



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### SENATE BILL S14-12 SENATE MEETING April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014

TITLE: Modifying the PAF Policies and Procedures

WHEREAS: The amount of the PAG/PAF has been \$200 since the 2009, and in 2007 it was \$30

WHEREAS: The amount was changed in committee as part of a larger reform without sufficient discussion in the senate, and

WHEREAS: The current method of unused PAF distribution has the potential to earmark current Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) funds for future fiscal years, and

WHEREAS: If there is a shortage in the number of PAF applications needed to use up the PAF allocation for that month there will likely be an increase in number of PAF applications in the next month, be it therefore

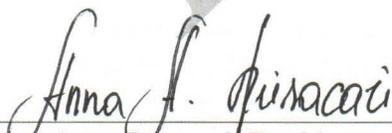
ENACTED: The Professional Advancement Funds Policies and Procedures Section VI and all relevant sections be amended so the amount of the PAF is \$200, be it further

ENACTED: The Professional Advancement Funds Policies and Procedures Section II. e) be amended so all unused PAF funds for a month are rolled over into the immediately proceeding month, be it further

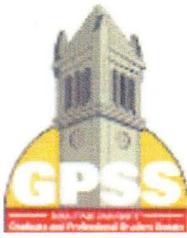
ENACTED: The GPSS Professional Advancement Funds Policies and Procedures be amended as attached.

Sponsors:

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Anna Prisacari, President

  
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Brian Tlach, Chair of the Senate



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# Professional Advancement Funds Policies and Procedures

## I. Purpose

Professional Advancement Funds (PAF) are provided to graduate and professional students by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) to help defray expenses related to professional meetings and conferences.

## II. Monthly Cycle

- a) PAF shall be awarded on a monthly cycle.
- b) The applications for a given month are due at 5:00 pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the preceding month.
- c) The total amount of funds budgeted for PAF for the fiscal year shall be divided equally among the twelve months.
- d) The month in which a conference occurs shall be determined by the first day on which the conference occurs regardless of when travel takes place.
- e) If in a given month there is unspent money, all of the extra money will be added to the immediately preceding month.

## III. Awarding PAFs by Lottery

- a) After the 15<sup>th</sup> and before the 22<sup>th</sup> of each month, the PAF committee shall determine which applications to fund by conducting a lottery. This lottery shall be conducted using RANDOM.ORG. The PAF chair and at least 1 additional member of the PAF committee or executive board must be present. (Instructions on how to use RANDOM.ORG can be found in the appendix.)