Resolution 13: Donating GPSA Funds to the University Access Fund in Support of Ongoing Graduate and Professional Student Needs

Abstract: This resolution donates $2,200 of GPSA internal funds toward the Access Fund in accordance with the GPSA Internal Budget 2020-21.

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Whereas, the GPSA Internal Budget 2020-21 stipulates that “the GPSA will set aside $2200 for a fund to help support graduate students’ home technology needs, the exact distribution of which will be determined in collaboration with the Graduate School and other relevant offices”; and

Whereas, the stated mission of the Access Fund is “to provide enrolled full-time undergraduate, graduate, and professional Cornell students with access to financial support, up to $500, to help mitigate on-campus barriers, access basic necessities, and cover emergency expenses not covered through financial aid or other university resources”; and

Whereas, graduate and professional students continue to face emergency financial needs in light of the ongoing global pandemic; and

Whereas, the GPSA must ensure that its funds are directed toward entities that directly benefit graduate and professional students;

Be it therefore resolved, that the GPSA donates $2,200 of internal funds toward the Access Fund, as appropriated in GPSA resolution 5: “Approving the GPSA Internal Budget for the 2020-2021 term” (lines 39-41).

Respectfully Submitted,

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