GSO Funding Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday April 5, 2021 at 5pm (Zoom)

Chair: Scott (GSO Treasurer, Architecture)
Present: Juita (Biology), Louisa (Music), MaKensey (Psychology), Victoria M. (Criminal Justice), Sarah (GSO President)

Discussions:

Budget spreadsheet reviewed by committee members present; consensus to present the applications at the General Meeting as shown in report of received applications (all approvals, one rejection for computer software).

Exclusion of computer hardware or software: Why is this in the Bylaws? Is it a reflection of a state or University policy - or- a restriction GSO has imposed upon itself? Treasurer will be tasked with investigating before the summer meeting. If computer hardware or software *could* be allowed via state/University policies, perhaps GSO can consider potentially getting rid of this Bylaw to open up funding for programs that rely heavily on computer hardware and software (Computing & Informatics, Engineering programs, Geosciences, etc.)

Review of motion from General Meeting 2 to rework the Bylaw proposal for exams, specifically firming up the wording of "complement" to something more concrete.

> *[proposal from Meeting 2]. Funding for professional certification or licensure exams that <u>complement a student's degree program</u>.*
> > *i. These requests will not be considered for funding prior to the second meeting of a semester (or, after all travel and other research funding has been heard at a summer meeting).*
> > *ii. Requests for a specific exam will be allowed only once during a student's tenure in said graduate program.*

> **Suggestion for Bylaw Proposal presentation during Meeting 3:**
> *[proposal for Meeting 3].* Funding for professional certification or licensure exams <u>for professional or academic development</u> that [~~complement~~ / enhance / enrich / are required / partially fulfill / are tied to thesis or dissertation research in] a student's degree program. <u>Applications will be individually reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Funding Committee prior to presentation at the General Meeting.</u>
> > *i. These requests will not be considered for funding prior to the second meeting of a semester (or, after all travel and other research funding has been heard at a summer meeting).*
> > *ii. Requests for a specific exam will be allowed only once during a student's tenure in said graduate program.*

> During Meeting 3, reps would be asked in a poll about which wording they prefer for the alternatives to "complement."

> The idea would be that if there is a question about whether the exam is relevant to a student's degree, the student and rep should be requested to attend the Funding Committee and/or General Meeting to explain their case.

> Potentially create a question as part of application that students explain how this exam is needed (though could also be addressed in applicant/faculty letter).

Continued discussion of potential to fund membership dues. Perhaps on a quota system by department (first 5 students to apply per department, or by % of students in a department?)? Tying it to funding only dues when they are for organizations whose chapters are currently present and active within a department? Or if membership in the organization is tied to future licensure / ability to work in the field?

Actions to take based on this meeting:

- Finalize a revised Bylaw proposal to discuss for General Meeting 3 on certification exams (refined from Bylaw proposal at Meeting 2).
- Inform the students (via email) whose applications are in good standing that their applications will be heard at the meeting on Friday.
- Prepare finalized Budget spreadsheet for Meeting 3 to present to all reps.
- Before summer meeting, Treasurer will contact Graduate School staff and Purchasing Office to understand the "computer hardware and software" exclusion.