



## **GSO Senate Resolution 25.06**

### **A Resolution Establishing the Annual Budget for the 2026 Fiscal Year**

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**Action(s):** *Passed* (29 Yes; 0 No; 2 Abstain)

**Chair of the Senate:** Roger Rosena

**President Pro Tempore of the Senate:** Avery A. Welna

**Parliamentarian:** Joe Beckmann

**President of the Student Body:** Daniel J. Kimmel

**Whereas**, the Graduate Student Activity Fee shall be allocated by the Senate at its Special Meeting on the Budget after receiving an annual budget recommendation from the Finance Committee as per the Constitution; and

**Whereas**, the Senate acknowledges this funding is made under the regulations and procedures laid out in the GSO Fiscal Policy; and

**Whereas**, the Finance Committee has transmitted its recommendations to the Senate for its consideration; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the following budget be adopted as the Budget of the Graduate Student Organization and as its sole spending authority for the 2026 fiscal year, notwithstanding other spending authority authorized by the Constitution, with the following stipulations (the following items reference specific lines, as indicated; the lines also reference back to this list by number):

1. (A.1-3) All service providers are set to receive funding in full at the beginning of the Fiscal Year.
2. (A.1-3) All service providers, as a requirement to receive GSO funding, must allow accessibility to their services for all fee-paying graduate students, and publicize such services as sponsored by the GSO.

3. (A.1-3) The GSO Finance Committee has conducted an audit of all service providers pertaining their expenditures for FY25. Per the internal fiscal investigation, and per the findings provided by committee members, Fiscal Affairs has voted not to fund Graduate School Programs and Career Services and Graduate School Payment. Should The Graduate School desire GSO funds for specific programming and career service items, the Finance Committee has determined that they may request funds through the Special Programming process to ensure greater transparency and fiscal oversight. Moreover, the Finance Committee has determined that no GSO funds shall be used to pay University employees.
4. (A.1-3) Where there is a shared interest in the services provided, the GSO will endeavor to forge partnerships with the interested parties to jointly fund the service. The GSO stays committed to relationship building with other departments/organization across the University.
5. (B1.3) In addition to the Senate Meetings defined in the Constitution, the Executive Board shall host one Town Hall-style meeting at the beginning of each academic year.
6. (B1.6-14) All Executive Compensation will be paid in equal monthly installments, or as equal as possible, spread as appropriate through the term of the relevant officer.
7. (B1.6-9) (This is a note.) The President's, Internal Vice President's, Director of External Affairs', and Comptroller's terms run from June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026 (12 months).
8. (B1.10-12) (This is a note.) The General Secretary, Communication Secretary, and the Financial Secretary's terms run from the date they are appointed to May 31, 2026 (~9 months) pending confirmation by the Senate. The President Pro Tempore and Parliamentarian's terms run from the date they are appointed to May 31, 2026 (9+ months), pending confirmation by the Senate.
9. (B1.15) The President's Benefits funds will be used for medical insurance or other health-related costs, including standard medical, dental, and vision insurance. If the President's Benefits are not used completely, the President may, in conversation with the Comptroller, allocate the remaining benefit funds for another use.
10. (B2.1) The PAC (Travel) Grant Program will be allowed to apply to Special Programming (C3.1) for extra funding. The Travel Grant Program's line-item also respects Resolution 24.12: "(6) A minimum of \$90,000 or 20% of the GSO's total operating budget, whichever is lower, shall be allocated to the PAC Grant program in the GSO Annual Budget Resolution."
11. (B3) GSO Programming will be allowed to apply to Special Programming (C3.1) for extra funding.
12. (C1.1-22) Funding for organizations representing academic programs or departments was determined as \$25 per student in the represented academic program or department up to a \$2,000 cap per organization. These groups may apply for additional funding through Special Programming (C3.1).
13. (C2.1-16) Funding for organizations not representing an academic program or department is \$300, with the expectation that these funds will enable the organization to become active in

the current budget year, elect new leadership (if required), plan their events for the current year, and apply for additional funding through Special Programming.

