



Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

Resolution 2: Reallocation of Special Grant Opportunities

Abstract: This resolution authorizes disbursement of outstanding GPSA special grant commitments from the GPSA reserve account (G943604), suspends spending on unfulfilled special grants from the GPSAFC funding account (S743000), and issues a formal sunset date to all GPSA Special Grant opportunities authorized during the 2025-2026 funding cycle.

Sponsored by: Claire King, GPSAFC Chair & Nicholas Brennan, President

Whereas, GPSA's responsibility to all graduate and professional students is to use their Student Activity Fee (SAF) to the students' greatest benefit;

Whereas, at the end of each fiscal years, unspent monies in the GPSA Operating account (G943604) are rolled into the GPSA reserve account (G943604).

Whereas, the special grants initiative was instigated to ensure that building reserves within the GPSA would be given back to students through high-impact projects;

Whereas, a total of \$391,978.55 was authorized from the GPSAFC funding account to fund 43 separate grants in a series of five resolutions during the 2025-2026 legislative session: GPSA R8 (2025-2026 term): [On Investment in the Big Red Barn](#) (\$61,200.00), GPSA R9 (2025-2026 term): [Implementing Special Grants Committee Funding Recommendations on Grants Addressing Symposia](#) (\$60,938.30), GPSA R10 (2025-2026 term): [Implementing Special Grants Committee Funding Recommendations on Grants Addressing Community Building](#) (\$75,431.96), GPSA R11 (2025-2026 term): [Implementing Special Grants Committee Funding Recommendations on Grants Addressing Novel Programming](#) (\$156,813.29), and GPSA R12 (2025-2026 term): [Implementing Special Grants Committee Funding Recommendations on Grants Addressing Student Lounges](#) (\$37,595).



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Whereas, as of September 18, 2026, a total of \$235,199.59 has been allocated to recipient organizations and grant sponsors in complete fulfillment of 30/43 grants.¹

Whereas, as of September 18, 2026, the approximate outstanding fulfillment requirements include ~\$41,000 for the 2026-2027 term, ~\$41,000 for the 2027-2028 term, ~\$11,000 for the 2028-2029 term, ~\$3,000 for the 2029-2030 term, and an unscheduled \$60,000 in fulfillment of GPSA R8 (2025-2026 term): [On Investment in the Big Red Barn](#) for a remaining total of approximately \$156,000.²

Whereas, GPSA Bylaws Section 3.16(E) articulates a process for allocating funds from the GPSA reserve account, stating “Any Current GPSA voting member, or field representative can propose a resolution to use funds from the GPSA reserve account.”

Whereas, the current value of the GPSA reserve account (G943604) is \$143,506.25.³

Whereas, outstanding commitments on the GPSA reserve account (G943604) reduce the available GPSA reserve funding to \$108,506.25. These commitments include \$15,000 for the year two disbursement to Anabel’s grocery approved in GPSA R2 (2025-2026 term): [An Act to Fund Anabel's Grocery](#) upon satisfactory disclosure of financial records to the VP of Appropriations and a \$20,000 soft earmark in fulfillment of GPSA R7 (2025-2026 term): [Establishment of a Special Committee for Ivy+ Summit Planning](#).

Be it therefore resolved that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly authorize all future disbursements of special grants as committed in 2025-2026 term resolutions R8, R9, R10, R11, and R12 from the GPSA reserve account (G943604) to the GPSA Operating account (G943704), in an amount not exceeding \$108,506.25 during the 2026-2027 term.

Be it further resolved that from the date of approval, no further GPSA special grants authorizes in R8, R9, R10, R11, and R12 may be deducted from the GPSAFC Funding account (S743000).

Be it finally resolved that all funding commitments made during the 2025-2026 funding cycle (R8, R9, R10, R11, and R12) remain valid through the Spring 2030 academic term unless otherwise made null and void by either a simple majority vote of the GPSA appropriations

¹ Calculation by Nicholas Brennan, GPSA, September 17, 2026

² Confirmation by J. Withers, Office of Assemblies, September 18, 2026

³ Communication from Jessica Withers, Office of Assemblies, August 13, 2026



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65 Committee on an exception motioned by the GPSA VP Appropriations OR noncompliance with
66 grant terms and conditions articulated in the appropriate funding authorization (R8, R9, R10,
67 R11, and R12) OR noncommunication with officers of the GPSA, Office of Assemblies, and
68 other relevant University officials in cases where such noncommunication prevents execution of
69 the funding commitment.

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