To Implement the Graduate Student Council By-Law Changes Recommended by the Funding Committee and GSC Chair

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Action Requested: Approval by 2/3 of the Graduate Student Council

WHEREAS there is no mechanism to hold special fees groups, especially joint groups, accountable for low graduate student participation,

WHEREAS a graduate student outreach plan can be used to hold special fee groups accountable for lack of graduate student participation and result in special fee request rejection,

WHEREAS Article III, section 1.E of the Graduate Student Council By-Laws states:
   Funding Committee
   1. The Funding Committee shall review funding and Special Fee requests from all Graduate Student Organizations, and present a recommendation on each to the GSC.
   2. The Funding Committee shall consist of a subset of the members of the GSC, chosen by consensus.
   3. A member of the Funding Committee may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the GSC.
   4. No member of the Funding Committee shall formulate a recommendation for a request from a GSO of which s/he is a member.
   5. The procedure for formulation and review of requests shall be specified in the GSC Funding Policies.
   6. The Funding Committee shall choose the Chair of the Funding Committee.
   7. Shall present a statement of purpose for special fees to be levied on the graduate population to the GSC before any special fee budget is discussed in the GSC. The GSC shall approve this statement of purpose.

SHALL NOW INCLUDE THE ADDITION:
8. Shall require a graduate student outreach plan from all special fees groups. This document outlines how these special fee groups garner graduate student participation.

WHEREAS Appendix II, section 1.A.2 of the Graduate Student Council By-Laws, in detailing the special fee application requirements states applications shall contain the following:
   For Special Fee requests:
   a. The name of the organization requesting the fee.
   b. The name(s), email address(es), and phone number(s) of the member(s) making the request.
   c. The ASSU account number for the organization.
d. A signed contract specifying that the group receiving a special fee agrees to cover all refunds in excess of their allocated refund buffer (set by the ASSU FM).

e. Groups applying for special fees from both Graduate and Undergraduate populations (hereafter referred to as joint groups) shall submit a pre-proposal to each legislative body. The criteria for this pre-proposal shall be developed by each legislative body and passed to groups through the elections commission.

SHALL NOW INCLUDE THE ADDITION:

f. A graduate student outreach plan outlining graduate student participation for the current fiscal year and graduate student outreach programs for the next fiscal year.

WHEREAS Appendix II, Section 2.B of Graduate Student Council currently states:

B. The Funding Committee shall consider the answers to the following questions when formulating its judgment of an application:

1. What is the target population for the organization and its activities?
2. How will the organization's activities be advertised?
3. How realistic and specific are the activities and budget figures?
4. Is the allocation a fair and efficient use of the GSO partition?
5. If applicable, have the organization's previous funded and non-funded events been successful?
6. Does the organization's activities provide sufficient value for the amount of money allocated?
7. Does the organization's activities make a unique contribution to the community?
8. In evaluating special fee applications the funding committee should include in their considerations the following criteria before recommending placement on the ballot to the GSC:
   a. What is the target population for the organization and its activities?
   b. How will the organization’s activities be advertised to graduate students?
   c. How realistic and specific are the activities and budget figures?
   d. If applicable, have the organization’s previous funded and non-funded events been successful?
   e. Does the organization's activities provide sufficient value for the amount of money allocated?
   f. Does the organization's activities make a unique contribution to the community?
   g. Evaluation of outside revenue
   h. Impact on graduate student body
   i. Benefit to graduate population, past and future
   j. Past performance, budgeting, and refund rates
   k. Effect on total amount of ASSU Fee for each graduate student
   l. Special Fee policies for each line-item

SHALL NOW INCLUDE THE ADDITION:

9. Evaluate the graduate student outreach plan submitted with the previous special fees application:
   a. Was the outreach plan submitted?
b. Did the outreach plan use appropriate means to reach graduate students?
c. Was there enough outreach?
d. Did the group accomplish all the deliverables outlined in the outreach plan?

THAT the GSC funding committee review submitted graduate outreach plans and use these graduate student outreach plans to help evaluate special fee group requests and formulate recommendations for placement on the ballot.