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Outline of Issue

Recommended Changes to GSA Policy, Section P: GSA Grant and Bursary Application Policy and Information

Suggested Motion for GSA Council:

That the GSA Council, on the unanimous recommendation of the GSA Board, APPROVE recommended changes to GSA Policy, Section P: GSA Grant and Bursary Application Policy and Information, as shown in the attached document in track changes and effective upon approval.

Background:

The GSA office occasionally receives GSA Academic Travel Grant applications for total anticipated shortfalls of less than $50. Given that processing time per application amounts to approximately one (1) hour, it is not operatively efficient to approve grants in which the total projected shortfall amounts to less than $50. This recommended change was developed in consultation with the Vice-President Student Services and was recommended to GSA Council by the GSA Board at its meeting of 18 March 2020; it addresses an operational issue, as opposed to a governance matter.

Jurisdiction:

Section F: GSA Standing Committees, GSA Policy, GSA Standing Committees, GSA Board, Section F.POL.3.2.a
“The GSAB is the senior administrative authority of the GSA as delegated to it by 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 (Section C: GSA Council, GSA Bylaw, GSA Council) and may be amended by a simple majority vote of GSA Council at any meeting of GSA Council.”