

Graduate Student Council

GSC Resolution No. 06-05

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A RESOLUTION TO: Increase the level of funding for travel grant awards provided by the Graduate School of Michigan Tech to meet a deficiency between the current funding level and that set by Graduate Student Council bylaws.

WHEREAS, \$15,000 per year of the Graduate School budget is earmarked for graduate student travel grants and distributed by the Graduate Student Council, and

WHEREAS, the current Graduate Student Council bylaws state that total travel grants awarded shall be 11 presenting in the summer, 23 presenting in the spring and fall, and 2 attending in each of the three semesters, and

WHEREAS, given the current funding of \$300 for presenting and \$150 for attending awards, the total expenditure from the Graduate Student Council budget is \$18,000,

REALIZING, that a \$3,000 deficiency in funds exists between the budget allotment for travel grants from the Graduate School and the total awards provided by Graduate Student Council, and

REALIZING, this deficiency has been met by Graduate Student Council in the past few years using funds from the general Graduate Student Council budget without following any formal approved procedure, and

REALIZING, this procedure may be a liability if the Graduate Student Council were to be audited, and

REALIZING, the distribution of graduate student activity fees by Graduate Student Council to individuals for travel grants only benefits those students who receive travel grants, and

REALIZING, the amount of funds for travel grants from the Graduate Student Council budget is not available for activities open to the entire graduate student body,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Graduate Student Council requests additional funds from the Graduate School of Michigan Tech in the amount of \$3,000 per year to support the professional development of its graduate students through travel grants,

BE IT RESOLVED, if the Graduate School is unable to provide these additional funds, subsections 3 and 4 of subsection ii of subsection b of section VII of the Graduate Student Council bylaws should be amended to reflect the current level of Graduate School funding for graduate student travel grants awards, i.e., 7 presenting in the summer, 20 presenting in the spring and fall, and 2 attending in each of the three semesters.