

Fall 2024 Meeting 1 Agenda

GSO Funding Committee Meeting

In-person (Student Union, Teche Room 116)

September 23, 2024. 3 pm CST

Attendance:

Biology

Geoscience

CHEE

Business

ENGT

ARCH

EDFL

ENGL

PETE

EECE

Counseling

CIVE

PHYS

COMM

CMIX

Meeting started at 3:00 PM

- Review Budget Spreadsheet
 - 33 applications for travel with academic duties were received (including 2 applications from Summer 2024)
 - Sumona Hoque Mumu will be partially funded \$200 out of requested \$250 for travel
 - Three applications for Research & Supplies Funds were received
 - Books are property of GSO and would need to be left with that dept.

- Look into way for all dept. to house GSO books, maybe library?
 - Three applications for Professional Development Funds were received
- Concerns regarding Tier list.
 - Issue that people traveling farther are not adequately funded compared to those who are closer.
 - Look into Louisiana travel guide for guidance regarding per diem funding, and for possible adjusting the tier system to be more equitable for everyone
- Funding initiatives
 - Bake Sale
 - Restaurant giveback nights where GSO receives a percentage
 - Increase GSO fee
 - Look into adding GSO fee to grad students that don't currently pay GSO fees
 - Point was brought up to exclude online majors, or similar majors that do not pay GSO fees, from being funded by GSO. However, these majors very rarely request funding, and therefore are not taking anyone else's funding.
 - Funding Committee has recommended the fee increase to be discussed at the General Meeting.
 - From MFK: "GSO Funds are meant to be used for research for students, rather than investment into the future"
 - Ways to "Start from Zero"
 - Speak with donors and alumni regarding money?
- Q/A
 - If someone is ineligible for funding, GSO Exec. will reach out, not Reps
 - Will try to have MFK at General Meeting on Friday.

The meeting ended at 4:01 PM.

