A Bill to Fund Stanford Alumni Mentoring PhD Program for Mentoring Matters Workshops

Graduate Student Council Bill, GSC-2014-11

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Action Requested: approval by simple majority.

WHEREAS, two workshop events (second and third in the three-event Mentoring Matters workshop series) will be occurring on February 26, 2014 and April 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the workshop series’ primary goal is to connect Stanford PhD students with Stanford PhD alumni, in order to provide students with group mentoring and individual mentoring opportunities in a casual dinner setting; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the workshop on February 26, 2014 is to provide PhD students with completion of the StrengthsQuest assessment and detailed analysis of results with Career Development Center staff, for personal development and professional development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the workshop on April 9, 2014 is to provide PhD students with an opportunity to receive small-group and individual feedback and advice from PhD alumni in preparation for career fairs and job interviews; and

WHEREAS, the workshops’ primary audience are Stanford PhD students, and approximately 40 PhD students are expected to attend these workshops; and

WHEREAS, the workshops, dinners and StrengthsQuest assessment will be free to Stanford PhD students; and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Council seeks to contribute to the Stanford Alumni Mentoring PhD program, which fills the gap in mentoring resources in many departments and study areas, especially in the School of Humanities and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Council supplements the Stanford Alumni Mentoring PhD program’s current Stanford Associate Grants funding, in order to bring the caliber of event venue and food to a level that is attractive to alumni professionals and encourages their continued
involvement with the Stanford Alumni Mentoring PhD program; and

WHEREAS, Stanford Alumni Mentoring PhD program will include the Graduate Student Council logo and name on all advertisements and marketing effort,

WHEREAS, funds for the concert are being administered by the Stanford Alumni Mentoring PhD leadership team, which consists of Career Development Center counsellors with extensive event planning experience and 7 PhD students;

WHEREAS, there are funds in GSCF Discretionary Programming Expense fund available to allocate to events benefiting graduate students such as this,

WHEREAS, the use of this fund warrants a majority vote for the Graduate Student Council,

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

THAT: $3000 be allocated from the GSC-Programming account to the Career Development Center, specifically for the support of funding the second and third Mentoring Matters workshops run by the Stanford Alumni Mentoring PhD program; and

THAT: the GSC funds can be allocated towards Event Food and Event Services expenses; and

THAT: the distribution of the money to the Career Development Center General Account is approved effective immediately.