

LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

BILL FA 2021-004 (RDSA Funds) **FALL 2021 SESSION**

• Bylaw

Legislative Action: Proposed Legislation to Enact GPSA Bylaws

Introduced by: Benjamin Gerstner

1st Reading: LSC

Referred To: LSC

2nd Reading: 11.26.2021

Committee Action: 3-0-1 Passed

3rd Reading: 01.29.2022

Council Action: 11-0-1 Passed

Executive Action:

Approved **Vetoed**



David C. Saavedra
GPSA President

Monday, February 14, 2022
Date

Unsigned by the President on this **15th** day of **February** 2022. Bill automatically becomes law.

Legislative Response:

Veto override vote taken: _____ Council Action: _____

Summary of key points:

Remove the practice of reverting funds from RDSA's to the GPSA General Fund after their assignment to the RDSA. This practice is antiquated and obligates RDSA's to use-it or lose-it.

Found in GPSA Bylaw:

Article VIII. Finance Code

Section 3. Pro-Rated Benefits (PB) Fund

A. SGAO shall administer the disbursement of PB Funds.

B. The process to receive PB Funds must be available through the GPSA Office, on the GPSA website, and any additional means as determined by the FC.

C. In order to receive pro-rated benefits, each RDSA must apply through SGAO each semester.

1. PB Funds must be requested by the eighth Friday of the fall and spring semesters respectively, if not, funds shall automatically revert to the GPSA General Fund.

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37 ~~2. At the end of the 2021 fiscal year, this change shall remain in effect until July 1 2021,~~
38 ~~after which the 2021 provision expires and the may keep up to shall revert to 50%. The~~
39 ~~remainder shall be reverted to the GPSA general fund. However, an~~
40 ~~RDSA's remaining balance can never be reduced below \$500 as a result of the reversion.~~

41 ~~This reversion shall never include the RDSA's self-generated funds. Only for the fiscal~~
42 ~~year ending July 1, 2021, an RSDA may keep up to 100% of funds allocated during the~~
43 ~~academic year.~~

44 D. Based on the Enrollment Report provided by the University, which indicates the number of
45 graduate or professional students enrolled in each program, department, school, or college,
46 SGAO will credit the RDSA account per SGAO Policies and Procedures.

47 E. Any RDSA has the right to appeal the Enrollment Report provided by the University. Appeals
48 shall be presented in writing to SGAO. Appeals shall entail a name-by-name count of the
49 department's GPSA Members and a comparison with the University's records.

50 F. RDSAs should provide internal funding opportunities to departmentally associated student
51 organizations. A departmentally associated student organization is a student group in which fifty
52 percent (50%) or more of membership are GPSA members from a single department.

53 ~~1. Funds allocated by an RDSA directly to departmentally associated student~~
54 ~~organizations will not revert at the end of the fiscal year.~~

55 G. Should a RDSA be unable to offer any financial support, the departmentally associated
56 student organization may submit appropriation requests.