

Resolution on Tuition Increases and Travel & Research Funding

Passed Unanimously on September 25, 2009

WHEREAS, conference attendance and professional activities are an expected, if not required, component of training in most disciplines, as well as an important opportunity for networking and establishing future job prospects;

Plenary

WHEREAS, student conference presentations enhance the public profile of CUNY and position the GSUC as a leading institution in the community of scholars, practitioners, and public leaders;

Steering Committee

WHEREAS, awards from the Sue Rosenberg Zalk Student Travel and Research Fund have been capped at \$300 since 1995, while the cost of transportation and travel-related expenses have risen to near-prohibitive levels for adjuncts and graduate assistants;

Constitution and Bylaws

Media Board

Health Issues

WHEREAS, since 2002, applications have been cut off months before deadline because of limited funds and overwhelming increases in demand;

Cultural Affairs

WHEREAS, nearly one-third of the DSC's annual operating revenue, composed almost exclusively of student activity fees, has been dedicated to funding travel and research for the past four years—more than 20 times the amount contributed in 1975;

Professional Development

WHEREAS, Chancellor Goldstein has cited tuition increases as part of a long-term business model focused on reinvestment in the University;

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has authorized a tuition increase that will generate an estimated \$3.3 million in additional GSUC tuition revenue; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the DSC demands a reinvestment of additional tuition revenues in the student travel and research fund and requests that President Kelly agree to a long-term plan that (a) raises award amounts to a maximum of \$500 in fiscal year 2010/11, (b) provides additional GSUC monies to meet all demand in 2010/11, (c) provides a 10% increase in GSUC funding each year thereafter to accommodate rising demand for awards and increased award amounts to offset rising costs, and (d) places any remaining monies at the end of each fiscal year in a contingency fund to ensure that budgets are not exhausted in future years.