



## Budget Request Form FY2011

*Department should complete one form for each individual request*

**Department:** Graduate Student Council

**Program, Service, or Operation Requested**

*Full-Time Advisor*

SSFAB Use Only	
YES	NO

### General Description:

Currently the Graduate Student Council's Advisor contractually devotes 4 hrs/wk to the Council (10%). With the increase in programming and social activities, this time restriction drastically reduces the Council's guidance while also straining the current advisor's schedule in attempts to devote additional time to GSC. A full-time advisor would be devoted to the needs and concerns of the Council overseeing the Student Research Week (SRW) student director, the Grad Camp Director, and assisting directly in all aspects of the Council's doings.

**Request Type:**

Full

Increase

One-Time

Partial/Matching

### General Questions:

***How does this increase impact students, and what motivated this request (needs, strategic planning, etc.)?***

The entire graduate student body is represented by the GSC Body. The Council consists of a committee of 4 executive vice presidents and one president. These 5 individuals are responsible for communicating to administration and advocating for all 9,000 graduate students. Each of the four VPs is responsible for supervision of committee chair. The Executive Council supports the Multicultural and Diversity Affairs Committee, Legislative Committee, Graduate Quality of Life Committee, Awards Committee, Marketing and Communications Committee and Programming Committee.

The current advising situation allocates for GSC 4 hours per week of time strictly devoted to GSC by the Adult, Graduate, and Off-Campus Student Services (AGOSS) Program Coordinator, Stefanie Stefancic. While this situation has suited GSC in the past, the increase in campus involvement of the Council and the rapid expansion of programs overseen by the Council, the designated time allotment is proving too small for adequate direction without placing undue stress on both parties. This request stems from the desire of the Council to continue to grow and expand while adequately receiving a due amount of oversight from a principal advisor connected with the University.

***How do other sources of funding (fundraising, sponsorship, membership dues, etc.) been considered? Please explain.***

The current GSC budget does not cover the cost of an advisor's salary and benefits. Paying a full-time advisor with the current budget would deplete the accounts entirely, leaving the GSC without adequate funds to continue any programs.

***Generally, what assessment tools will you use to evaluate this program/service?***

To evaluate the benefit of a full-time advisor, the GSC will mark their progress in terms of activities offered including large events (Grad Camp, Grad-to-Grad Mentoring Program, and SRW) as well as smaller events including additional social events geared towards families and students unable to leave campus easily (ice cream socials, mix 'n mingles, etc). The advisor's accountability would be marked by Supervisor feedback and student growth tracked through SLLC and event success.

**Funding Description:**

<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	
Full - Time Advisor - SDS II	\$42,500
<i>Less Estimated Partial/Matching Funds (if applicable)</i>	
<b>TOTAL SSFAB INCREASE REQUEST</b>	<b>\$42,500.00</b>

*SSFAB Comments/Notes:*

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