Bill to amend the GSC By-Laws Policy in Appendix II on Funding Policies
GSC-2014-15

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Action Requested: Consensus of the GSC or majority approval of the voting members of the GSC

WHEREAS by Article 1, section 3, C: “The GSC policies shall be included as an appendix to these By-Laws.”

WHEREAS by Article 1, section 3, D: “The GSC Policies may be modified by a consensus of the members if the GSC. In the event that that consensus cannot be reached, a majority of GSC’s voting members is required to modify GSC policy”.

WHEREAS by Article III, section 1, E1: it is provided that “the Funding Committee shall review funding and Special Fee requests from all Graduate Student Organizations, and present a recommendation on each to the GSC.”

WHEREAS by Article III, section 1, E5: it is provided that “the procedure for formulation and review of requests shall be specified in the GSC Funding Policies.”

WHEREAS it would be nice if the GSC By-Laws are consistent and complete.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

That the following replaces corresponding sections of Appendix II of the GSC By-Laws starting fiscal year of 2014-2015.
Appendix II: Funding Policies
(starting fiscal year of 2014-2015)

Section 1: General
B. All allocations of funds shall require explicit approval in the minutes of the GSC.

Section 3: Recommendation Guidelines
A. General Guidelines
1. To be fair and equitable to all those who put money into the fund:
   a. The maximum funding per fiscal year is soft capped\(b,c\) (see glossary of terms) per student at $30/student/year. (This is based on the fact that grad students pay a student activities fee of ~$30 each quarter).
   c. Groups with highly overlapping populations or purpose will be treated as a single group to avoid double-funding.
   d. The hard cap\(c\) for funding per fiscal year is $6000 for each VSO with 70% or more graduate student membership. No VSO with 70% or more graduate student membership will receive approval for funds in excess of this from the GSC.
   e. The hard cap\(c\) for funding per fiscal year is ($6000 multiplied by graduate student membership percentage) for each VSO with 30-69% graduate student membership. No VSO with 30-69% graduate student membership will receive approval for funds in excess of this from the GSC. This is because such groups are also eligible for funding from the ASSU Undergraduate Senate.

B. What the Funding Committee Will and Will Not Recommend
4. No funds for off-campus recreational activities (rare exceptions may be made): this comprises funding buses or funding for gas. However, event locations within half a mile from a Marguerite stop will be considered on campus.

F. Recurring Events
1. Tight restriction will be held on funds for regular, consistent meetings including space rental, food, and other meeting costs.
   a. The GSC will NOT approve funds for officer’s meetings, VSO information update meetings, or anything that is deemed to be solely in the interest of the particular VSO.
b. VSOs can be pre-approved for 2 events/parties (for example, January and February happy hour in a series of monthly happy hours), in which time the VSO in question will be audited.

H. Line Item 6310: Honorarium and Travel Fares
4. The funding committee reserves the right to request evidence that the recipient of said honorarium payment charges or is being offered an amount that requires matching funds as stated in item H1.

K. Line Item 7730: Car/Van Rental
1. The Funding Committee may recommend up to 3 hours of car rental, at Zipcar Stanford hourly rates or Enterprise Stanford student and staff/faculty hourly rates, for the sole purpose of procuring supplies and/or renting equipment essential for the event.
2. Cases where more than 3 hours of car rental is necessary due to the scale of the event must be presented to the GSC for approval.
3. Quotes must be presented at the Funding Committee meeting.

Notes:
1. Glossary of Terms
   b. Soft Cap: A yearly limit on the amount any VSO can be approved for GSC funding, which is based on the average attendance $N$ (Soft Cap = $N$x$30$), or the dues-paying membership $M$ (Soft Cap = $M$x$30$). This limit may be raised only on a case-by-case basis.
   c. Hard Cap: The maximum fixed yearly limit for each VSO on the amount that can be approved for by the GSC ($6000$ for groups with $70\%$ or more graduate student membership; $6000xF\%$ for groups with $F\%$ graduate membership, where $30\leq F\leq69$).