

Graduate Student Senate

SENATE BILL FO2-03
September 30, 2002

TITLE: Revision to Guidelines for Childcare Reimbursement Fund

WHEREAS: Iowa State University (ISU) does not reimburse any university employee, including graduate students, for childcare expenses incurred while attending a professional meeting, and

WHEREAS: Recipients of a Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Professional Advancement Grant (PAG) for travel are reimbursed according to the ISU reimbursement policy, and

WHEREAS: It has, on occasion, been brought to the attention of the PAG Chairperson that the policy of not reimbursing childcare expenses has caused a hardship for some ISU Graduate Students, and

WHEREAS: It has been an official goal of the GSS to address childcare concerns of graduate students at ISU, and

WHEREAS: The previous Senate Bill F00-07 instating a childcare reimbursement fund is restrictive in its current form, be it therefore

ENACTED: That in the event that an ISU graduate student must pay for childcare while the graduate student attends a professional meeting, the GSS Executive Committee will, upon review on a case-by-case basis and upon acceptance of a written application for reimbursement of childcare expenses, reimburse ISU graduate students up to \$40 per day, per family, for a maximum of four days, for expenses beyond normal daycare expenses, and be it further

ENACTED: That the application be submitted to the PAG chairperson and must include:

1. A detailed explanation as to why the applicant has no other choice but to pay for childcare,
2. The name and phone number of a faculty member or administrative official in the applicants department who is aware of the applicant's personal situation and who will act as a reference for the applicant and,
3. All receipts documenting the type, quantity, and costs of the childcare services received during the meeting, and be it further