14. (C3.1) Registered Graduate Student Organizations (RGSOs) may apply for Special Programming (C3.1) once per semester unless additional applications are invited by the Finance Committee or by the Senate. Each application may contain funding requests for multiple events. Each RGSO application may contain funding requests for multiple events. Regarding the allocation of Special Programming, the President, Fiscal Affairs, and the Senate should remain mindful that The PAC (Travel) Grant Program may request additional funds in late Spring (c. March-April) if needed.
15. (O.1) (This is a note) The Operational Budget is the amount of funding available to the GSO at the start of the Fiscal Year through the University before Student Fees are collected. The stretch allocation will be allotted, and shift, in response to the incoming student fee revenues. The first stretch allocation will be based on the Budget Office's revenue estimate, the second after the Fall figures are known, and the final after the actual figures are known in the early Spring. The line items impacted by the stretch allocation will be "variable" ones that have different demands every year and can be supplemented or stopped as necessary, like Special Programming and GSO Programming (the Director of External Affairs' social events). Please note: the stretch allocation budget is estimated to be \$456,543.85.
16. (R.1) (This is a note) The base allocation will be allotted with reference to the Operational Budget amount, \$397,343. This is the minimum amount of funding we will have as an organization. The allotments made in this allocation are the "worst case scenario" and as such all expenses that the GSO is obligated to pay must be funded in full here. This includes Executive Board stipends, service providers, and RGSOs' annual budgets. Line items here that appear to be underfunded can make up for it in the stretch allocation so long as the funds are available.
17. (R.1) The Comptroller and Finance Committee will present an adjustment to the Graduate Student Activity Fee Estimate at the second regular GSO Senate Meeting. This adjustment will be based on the actual revenues collected at the beginning of the Fall Semester. The Stretch Allocations will be adjusted to reflect the new estimate of revenues and approved by the Senate.
18. (R.2) The Comptroller and Finance Committee will present the actual revenue figures at the second regular GSO Senate Meeting of the Spring Semester. The Stretch Allocations will be adjusted to reflect the new figures of the revenue available to the GSO and approved by the Senate.

	<b>A. Service Providers</b>	<b>Base Allocation</b>	<b>Stip.</b>	<b>Stretch Allocation</b>
A.1	Student Legal Services	\$64,586.85	1,2,3,4	\$64,586.85
A.2	SU Library	\$3,500.00	1,2,3,4	\$3,500.00
A.3	International Center	\$16,000.00	1,2,3,4	\$16,000.00
	<b>Total A</b>	<b>\$84,086.85</b>		<b>\$84,086.85</b>
	<b>B. GSO</b>			
	<b>B1. Operating Expenses</b>			
B1.1	Office Expenses	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
B1.2	Executive Discretionary Fund	\$5000.00		\$5000.00
B1.3	Senate Meeting Food	\$5,000.00	5	\$5,000.00
B1.4	Committee Expenses	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
B1.5	CART Services	\$3,600.00		\$3,600.00
	<b>Executive Compensation</b>			
B1.6	President	\$24,288.00	6,7,9	\$24,288.00
B1.7	Vice President, Internal	\$15,840.00	6,7,9	\$15,840.00
B1.8	Director of External Affairs	\$10,560.00	6,7,9	\$10,560.00
B1.9	Comptroller	\$15,840.00	6,7,9	\$15,840.00
B1.10	General Secretary	\$5,760.00	6,7,10	\$5,760.00
B1.11	Financial Secretary	\$5,760.00	6,7,10	\$5,760.00
B1.12	Communication Secretary	\$5,760.00	6,7,10	\$5,760.00
B1.13	President Pro Tempore	\$4,000.00	6,8	\$4,000.00
B1.14	Parliamentarian	\$4,000.00	6,8	\$4,000.00
	<b>Benefits</b>			
B1.15	Presidential Benefits	\$2,000.00	11	\$2,000.00
	<b>Total B1</b>	<b>\$111,408.00</b>		<b>\$111,408.00</b>
	<b>B2. Grant Programs</b>			
B2.1	PAC (Travel) Grant Program	\$79,468.60	13,14	\$90,000.00
	<b>Total B2</b>	<b>\$79,468.60</b>		<b>\$90,000.00</b>
	<b>B3. GSO Programming</b>			
B3.1	GSO Fall and Spring Picnics	\$8,000.00	15	\$15,000.00
B3.2	Outreach	\$2,000.00	15	\$5,000.00
B3.3	Senate Appreciation	\$1,000.00	15	\$15,000.00
B3.4	Orientation Materials	\$ -	15	\$4000.00
	<b>Total B3</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>		<b>\$39,000.00</b>
	<b>Total B</b>	<b>\$201,876.60</b>		<b>\$240,408.00</b>

