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| **Date of Meeting:** | March 20, 2024 |
| **Ruling:** | **[To be completed by Parliamentarian]** |

# PURDUE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

## BILL No. SP24-B011

## Bill to Empower GRAC Oversight on Grant Policies


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**WHEREAS,** The Purdue Graduate Student Government (PGSG) bylaws (Exhibit A) call upon the Grant Review and Allocation Committee to "Oversee and facilitate the awarding of all grant and grant-like awards which are administered by PGSG";

**WHEREAS,** GRAC does not have the explicit power in the PGSS bylaws to alter the grants and grant-like awards it oversees, with any amendments to External Spending items requiring senate approval;

**WHEREAS,** Changes in PGSG's funding, partnerships with Purdue offices, and approach to promoting graduate student success may occur rapidly and impact best practices in administering grants and grant-like awards;

**WHEREAS,** Approval requirements in the by-laws may delay GRAC in adjusting External Spending policies in response to changing conditions, creating periods of unclear or inefficient grant administration that negatively impact grant applicants;

**WHEREAS,** The process of drafting, submitting, reviewing, discussing, and voting on legislation to receive senate approval for any policy amendment creates a significant burden for members of GRAC, the Senate Chair, the Legislative Review Committee, and the Purdue Graduate Student Senate;

**WHEREAS,** All PGSG committees are constituted of members of PGSG and may have their decisions and actions "reviewed, retracted, rescinded, or otherwise overturned by legislative action of the Senate," creating multiple opportunities for oversight by members of the senate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED,** That the Senate amends the Bylaws of the Purdue Graduate Student Government, V.B.3 (Exhibit B) to insert the following subsections after subsection d) and renumber all subsequent subsections:

e) The Grant Review and Allocation Committee may amend application, review, award, and dispersal policies governing External Spending lines without approval of PGSS given:

i) Amendments are presented in writing to the membership of the Grant Review and Allocation Committee and receive majority consent; and

ii) Amendments are presented as an independent verbal report at the senate meeting immediately following their approval by the Grant Review and Allocation Committee; and

iii) Amended policies are made public within a week of approval.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That the Senate amends the Bylaws of the Purdue Graduate Student Government, section V.B.3.b to read:

b) Lines within External Spending may be created, amended, or removed given:

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ENACTED** *[INSERT DAY OF PASSAGE]*th day of *[INSERT MONTH OF PASSAGE]* 2023.

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| Somosmita Mitra<br>President, PGSG | | Josiah Davidson<br>Senate Chair, PGSS |
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| Daniel Sinclair<br>Author | | Daniel Sinclair<br>Floor Sponsor, Senator for Materials Engineering |
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## Certification

I, Secret Permenter, Senate Clerk of the Purdue Graduate Student Senate, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly passed and adopted by the Purdue Graduate Student Senate of Purdue University, at a regular meeting thereof held on the *[INSERT DAY OF PASSAGE]*th day of *[INSERT MONTH OF PASSAGE]* 2023 by the following vote:

**AYES (0):**
**NAYS (0):**
**ABSENT (0):**
**ABSTAINED (0):**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand this *[INSERT DAY OF CERTIFICATION]*th day of *[INSERT MONTH OF CERTIFICATION]* 2023.

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Secret Permenter
Senate Clerk, PGSS

# EXHIBIT "A"

**Excerpt of Bylaws of the Purdue Graduate Student Government Chapter III, Section C: PGSG Operational Committees**

2) Grant Review and Allocation Committee

a) The Grant Review and Allocation Committee shall:
b) Oversee and facilitate the awarding of all grant and grant-like awards which are administered by PGSG.
c) Provide assistance and information to Purdue graduate students and graduate student groups seeking funding from any PGSG grant or grant-like award program.
d) Contribute necessary documents to the Finance Handbook as required by the PGSG Bylaws and as requested by the PGSG Treasurer.
e) The Chair of the Grant Review and Allocation Committee shall report to the PGSG Treasurer, as necessary, of any grants or awards which are approved for distribution, providing any logistical information necessary for the processing of the award.

# EXHIBIT "B"

**Excerpt of Bylaws of the Purdue Graduate Student Government Chapter V, Section B: PGSG Teams**

3) External Spending Allocation Authorization

a) The Grant Review and Allocation Committee shall announce, receive applications, and select recipients for the following lines in External Spending.
i) Travel Grants
ii) Professional Grants
iii) Graduate Student Organization Grant Allocation (GSOGA)
iv) Symposium Grants
v) Childcare Grants
vi) Strategic Partnerships
vii)Graduate Student Equipment Funds
viii) Mental Health Partnership Funds

b) Additional lines within External Spending may be created or used given:
c) Approval of PGSS of a new or amended line item; and
d) Explicit application materials, selection criteria, and methods for allocation approval are created and presented to the PGSS at the time of approval of the line item.
e) All allocations to outside organizations, including Purdue University Student Organizations, must be announced publicly within a week of the allocation