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Graduate & Professional Student Senate

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SENATE BILL S24-10 **SENATE MEETING 03/25/2024**

TITLE: Introduction of Conference Travel Grants by Coltie on the GPSS Website

WHEREAS: The Coltie app is a great platform for connecting graduate students, undergraduates, and professors, facilitating mentorship, research collaboration, and academic networking,

WHEREAS: The app is operational, offering features such as profile creation, video uploads, and soon, profile sharing, bookmarking, user connections, and in-app chatting, enhancing the academic and professional development of its users,

WHEREAS: With over 350 active users, including a significant proportion of international students, the app demonstrates a strong potential to support diverse graduate student needs across all academic disciplines,

WHEREAS: Coltie aims to expand its impact by introducing travel awards for ISU graduate students, promoting academic excellence and research dissemination among its user base,

WHEREAS: Coltie has committed a budget of \$5,000 for the travel awards, with Coltie taking responsibility for selecting award recipients based on the quality of research videos uploaded to the platform, thereby incentivizing meaningful content creation and academic engagement,

WHEREAS: The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) will advertise the Coltie travel awards on its website, ensuring broad visibility and accessibility for ISU graduate students seeking funding opportunities for travel awards,

ENACTED: The Senate acknowledges and supports the partnership with Coltie in the establishment of the Coltie Travel Award, aimed at fostering academic excellence, enhancing research visibility, and supporting the professional development of graduate students at ISU.

FURTHER ENACTED: The Senate encourages all eligible graduate students to engage with the Coltie platform, not only as a means to qualify for the travel awards but also to benefit from the extensive network and resources available through the app.



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