SENATE BILL S20-10
SENATE MEETING April 6, 2020

TITLE: Adjusting GPSS Officer Stipends and Wakonse Funding

WHEREAS: The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) President received a total scholarship of $3400 for the 2019-2020 academic year, the Treasurer received $2400 for the same period, and the Vice President, URLA Chair, CIO, PAG Chair, and GPSRC Chair each received $2200, for a total Executive Officer scholarship budget of $16,800, and

WHEREAS: The GPSS By-Laws adopted on February 24th, 2020, under SB F19-10, currently provides a scholarship of $600 in the summer semester, $800 in the fall semester, and $800 in the spring semester for a scholarship of $2200 per Executive Officer, resulting in a total Executive Officer scholarship budget of $15,400, and

WHEREAS: Reducing the yearly scholarship of the GPSS President to $2400 would allow the Vice President, Senate Engagement Officer, Senate Information Officer, Wellness Chair, Treasurer, and Conference Chair to also receive yearly scholarships of $2400 each at the current total Executive Officer scholarship budget of $16,800, and

WHEREAS: Karen Bovenmyer, the Institutional Co-leader Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning, has notified the GPSS Executive Council that the fee to attend the Wakonse Conference has increased from $700 per person to $800 per person, and

WHEREAS: The GPSS has long provided the funding for five students to attend the Wakonse Conference, be it therefore

ENACTED: That the GPSS By-Laws, Art. III §3 be amended as follows: “Senate Officer Stipends. The Senate Officer stipend, as prescribed in the GPSS constitution Article III, §6, shall be disbursed in the form of a scholarship applied to the Officer’s U-Bill in the amount of $800 for the fall semester (Aug. 1 to Dec. 31), $800 dollars for the spring semester (Jan. 1 to Apr. 30), and $600 for the summer semester (May 1 to July 31).”, and be it further
ENACTED: That the GPSS By-Laws, Art. VI §2.2.1.1 be amended as follows: “Executive Officers: $15,400–16,800 per year (seven officers at $2200–2400 per year)”, and be it further

ENACTED: That the GPSS By-Laws, Art. VI §2.2.5.2 be amended as follows: “Wakonse Awards: $3,500 $4,000”.

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