



COUNCIL BILL

STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL · MODESTO A. MAIDIQUE CAMPUS
THE 37TH SESSION OF THE STUDENT SENATE

BILL HISTORY FOR LEGISLATIVE ARCHIVE

BILL ITEM	<i>SB3710</i>	
FORMAL TITLE	<i>A Bill to Update the SGC-MMC GPSC Statutes</i>	
AUTHOR(S)	<i>Sandro Alvarez, Graduate Senator</i>	
SPONSORS	<i>Shahnawaz Rafi, Graduate and Professional Student Committee Chair, Graduate Senator; Christian Perez, Graduate Senator</i>	
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COMMITTEE REFERRAL		
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SENATE ACTION	<i>PASSED</i>	<i>10-12-2020</i>
REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE	<i>MM-DD-YYYY</i>	
EXECUTIVE ACTION	<i>ENACTED</i>	
SUMMARY/LEGISLATIVE INTENT	This Bill is intended to amend the written reports requirement for the Graduate and Professional Student Committee Chair to submit to certain A&S entities to ensure students are not seeking funding from any other organization when applying to funding for GPSC. It will also change language that is consistent with the committee's standard operating procedures.	
MAJOR POINTS OF DISCUSSION – 1ST READING		
MAJOR POINTS OF DISCUSSION – 2ND READING		
DOCUMENTS/RESEARCH/ PERSONAL STATEMENTS	MMC Statutes	

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Bill Item SB3710
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Chair, Graduate Senator; Christian Perez, Graduate Senator
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Committee Referral

A BILL TO UPDATE THE STATUTES OF THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COMMITTEE

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus of Florida International University assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- a) This Bill may be cited as the “GPSC Updates Act”.

SECTION 2. TERMS

- a) “GPSC” refers to the Graduate and Professional Student Committee at Florida International University;
- b) “University” refers to Florida International University;
- c) “A&S fee” refers to the Activity and Service fee;

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY

- a) The proposal outlined in this Bill is in compliance with the authority granted in Article III, Section 5 (A) 1 of the SGA Constitution as well as restated in Article III, Section 3.01 (b) i-1 of the SGC-MMC Statutes, stating that “[The Senate shall] enact and diligently carryout all legislation necessary and proper for the general welfare of the Student Body.” This proposal amends Article III Legislative Branch of the MMC Statutes, Section 3.05 in amending Section 3.05 (i) (i) 5-a, and updating language in Section 3.05 (i) (i)-4, Section 3.05 (i) (i)-5, and Section 3.05 (i) (i)-6

SECTION 4. BILL

MMC-STATUTES ARTICLE III LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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Section 3.05 Senate Committees

(i) Graduate and Professional Student Committee

(i) Purpose and Responsibilities

- (1) The purpose of the Graduate and Professional Student Committee (GPSC) is to facilitate and enhance the overall graduate and professional student experience by advancing the University's academic goals. Its primary goal is to fund graduate and professional students' research, conference and professional development and promoting quality presentations and research efforts in scholarly forums. The GPSC shall also serve as an advocate for graduate and professional students, by working with the College of Law, College of Medicine, and the University Graduate School.
- (2) The GPSC shall determine the application procedure and regulations graduate students must follow to request funding.
 - a) The application will be an online document that will specify the details of the budget, research, conference, professional development, and the benefits of participation.
 - b) Requests shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the GPSC.
 - i) If a request for funding is approved by the GPSC, upon return of their event the requester has up to one (1) week to turn in all materials for reimbursement to the Student Government Association and is allowed up to four (4) weeks to claim the funds and provide all necessary documentation to the Student Government Association and to the A&S Business Office for the proper disbursement of the funds.
 - c) If a request is not approved by the GPSC, the applicant shall have the right to file a written appeal with the Senate Speaker. Should the Speaker approve the written appeal, the applicant shall present their case before the Senate.
 - d) With a simple majority vote of the Senate at a meeting where there is quorum

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- the Senate can send back the application to the GPSC who shall reconsider the request. The GPSC is not obligated to approve the reconsidered request.
- e) If the GPSC does not approve a request after reviewing it for a second time, the Senate may overturn the committee's decision with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate at a meeting where there is quorum.
 - f) Changes to the procedures and regulations for GPSC funding requests shall require the simple majority approval of the Senate.
 - i) Amendments to the procedure and regulations shall be subject to Presidential veto.
- (3) Funding shall benefit individual graduate students interested in the following:
- a) Research, as defined as an investigation that is necessary for the completion of a masters, doctoral or professional degree.
 - b) Conferences, as defined as presentations (i.e. papers, posters, performances) on current and developing research that pertains to their respective masters, doctoral or professional degree.
 - i) Funding can only be used for conference registration, travel costs, and accommodations.
 - c) Professional development, as defined as events (i.e. workshops, seminars, conferences) that advances the knowledge of the graduate or professional student's academic career.
 - i) Funding can only be used for conference registration, travel costs, and accommodations.
- (4) Graduate and professional students shall be eligible to request travel funds from the committee ~~up to~~ once a funding year, unless the student has submitted their M2/D3 and is in their last year of education, in which case they may apply for funding twice. Professional students in their last year are exempt from the M2/D3 requirement.

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- (5) Students are ineligible to request funds from more than one (1) entity for travel that is funded by A&S fees.
- a) ~~The GPSC Chair shall be responsible for submitting written reports to the Finance Committee Chair, the Council for Student Organizations, and the Operational Review Committee Chair to ensure that the previous stipulation is enforced.~~
- a) In the event that there is a preponderance of evidence in the form of written communication from an A&S entity to GPSC, suggesting a student has requested funding from that organization, an email correspondence will be sent by either the GPSC Chair or GPSC Vice Chair to that entity of interest to ensure the previous rule has been met.
- (6) The GPSC shall be able to allocate funds for Gradsellar events and Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW).
- a) Any other allocations except for travel funding, Gradsellar events, and Graduate Student Appreciation Week shall require the approval of the Senate as Appropriations from the GPSC.

SECTION 5 IMPLEMENTATION

Upon passage from the SGC-MMC Senate and signing by the SGC-MMC President, the amendment will be enacted immediately and shall make any prior legislation that conflicts with this legislation hereby null and void.

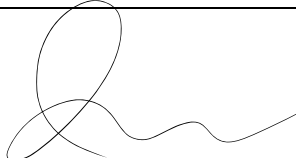

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SB3710		
A BILL TO UPDATE THE STATUTES OF THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COMMITTEE		
IN FAVOR OF: 28	AGAINST: 0	ABSTENTIONS: 2
AMENDMENTS: APPENDED ON BACK.		

SENATE ACTION	DATE: 10/12/2020	<u>PASSED</u>	FAILED
 Janelle Fraga, SGC-MMC Speaker of the Senate			
 Sandro Alvarez			

EXECUTIVE ACTION	DATE:	ENACTED	VETOED
 Alexandra Valdes, SGC-MMC Student Body President			

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