



GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

GPSS Vice President of Finance Quarterly Report Winter 2023 (Written on 2 Apr 2023 by Van Mai)

Committees which I led:

- **Travel Grants Committee:** Between September and Mar, we received 145 applications and awarded the Travel Grants (award value of \$200-\$500 / student) to 67 students with a cumulative value of \$20,900. This indicates a spending of 83.6% vs. the total budget for GPSS's Travel Grant (\$25,000). In Winter Quarter only, we awarded Travel Grants to 43 students (+19 students vs. in Fall Quarter). This is the result of on-going improvement in our operation and on-going support from our volunteers. Instead of case-by-case review like in Fall Quarter, we adopted a review by batches with cut-off date published on GPSS website so that students can apply for Travel Grant on-time. At the same time, we also try to support our students with ad-hoc review when their conference dates are earlier than the current batches' cut-off dates.
- **F&B Committee:** F&B Committee oversee important decision-making related to GPSS's finance matters such as budget request to SAF and review requests for Special Allocations and Departmental Allocations. Other than myself and. We met weekly via Zoom and at HUB 304 on Friday at 11:30 am. We have been very active in Winter Quarter. We have conducted hearings and granted fundings to 17 RSOs (Registered Student Organizations) and 1 department (Department of Chemistry).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you Sean Lin (Budget Director), GPSS's president (A.J. Balatico), VP of DEI (Marty Valera), Kaylin Ellioff - our volunteer at the Travel Grant Committee and other F&B Committee members: Marleen Wejeratna, Pratima K C, Peter Correa, Jon Choi, Raj S. DewanganBudget for taking time from their busy schedule to help me review and evaluate applications for GPSS' various fundings. Without their selfless support, we couldn't achieve what we have done so far.

Other committees:

- **SAF:** I am a voting member in the Services & Activities Fee (SAF) committee. SAF committee members meet every week to review applications for funding from Student Activities's Fee. On behalf of GPSS, I will present GPSS's budget request to SAF together with GPSS' president on 14 Apr. GPSS will request a funding of \$492,152 (+6.5% increase vs. prior year). The budget request ([LINK](#)) was approved by the GPSS senate on 1 Mar.
- **STF:** I am a voting member in the Student Technology Fee (STF) committee. We met weekly to review applications for funding from Student Technology Fee. We conducted hearings and reviewed 47 applications, with a plan to approve a total funding of \$1.5M in the Winter Quarter.
- **Executive Committee:** We have bi-weekly meetings to discuss important matters to GPSS, including finance & personnel matters



Activities in pipeline for Spring Quarter

- To prepare for elections in Spring Quarter and prepare hand-over documents for our next VP of Finance
- To promote GPSS funding via different channels (blog posts, social media, emails) to increase awareness about our funding. In Winter Quarter, I collaborated with our Office Manager (Astrid Hunter) to produce the Hall of Fame section on the GPSS website. We interviewed Kaylin Ellioff - our volunteer in the Travel Grant committee and will publish the article soon. We also have plans to interview other volunteers at GPSS to show our recognition and raise awareness about our activities.