Bill to enact a Graduate 30k Challenge with funds from the Graduate Buffer Fund
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Action Requested: ⅔ approval by the Graduate Student Council (GSC clauses) and ⅔ approval by the Undergraduate Senate (UGS clauses)

WHEREAS the Graduate buffer fund is currently $449k (as of 5/5/2013).

WHEREAS the Graduate buffer fund has been growing at a rate of approximately $31k a year (from 2007-11).

WHEREAS the GSC wishes to promulgate the organization of "cool" events, that is events that the graduate constituency would find attractive.

WHEREAS, the Joint Bylaws, Article VI §7.A.17 states:
    The Graduate Buffer Fund and Undergraduate Buffer Fund shall be administered by the relevant legislative bodies in a manner specified in their by-laws. The Graduate Special Distribution Buffer Account shall be administered by both the Undergraduate Senate, the GSC, and the ASSU Financial Manager as specified in the Bill ‘To Implement the Partitioning of the Association Buffer Fund into the Undergraduate Buffer Fund and the Graduate Buffer Fund’. Funds from the Undergraduate Buffer Fund, Graduate Buffer Fund, and Graduate Special Distribution Buffer Account may not be used for any purpose unrelated to special fees without 2/3 majority approval from both legislative bodies.

and, WHEREAS, this use of the Graduate Buffer Fund is unrelated to Special Fees, and may therefore may be approved by ⅔ majority approval from both legislative bodies; and

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL:

THAT: $30,000 be allocated from the Graduate Buffer Fund to the $30k challenge fund; and

THAT: the GSC money shall be used towards the funding of large proposed events that meet the GSC’s expectations in terms of scope, nature, expected attendance and popularity; and

THAT: proposals may be submitted by any Stanford graduate student or VSO; and

THAT: the proposal’s budgets, preferably not exceed $5k per event, and
THAT: exceptions can be made for proposals with budgets exceeding $5k, for very exceptional proposals, and

THAT: a vote on the GSC website and/or facebook be held as to inform the GSC which proposal is most popular amongst the graduate constituencies; and

THAT: the GSC shall determine which project to fund by passing legislation.

AND THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

THAT the Graduate Student Council’s allocation of $30,000 from the Graduate Buffer Fund to an account holding the 30000 in reserve and available for the Graduate 30k Challenge.