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Outline of Issue

Recommended Changes to GSA Policy on GSA Recognition Awards

Suggested Motion for GSA Council:

That GSA Council APPROVE, having been unanimously recommended by the GSA Governance Committee and the GSA Board, the recommended changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section O: GSA Recognition Awards, GSA Policy, GSA Recognition Awards and Adjudication Criteria as noted in the attached double column document and effective upon approval by GSA Council.

Background:

The GSA Governance Committee recommended this proposal, via email, to GSA Council on 11 March and the GSA Awards Selection Committee (GSA ASC) was consulted about this proposal via email on 28 February 2019. The GSA Board recommended these changes to GSA Council at its 3 April 2019 meeting.

The main recommended change is to introduce language that will help clarify that, for the self-nominated GSA Recognition Awards, in order to be eligible, individuals only have to be a GSA member at the time the GSA Recognition Awards nomination period is open. This will help clarify situations where a graduate student may have been enrolled in the fall term but is on a leave from their program as of January, and so would not have a registration document from the current term to include with their nomination package.

As per GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section O: GSA Recognition Awards, GSA Policy: GSA Standing Committees, GSA Awards Selection Committee, Section O.POL.5.1.a (“the GSA ASC will be consulted concerning any proposed changes to the number, selection criteria, names, and value of GSA Recognition Awards”) and, as noted above, the GSA ASC was consulted in February.

Jurisdiction:

GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section F: Standing Committees, GSA Policy, Standing Committees, Section F.POL.4.2.a
The GSA GC will "advise GSA Council on matters of GSA Bylaw and Policy not in the purview of any other GSA Standing Committee, or other governance issues, and recommend changes to GSA Council."

GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section A: Authority, GSA Bylaw, Authority, Section A.BYL.2.2
“GSA Policy is under the jurisdiction of GSA Council and may be amended by a simple majority vote of GSA Council at any meeting of GSA Council."

GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section O: GSA Recognition Awards, GSA Policy: GSA Standing Committees, GSA Awards Selection Committee, Section O.POL.5.1.a
“The GSA ASC will be consulted concerning any proposed changes to the number, selection criteria, names, and value of GSA Recognition Awards.”