	<b>C1. Academic Registered Student Organizations</b>			
C1.1	Anthropology Graduate Student Organization	\$925.00	16	\$925.00
C1.2	Biology Graduate Student Organization	\$1,525.00	16	\$1,525.00
C1.3	Biotech Graduate Student Organization	\$750.00	16	\$750.00
C1.4	English Graduate Organization	\$1,475.00	16	\$1,475.00
C1.5	Geography Graduate Student Organization (GGSO)	\$675.00	16	\$675.00
C1.6	Geology Graduate Student Organization (GeoGO)	\$875.00	16	\$875.00
C1.8	Graduate Student Association for Public Health	\$1,125.00	16	\$1,125.00
C1.9	Graduate Students of Architecture	\$500.00	16	\$500.00
C1.10	History Graduate Student Organization	\$825.00	16	\$825.00
C1.11	Information School (iSchool) Graduate Organization	\$2,000.00	16	\$2,000.00
C1.12	Mathematics Graduate Organization	\$1,400.00	16	\$1,400.00
C1.13	Nutrition Student Graduate Organization	\$300.00	16	\$300.00
C1.14	Philosophy Graduate Student Organization	\$750.00	16	\$750.00
C1.15	Physics Graduate Student Organization	\$2,000.00	16	\$2,000.00
C1.16	Political Science Graduate Student Association	\$1,725.00	16	\$1,725.00
C1.17	Psychology Action Committee	\$1,500.00	16	\$1,500.00
C1.18	Public Administration and International Relations Association	\$2,000.00	16	\$2,000.00
C1.19	School of Education Graduate Student Council	\$2,000.00	16	\$2,000.00
C1.20	Sociology Graduate Student Assemblage	\$1,125.00	16	\$1,125.00
C1.21	Student Academy of Audiology	\$700.00	16	\$700.00
	<b>Total C1</b>	<b>\$24,175.00</b>		<b>\$24,175.00</b>
	<b>C2. Non-Academic Registered Student Organizations</b>			
C2.1	African Graduate Student Network	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
C2.2	Association of Women in Mathematics	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
C2.3	Black Graduate Student Association	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
C2.4	Conflict Management Center	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
C2.5	Counselors for Social Justice	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
C2.6	Delta Delta Epsilon forensic Science Honor Society	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
C2.7	Indigenous Graduate Student Association	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
C2.8	Iranian Student Association	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
C2.9	Sigma Upsilon of Chi Sigma Iota	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
C2.10	Society for Biomaterials Chapter of Syracuse University	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
C2.11	The Psychology Doctoral Students' Committee for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI) at Syracuse University	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
C2.12	Whitman Women in Business (WWIB)	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
C2.13	Upstate EMPN	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
C2.14	Supporting Women in Geography	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
C2.15	National Security Student Association	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
C2.16	FUSION	\$300.00	17	\$300.00
	<b>Total C2</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>		<b>\$4,800.00</b>
	<b>C3. Special Programming</b>			
C3.1	Special Programming	\$82,404.55	18	\$103,074.00
	<b>Total C3</b>	<b>\$82,404.55</b>		<b>\$103,074.00</b>
	<b>Total C</b>	<b>\$111,379.55</b>		<b>\$132,049.00</b>
	<b>Total Outlays</b>	<b>\$397,343.00</b>		<b>\$456,543.85</b>