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FY 2006 (July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006) Fee Request: $2,890

General Information About Your Organization

Name of Student Organization: Political Science Graduate Student Association

Account Number (or Speedtype): N/A

Advisor’s Name: Dr. William M. Downs

Advisor’s Phone Number: 404-651-4841

Advisor’s E-mail Address: polwmd@langate.gsu.edu

Advisor’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________

Previous Fiscal Year Information

Original FY 2005 (July 2004-June 2005) Fee Allocation: $0

FY 2005 One-time Mid-year Fee Allocation (if applicable): N/A

Total FY 2005 Budget: $0
MISSION AND GOALS

1. Briefly explain the purpose and/or mission of your organization.

The recently chartered Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA) has several missions: 1) to foster community and facilitate collaboration amongst graduate students and the Political Science faculty 2) to represent the student voice in the department in areas such as faculty hiring and course selection, and 3) to encourage academic and professional advancement in the field of political science. Membership is open to all graduate students with an interest in political science.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Please list the number of members you had in each category:

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PLANNING

1. On average how many students attend activities sponsored by your organization? 15

   a. The most at a single event? 25

   b. The least at a single event? 6

2. Please describe your FY 2005 goals, what steps you took to meet them and if you met them. In addition, please include a description of your organization’s programming efforts in the current year.

At the end of FY 2005 (April-May 2005), graduate students in the Political Science department organized meetings with faculty and other interested graduate students. At these meetings, students and faculty brainstormed and discussed potential organization goals and missions. Out of these meetings came the chartering of a Political Science Graduate Student Association.
3. Please describe your FY 2006 goals and what steps you plan to take to meet them. In addition, please include a description of your organization’s anticipated programming efforts for next year.

Meetings were held in April and June 2005 to discuss and decide upon FY 2006 goals. These goals included the establishment of a mentoring program between new and continuing graduate students, an increase in the number of active members in the PSGSA, and greater communication and cooperation between the PSGSA and the Political Science faculty. During the summer, several graduate students volunteered for serving as mentors to new students in the Department of Political Science. These mentors intend to facilitate community and assist new graduate students (mentees) in their academic career at Georgia State University.

During the academic year (FY 2006), the PSGSA will expand the number of and benefits to active members. Regular monthly meetings will allow graduate students in Political Science a forum to raise specific issues and concerns. For example, graduate students will discuss issues such as the allocation of departmental resources, exchanges between students and faculty, availability of courses, and representation during future faculty hiring. Besides these meetings, the PSGSA intends to facilitate activities that encourage academic growth and development. These activities include the establishment of an organization website, a faculty research round table, funding for political science conferences, and an annual speaker’s series. Finally, the PSGSA will encourage further contact, growth, and relationship building between graduate students in quarterly social events and volunteering opportunities.

FEE ALLOCATION BUDGET

1. Attach a DETAILED description of the following:

   a) A summary review of your organization’s actual expenditures for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

During the chartering process, the PSGSA had no expenditures. In the previously mentioned April meeting, there were no expenditures, in the June meeting/social event, the organization spent approximately $250 of member’s own funds on food and refreshments.

b) Please itemize your FY 2006 Budget Request using the format provided at the end of this packet. PLEASE NOTE, we must have your projected revenue, if any, included in your Budget Request.
ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES

1. What is the total amount of dollars expended by your college, department or other funding source (if applicable) in support of your organization?

Has the department spent any money in support of our organization? The department has spent no money on the organization.

2. Please list the amounts collected from your organization in the following categories:

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COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION

1) Briefly explain how your organization:

   a) Collaborated with other entities

   The PSGSA will build upon its relationship with the Political Science faculty as was detailed in the goals. It also hopes to build relationships with other student organizations such as the Pi Sigma Alpha, Sigma Iota Rho, International Business Alliance, and the Economics Club.

   b) Contributed to the development of campus

   The PSGSA will encourage academic and professional growth among its members and the other interested parties. For example, the establishment of the organizational website, faculty research round table, and the annual speaker’s series will encourage improved writing, teaching and academic publication. We also hope to provide a fund for student registration at professional conferences.

   c) Contributed to the local community

   The PSGSA intends to build and strengthen relationships with the local community in areas such as voter registration drives and volunteer work.
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BUDGET REQUEST

Expenses:

Personal Services
(Only includes payroll or GRA employees, not consultants)

A. Student stipends- $0
B. Student Assistants/GRAs- $0

Total Personal Services: $0

Travel
American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA 10 students = $400
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL 10 students = $400
Georgia Political Science Association, Savannah, GA 10 students = $250
Other professional conferences 10 students = $400
(Include name of convention, location and number of students attending)

Total Travel $1,450

Programming (General Programming)
Annual Speaker’s Series (including Speaker’s hotel, airfare, and expenses)= $1,000
Quarterly Social and Volunteer Events (food and travel)- $50* 4 quarters = $200

Total General Programming $1,200

Non-Programming Food:
Food Costs for Monthly Board Meetings- $30*8 meetings (October- May 2006) = $240

Total Non-Programming: $240

Equipment:

Total Equipment: $0

TOTAL EXPENSES $2,890

Revenue:

Estimated Revenue $0