VOO) / 30% cash equivalents (SNSXX)**.
  - Investment philosophy: **simplicity, low cost, transparency**.
  - **Timeline:**
    - By 2028: ~85–90% of pledged funds expected.
    - By 2032: full corpus completion.
  - **Post-2032:** Community Corpus shifts to **30% equities / 70% cash** to provide liquidity in downturns.
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### 4. Risk Management Strategy

- **Stress-Test Rules:**
    - If market declines >20% in a year OR >15% across two consecutive years:
      - Scholarship payouts reduced temporarily by 20%.
      - Withdrawals from Legacy reduced to 70%, remainder drawn from Community Corpus.
  - **Purpose:** Prevents forced equity sales during downturns, ensures continuity.
  - **Monte Carlo Analysis:**
    - 97–99% probability of perpetuity for at least 100 years under current rules.
    - Without safeguards, depletion risk appeared in ~65–96% of scenarios.
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### 5. David Graham's Feedback

- Commended **simplicity and low cost** of the model: “Genius lies in keeping it simple.”
  - Noted advantages compared to large university endowments with high fees and illiquid assets.
  - Supported 70/30 allocation with **flexible withdrawal rules** to withstand “lost decades” (1930s, 1970s, 2000s).
  - Recommended **annual reviews** rather than frequent monitoring.
  - Affirmed Community Corpus as an effective **emergency fund**, with heavy cash weighting.
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### 6. Committee Discussion

- **Dr. Sheth:** Endorsed resilience of the plan and Community Corpus buffer.
- **Dr. Harjai:** Asked about adequacy of scholarship coverage.

- *Response (Dr. Bindra):* Awards currently cover 80–110% of student needs, depending on government subsidy. Among **top three scholarships in India** by benefit size, and the most generous unrestricted award.
  - **Dr. Patel & Dr. Vora:** Expressed confidence in the documented plan.
  - **Dr. Vora:** Requested clarification of projected annual returns and donor inflows.
  - **Dr. Anil Modi:** Suggested that as corpus growth exceeds projections, student selection criteria could be broadened.
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## 7. Next Steps

- Maintain **70/30 allocation** until corpus is fully funded.
  - Transition Community Corpus to **30/70** allocation post-2032.
  - Conduct **annual portfolio and scholarship disbursement reviews**.
  - Develop strategies to **attract younger donors** for long-term sustainability.
  - Circulate **Dr. Graham's contact details** for committee members interested in personal financial consultations.
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## 8. Adjournment

Meeting concluded with unanimous support for the Endowment Governance Plan and thanks to Dr. Graham for his insights.

**Recorded by:** Dr. Sanjay Bindra

**Approved by:** Board Chair