



Resolution 4: Enabling Prizes for Events to be Purchased with GPSAFC Funding

Abstract: This resolution updates the GPSA Finance Commission Funding Guides to allow groups to give out prizes at Finance Commission-funded events. Gift card prizes and cash prizes are still prohibited.

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Whereas, the GPSAFC Funding Guidelines currently prohibit “Gifts (except for speakers) or trophies”, prohibiting the Finance Commission from approving student groups’ requests to give prizes at in-person and virtual events; and

Whereas, many graduate and professional student organizations hold competitions such as virtual trivia nights and would like to be able to provide prizes to the winners of these competitions; and

Whereas, gift cards and cash are not feasible to give as prizes for tax reporting reasons, but other prizes of a low dollar value are not counted as income, and allowing their purchase could enhance the experience of graduate and professional student organizations;

Be it therefore resolved, that line 213 in the FC Funding Guidelines shall be changed from “Gifts (except for speakers) or trophies” to “Gifts (except for speakers); note that items of under \$75 in value that are not cash or gift cards may be given as prizes for events, e.g. to the winners of a trivia night.”

Be it finally resolved, that the GPSA Finance Commission Chair will publicize this change on the CampusGroups website and in correspondence with student groups and will also alert the Student Organizations Business Office and all relevant administrators to this change.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arielle Johnson

Chair, GPSA Finance Commission