

Resolution 8: Amending the GPSA Finance Commission Summer Funding Deadlines

Abstract: Existing GPSAFC funding deadlines limit the ability of student organizations to fund planned summer events. Rewriting the bylaws and changing funding cycles to provide more opportunities to receive funding allows student organizations to host a variety of events. This resolution specifically rewrites section 3.07 of the GPSA bylaws to create an emergency rolling summer funding cycle that is accessible to graduate and professional organizations across Cornell University.

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Whereas, many student organizations host summer and welcome events between the months of June to August and require GPSAFC funding to do so.

Whereas, Section 3.07 of the GPSA Bylaws currently outlines that “[t]he deadline for current-year budget applications shall be in late April, with the specific date set by the Commission year” and “[t]he last date for summer funding shall be in late March” (lines 421-424).

Whereas, the GPSA Finance Commission’s current deadlines prohibit student organizations from submitting new funding requests between the months of June and August.

Whereas, many student organizations do not have completed summer funding requests submitted by the March deadline.

Whereas, many student organizations are subsequently unable to host events or are required to pay for the event expenses out of pocket and wait for a potential reimbursement.

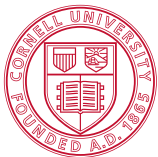
Be it therefore resolved, that the GPSAFC shall amend its funding deadlines to allow for the year-round submission of funding requests.

Be it further resolved, that Section 3.07, subsection F of the GPSA Bylaws shall be rewritten as follows:

F. Deadlines for Funding Applications

i. The deadline for current-year budget applications shall be in late April, with the specific date set by the Commission each year.

ii. The last date to submit proposals for advanced, standard summer funding shall be in late May. This funding shall cover any events during the months of June-August.



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31 iii. An emergency, rolling summer funding budget shall also be available for student
32 organizations. Funding requests may be submitted starting in mid-May and ending July 31st.

33 iv. These requests will be reviewed by the GPSA Finance Commission during the period of
34 May-August per Commissioner availability but at a minimum of two predetermined dates.

35 v. The funds from the emergency, rolling budget may only be used for events during the
36 summer term.

37 **Be it finally resolved,** that these funding deadline changes shall go into effect by May 1, 2023 to
38 establish the summer 2023 funding cycle.

39 Respectfully submitted,

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