

COSAF Recommendation Results

Graduate Student Association (GSA) Fee

March 15, 2021

Quorum Met

Per the Council on Student Affairs and Fees Bylaws: *Voting on issues associated with CPI for fees must have a quorum, defined as half the voting membership, rounded up to the nearest number.*

Total Graduate Voting Members: **2**
In Attendance: **2**
Quorum was met at **100%** attendance

GSA Fee CPI Recommendation

Per the Council on Student Affairs and Fees Bylaws:

- *Recommendations for CPI adjustments on Campus Based Fees must pass by **66%**, rounded to the nearest number.*
- *Only Graduate & Professional student members will make recommendations on GSA Fee CPI adjustment.*

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Number of Voters:	2
Number Needed to Make Recommendation:	2
Ballot Results YES:	2
Ballot Results NO:	0

RESULTS: *COSAF recommends a CPI adjustment to the GSA Fee in 2021-22*

Action Item #2021-012

Council Comments

The GSA has done a great job in 2020, especially in allocating the travel awards for most applicants. First, I would like to see the travel awards cover more students, and really help those in need, since this is a popular item among graduate students and I have received many complaints. Some students received the travel awards, while their PI was also able to cover their travel, which took away the opportunities for those whose PI doesn't cover the travel. In the future, the GSA travel applicants should submit a letter from their PI to indicate whether the student can still make the conference without the travel award. Second, the Department Fund projects should be reevaluated. Many GSA events in the department clearly did not reach out to the majority of grad students in the department. Events with free food, such as pizza night, are encouraged (we don't have enough food, and too few food events each year).