

**Bylaws:**

**ARTICLE IX: Conference and Research Grants**

Current:

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Proposed:

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**Questions:**

**Is this changing anything?** *Changing the bylaws to put them inline with what we actually do.*

**Can you apply for funds retroactively?** *All info is in the website.*

**Pro Statements:** *Opens up awards for more people!*

**VOTE:** Unanimously Passed!

Current:

Section 5. Conference Grants are awarded on a reimbursement basis and require submission of original receipts to the GSC Treasurer. Amounts spent in excess of a Grant allocation, even if documented with original receipts, will not be reimbursed. Amounts spent in accordance with a Grant allocation, but for which original receipts are not provided, will not be reimbursed.

Proposed:

(remove section 5; change other section numbers to accommodate the removal)

**Questions:**

**Would this change anything else?** *No. Nothing the in the bylaws about reimbursement for summer research grants.*

**Would you have to submit receipts?** *No – But maybe!*

**Would this decrease the number of grants overall?** *No.*

**Are their anymore forms of responsibility for accountability?** *Not with this bylaw. Very unlikely for people to just go and spend the money and not go to the conference.*

**How quickly would you be given the money if you got the award?** *2-4 weeks according to Harvard.*

**Pro Statements:**

*Get rid of work for the treasurer's job.*

*Ease for the student awarded the award.*

*A lot of people do not have the money up front for the conference.*

**Con Statements:**

*Accountability*

*A lot of sciences provide funding for you so you could get double reimbursed.*

*If one of the reasons for the change is burden on the treasurer, change receipt reimbursement policy for the treasurer.*

*Accountability because this comes from the student fee.*

**Votes: For – 23 Against – 14 Abstain - 3**

Current:

Section 9. A complete Conference or Summer Research Grant application will include a completed application form; a letter of recommendation from a faculty member which refers specifically to the relevance of the conference or research project for the applicant's academic progress and career; and a one page, double-spaced description of participation in the conference or of the importance of the summer research project; a detailed budget of expenses anticipated and/or incurred, including other sources of funding and support, if any.

Proposed:

Section 9. A complete Conference or Summer Research Grant application **will include a letter of recommendation from a faculty member** which refers specifically to the relevance of the conference or research project for the applicant's academic progress and career **and a completed application form. The application form will include a description of participation in the conference or of the importance of the summer research project and a detailed budget of expenses anticipated and/or incurred, including other sources of funding and support, if any.**

**Questions: NO questions**

**Vote: For – unanimous Against – 0 Abstain - 1**

Current:

Section 10. The Selection Committee for Conference and Summer Research Grants will consist of a GSC officer, two GSAS Deans, one faculty member, and one student member of the GSC at large. The committee shall be appointed at the beginning of the academic year.

Proposed:

Section 10. The Selection Committee for Conference and Summer Research Grants will consist of **the GSC Vice President, the GSC Secretary**, two GSAS Deans, one faculty member, and one student member of the GSC at large.

**Questions: At large- what does that mean? ANY Member of the GSC**

**Pros – the bylaws and constitution should match...**

**Votes: For – unanimous Against – 0 Abstain -- 0**

**Constitution:**

Standing Committees:

Current:

(not listed under standing committees)

Proposed:

Conference Grant Selection Committee: Consists of the Vice President, Secretary, and one other member of the GSC. Awards grants for travel to conferences and for summer research to graduate students.

**Questions: Is there a reason why it has to secretary and VP? – According to bylaws, VP and Secretary co-chair the committee.**

**VOTE: For - Unanimously passes Against- 0 Abstain – 0**