

GSC FUNDING BOARD SURVEY 2007-2008

Total responses: 34

Responsiveness

1. Responsiveness of the GSC Funding Board/Treasurer whenever you contacted them with questions, concerns and/or requests:
 - a. Very satisfied **48%**
 - b. Satisfied **29%**
 - c. Neutral **22%**
 - d. Not Satisfied **1%**
 - e. Other (specify)

Efficiency

2. Efficiency of the GSC Funding Board/Treasurer in processing applications, conducting meetings and announcing allocations:
 - a. Very satisfied **40%**
 - b. Satisfied **46%**
 - c. Neutral **9%**
 - d. Not Satisfied **5%**
 - e. Other (specify)
3. Efficiency of the GSC Funding Board/Treasurer in keeping you updated with guidelines/policies and upcoming news and deadlines?
 - a. Very satisfied **40%**
 - b. Satisfied **52%**
 - c. Neutral **6%**
 - d. Not Satisfied **2%**
 - e. Other (specify)
4. Ability of the GSC Funding Board/Treasurer in meeting your overall funding needs to ensure that your group operates successfully during the 4 distinct funding rounds:
 - a. Very satisfied **27%**
 - b. Satisfied **43%**
 - c. Neutral **12%**
 - d. Not Satisfied **18%**
 - e. Other (specify)

5. Efficiency of the GSC Funding Board/Treasurer in guiding you to different funding sources on campus to help meet your funding requests that were not met by the Funding Board itself:

- a. Very satisfied **6%**
- b. Satisfied **33%**
- c. Neutral **45%**
- d. Not Satisfied **13%**
- e. Other (specify) **3%**

Other Comments: have not tried

6. Efficiency of the GSC Funding Board/Treasurer in helping you resolve problems with vouchers placed on hold due to missing documents, signatures, misplaced receipts, and other reasons:

- a. Very satisfied **11%**
- b. Satisfied **34%**
- c. Neutral **39%**
- d. Not Satisfied **13%**
- e. Other (specify) **3%**

Other Comments: have not tried

Changes made this year

7. Accepting applications for off-campus events during the Fall, IAP and Spring rounds:

- a. Very satisfied **24%**
- b. Satisfied **28%**
- c. Neutral **38%**
- d. Not Satisfied **7%**
- e. Other (specify) **3%**

Other Comments: have not tried

8. Accepting applications for paying honoraria for speakers/presenters during the IAP and Spring rounds:

- a. Very satisfied **23%**
- b. Satisfied **13%**
- c. Neutral **40%**
- d. Not Satisfied **3%**
- e. Other (specify) **17%**

Other Comments: 1. We did not know this, but we are going to apply then.
2. N/A but would have been helpful
3. Completely unsatisfied

Future Directions

Please indicate whether you would like to see the following happen in the near future.

9. Eliminating optional meetings with groups before allocations are made:

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| a. Very important | 6% |
| b. Important | 15% |
| c. Neutral | 42% |
| d. Not Important | 31% |
| e. Other (specify) | 6% |

Other Comments: 1. Compare the benefit to the time spending of that many people
2. Keep them

10. Increasing the Medium Event Fund to fund more applications meeting the medium –sized event criteria:

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| a. Very important | 24% |
| b. Important | 33% |
| c. Neutral | 21% |
| d. Not Important | 22% |
| e. Other (specify) | |

11. Other features and services you would like to see the GSC Funding Board/Treasurer provide to the graduate student community:

1. I like that honoraria are now allowed to be included in budgets.
2. Allocation of funding based (perhaps a cap?) should be based on the size of group so the smaller dorms don't receive equal funding for events that are primarily targeted at their own constituency compared with a similar event at a larger dorm. Note that the group size should incorporate the total number of group members rather than the number of graduate students (so long as the group is at least 50% graduate students), otherwise (e.g.) family housing would suffer in the above case.
3. It would be great to be able to get funded for more than 3 events.
4. Online deposits to the student acct for reimbursements would be useful

12. General comments on the GSC Funding Board/Treasurer's performance and services this year:

1. Quite good, fair and balanced, with expectations and evaluation criterion stated clearly.
2. The treasurer was extremely responsive and helpful - she did a great job!

3. This was my first year being treasurer for my group, and I have overall been very satisfied with the treasurer's willingness to help with problems and accept our appeals. Off-campus events are good, as well.
4. Allocations seem semi-arbitrary - no explanation really given for why some events completely not funded.
5. Efficient, reasonable, provided accurate estimates and good suggestions. Very clear in explaining how the money will come. Treasurer training sessions are very helpful.
6. I think the board and Mireille work hard
7. The GSC Funding Board micromanages our expenses way, way too much. For a group that needs to be able to react to events on a quick basis, the degree to which we must first get permission to change our spending items is unacceptable. Groups need much more flexibility than we have to deviate from our initial budget requests.
8. I like that they were open to funding a variety of different events, which differed from previous years. This is not a direct comment about the funding board, but I really find it annoying that the online application cannot be edited without deleting an event you sign up for. This can be really frustrating when filling out the application and you make a mistake and have to start all over. This seems like it shouldn't be too difficult to change.
9. I have the following comments relating to the new GSC Athletics Grant: I was informed the the board had available a total of \$2,500 to allocate to the applicants. The advertisement of the grant led interested applicants to believe that the maximum allocation was \$500. Although this may be true, it was somewhat misleading based on the total amount available for funding. With some foresight, it may have been possible to assess that with a pool of several thousand graduate students, if the council plans to fund more than 5 applicants, the average allocation per applicant would end up significantly short of \$500. In some cases, such funds would be far from sufficient to allow an applicant to attend the event he/she applied for funds for. Next semester, it would be useful to display the mean and standard deviations of allocations from this semester, as well as the (mean) fraction of requested funds that successful applicants were granted.