



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT

15th Session-November 29, 2022

GPSG

D.R. #10

Sponsor: Nicole States, Delegate for Graduate Student Senate, on behalf of Graduate and Professional Allocations Committee (GPAC)

GPSG Action: Passed / Failed / Tabled

A RESOLUTION

Revising the current funding guidelines and tenets for GPAC

Section 1: Short Title

This act may be cited as “Revisions to GPAC Funding Guidelines and Tenets”

Section 2: Discussion

WHEREAS, multiple student groups are denied funding or receive partial finding for their requests based on restrictions on food, event supplies, and room rental expenses,

WHEREAS, GPAC historically underspends its budget by tens of thousands of dollars because of these denied and partial funding requests,

WHEREAS, GPAC can be doing more to help graduate and professional student groups with funding their programming, as well as programming from undergraduate student groups which serve graduate and professional students,

WHEREAS, GPAC can also respond to the needs of graduate students who may be undergoing financial hardships and cannot afford dues for their student organizations,

WHEREAS, GPAC, which is comprised of representatives from all seven member student governments, unanimously agreed on these revisions,

WHEREAS, these revisions are designed to lift some of the restrictions limiting the funds that student groups can receive so that they may be able to execute successful programming.

Section 3: Action

Resolved, GPSG shall approve the following amendments to the GPAC Funding Guidelines and Tenets, which will go into effect in January 2023 when student groups apply for Funding Cycle 3 requests:

- A. Increase Miscellaneous Supplies from \$300 to \$500 per request for programming items which may not fit neatly into other categories.
- B. Add a new category of Event Supplies with a spending cap of \$500 per event. Decorations, which have not been allowed for GPAC to fund according to the current tenets, would be allowed to be funded.
- C. Change the wording of the Entertainment category to be inclusive of more events beyond performances (e.g., games, photo booths, other entertainment options)
- D. Add a new category of Sponsorship with a spending cap of \$160 per year for no more than two individual members per group. For the graduate and professional students who may be encountering hardships and cannot afford membership dues, the Sponsorship category will help them pay dues to the local, state, or national organization outside of the university.
- E. Add a new category of Food with a spending cap of \$1000 per year. Food must be used for an event for the public. GPAC will not fund food for the group's personal events or meetings.
- F. Allow for GPAC to fund Room Rental for events for up to \$560 per event for events held off-campus within Johnson and Linn Counties. Currently, GPAC can fund only room rentals on-campus.

Section 4: Enactment Clause

THEREFORE, be it enacted that, upon passage, GPAC Director Field will work on a revised GPAC Funding Guidelines and Tenets with Finance Director Post, and all student groups will be made aware of the revisions starting with Funding Cycle 3 of Fiscal Year 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

Grace Bryant

Cabinet Director

APPROVED:

Amber D. Crow

GPSG President

11/30/2022

Date