SENATE BILL S06-04  
February 27, 2006

TITLE: Revision of Allocation Structure for Travel PAG Funds

WHEREAS: The intent of Travel Professional Advancement Grants (PAGs) is to encourage travel to professional conferences and workshops beyond that required for completion of one’s program of study, and

WHEREAS: Funding for PAGs is highly competitive, and

WHEREAS: Increased demand for funding has dramatically outpaced limited funding during the past two fiscal years, and

WHEREAS: It is the intent of the Travel PAG committee to maximize availability of these supplementary monies to fund graduate and professional student conference travel, and

WHEREAS: The majority of students applying for Travel PAG awards are presenting their own original research conducted at Iowa State University, and

WHEREAS: Individuals presenting original research conducted at Iowa State University should have priority over those who are not presenting and who may or may not be a contributing author to such a presentation, and

WHEREAS: Application for a Travel PAG to a professional conference or workshop should be regarded in the same manner and serious nature as application for any other professional grant, and

WHEREAS: Revision of the current allocation structure is required to meet these demands and maximize the number of students funded with Travel PAG awards, and be it therefore

ENACTED: The attached modifications, clarifications, and revisions be implemented, and be it further

ENACTED: That these changes take effect for all Travel PAGs awarded for travel after July 1, 2006, and be it further

ENACTED: That the PAG Chair will annually form a committee to review the Travel PAG allocation structure.

SPONSORS: Bright, Chia, Christensen, Green, Lechtenberg, Lind, Nack, Shen, Stanek, Swanton

APPENDIX: Travel PAG Allocation Structure and Requirements

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