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Annual Report FY2010 Budget Increase Request Cover Sheet

To be completed annually by each department. Please attach Budget Request Forms for each proposed increase if applicable.

Department: Graduate Student Council _____ Account #: 215580 _____

Department Budget History:

	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Budget	\$75,000	\$49,926	\$57,926	\$52,926
Total Current SSF Allocation	\$49,926	\$49,926	\$57,926	
SSF Increases Requested	\$0	\$12,500	\$8,000	\$0
SSF Increases Funded	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	
Total End-of-Year Reserve Balance Across All Operating Accounts	\$20,000	\$8,321	\$0	\$0

Please provide a reserve spending plan if ending FY08 reserves exceed University requirements.

Note: \$15,000 is used annually to support ombudsman staff (50% time funding) to OGS

SSF Increase Request History & FY2010 Summary:

Program, Service, or Operation Requested	Amount Requested	SSFAB Recommended? (y/n)	VP SA Approved? (y/n)
FY 2008			
GSC Graduate Assistant	\$12,500	No	No
FY 2009			
Student Reserch Week (one time funding)	\$5,000	Yes	Yes
General Operating (permanent funding)	\$3,000	Yes	Yes
FY 2010 Proposal Summary (Prioritized)			
None			

Annual Report (cont.)

Additional Questions: *(to assist the Board when informing the student body about the stewardship of the student service fee)*

Briefly, what recent programs/services have been successful? Which need work? Explain.

Increase of 200 participants in Student Research Week (SRW). Increase in number of Departmental Reps attending GSC meetings - growth was approximately 15 members. Third year GSC had a team participate in Relay for Life. We've revamped Graduate Student Mix and Mingles to reach out to a broader graduate student population. Collaborated with AFS to sponsor "Tradition" socials for graduate students.

Graduate Student Orientation needs substantial work. This is a collaborative effort between the Office of Graduate Studies and GSC. Currently it is a two hour session. GSC would like to see this expand to help graduate students better acclimate into the campus culture.

Please list actions taken in FY08 that helped reduce the pressure of increased fees, e.g., eliminated vacant positions, program cuts, increased revenues, development efforts.

GSC continues to work with administrative offices and colleges to cover SRW 'green' money awards. This year ('08-'09) execs have reopened discussion on a development campaign to seek permanent funding for SRW awards and operational expenses. GSC is also working with AFS to prepare an application for AFS funding to help manage meeting expenses. GSC is also expanding collaborative efforts with other student organizations on campus to reduce overhead as the groups seek expanded efforts - e.g. Recycling, Transportation, and Legislative initiatives.

What do you see as your department's financial priorities in the next 3 - 5 years (FY12-FY14)?

GSC's primary focus is on the advocacy and outreach to the graduate student population. Of primary interest is the development and execution of an annual Graduate Camp - based on models provided by our undergrad colleagues such as Fish Camp and T-Camp. While do not envision a three day excursion, we do seek to create an environment that helps acclimate graduate students to the overall campus environment and resource.

Also, GSC is focused on expanding graduate orientation as outlined in the first question. The primary reason for this is feedback received through assessment about information and components of the University, graduate students have indicated little to no knowledge of. Continued and more focused effort to secure industrial/corporate funding for SRW. As the program continues to grow and exceed each year's goals, it is becoming imperative that an outside long term funding source be found.

In aligning our organization's mission and goals with institution direction, GSC sees an opportunity to help the institution seek and recruit the best and brightest of graduate students. One way we can do this is by spotlighting the outstanding accomplishments of current graduate students through a recruitment book. The vision for the publication is to help enhance both the diverse pool of graduate prospects and an ability to help faculty attract quality students to their labs.

GSC has also set as a multi-year priority the re-development of the Grad-to-Grad Mentor Program and Graduate Student FACT calling.

Additional Comments, Special Considerations, Etc.

Over the past year we have made an effort to find additional funding to supplement meeting costs, SRW operational expenses, and additional initiatives. Given these efforts, at this time GSC is not seeking a permanent funding increase of the one time \$5000.00 SRW operational

budget awarded last year. We look forward to the continued support of the Student Service Fee Advisory Board and thank you for your time.

SSFAB Comments/Notes:

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