



GSO Senate Resolution 15.17

A Resolution to Place a Final Limit on Prior Research Grant Payments

Whereas, the GSO Research Grant existed as a pilot program during January 2013 through April 2014, awarding grants of up to \$500 to graduate students for research work in a manner similar to the GSO Travel Grant and;

Whereas, after the 18 month pilot, the Senate in the April 23, 2014 Budget Meeting declined to continue the program, determining that the Research Grant was a highly complex program that required an unsustainably large commitment of manpower and;

Whereas, individuals awarded Research Grants while the program was in operation could continue to receive reimbursements per the original Research Grant policy and procedures, which allow reimbursements up to 45 days after the award letter is received or 45 days after the research expense is incurred, whichever is later and;

Whereas, this policy did not define a deadline for incurring the actual expense nor required award recipients to adhere to the timelines for their research stated in their applications, allowing for reimbursement requests to arrive arbitrarily far into the future, preventing the GSO Comptroller and Finance Committee from appropriate fiscal planning and creating significant record-keeping burdens and;

Whereas, no award recipient originally stated their research would continue into 2015, therefore a deadline for all final reimbursement submissions should not negatively impact any award recipients therefore, be it

Resolved, that no request for payment in relation to a Research Grant award shall be accepted after April 15, 2015, with all unclaimed funds returned to the GSO general funds.