ASG GSC Bill 7
2015-2016

A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL GRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AWARDS

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§1 Purpose: The primary mission of The Graduate Student Congress (GSC) is to promote programming that will directly benefit the lives of graduate students at the University of Arkansas, on and off campus. With that aim in mind, the GSC puts forth this legislation in order to further enhance the standing of the organization by recognizing the successes of individual members in service and outreach, innovation within the broader graduate student population, and the efforts of our allies – faculty, staff, community, and civic – to create a vibrant, safe, and affordable environment for graduate students at the University of Arkansas and beyond. This annual awards program with further anchor the GSC within the university’s traditions, contribute a pro-graduate student culture, and show our sincere appreciation for individuals and groups who share in our work to create an unparalleled graduate student experience.

§2 Legislation:

I. Basic Application Process:

a. Application: Available online.
b. Application period: March 15 – April 1
c. Deadline: April 1, 11:59 P.M.
d. How to submit: email completed applications to the GSC Treasurer.
e. Notifications: One week before the final GSC meeting of the year.
f. Decisions: A selection board made up of at least five GSC representatives, with no more than one person per college, including the current Treasurer of the Graduate Student Congress. Board members will be selected by their college caucuses. The Treasurer will head the board and oversee the process of distributing completed applications to other members as well as scheduling a meeting in which the winners will be determined. Members will have at least one week with the completed applications before meeting to determine winners. The
Treasurer will serve in a non-voting capacity unless there should be a tie in the voting process.

1. Should nominees not be offered for any of the above awards, the award in question will not be issued.
2. Furthermore, should the board feel that no worthy nominees have been received for any of the above awards, the award in question will not be issued.

II. Awards:
Winners will receive a recognition of award not to exceed $10 each. Additionally, the awards will be announced at the GSC’s final meeting of the academic year.

III. Nominations: Any graduate student may submit nominations or self-nominate.
   a. Those putting forth nominations may not nominate more than one individual for each award.
   b. Members of the selection board will recuse themselves from deliberation and voting for any award in which they have put forth a nomination or have been nominated.
   c. Should members of the selection board.

IV. Information to include on application:
   a. Award for which individual is being nominated
   b. Name of nominee, department and program
   c. Contact Information
   d. Provide a brief discussion as to why the nominated individual should be considered for this honor.
   e. Include any supporting documents, news items, etc.
   f. Name and contact information of individual putting forth the nomination.

V. Individual Awards
   a. Alex Marino Service Award
      1. Open to any Graduate Student
         ▪ Awarded to one Graduate Student that has provided outstanding service to their department, college, the University of Arkansas, or within the broader community within the current academic year.
   b. Research Award
      1. Open to any Graduate Student
         ▪ Awarded to one Graduate student engaged in outstanding academic research, regardless of department, that has caused honor to be bestowed upon said individual and graduate
programs at the University of Arkansas within the current academic year.

c. Faculty Ally of the Year Award
   1. Open to any University of Arkansas Faculty Member
      • Awarded to one University Faculty Member who has proven through guidance, support, word, or deed to be a steadfast ally to the Graduate Student Congress and Graduate Students in general at the University of Arkansas within the current academic year.

d. Staff Ally of the Year Award
   1. Open to any University of Arkansas Staff Member
      • Awarded to one University of Arkansas staff member who has proven through guidance, support, word, or deed to be a steadfast ally to the Graduate Student Congress and Graduate Students in general at the University of Arkansas within the current academic year.

e. Administration Ally of the Year Award
   1. Open to any member of Administration at the University of Arkansas
      • Awarded to one member of Administration at the University of Arkansas who has shown through guidance, support, word, or deed to be a steadfast ally to the Graduate Student Congress and Graduate Students in general at the University of Arkansas within the current academic year.

f. Community Ally of the Year Award
   1. Open to any community member from Fayetteville, or Northwest Arkansas.
      • Awarded to one community member from the broader Fayetteville community who has proven through guidance, support, word or deed to be a steadfast ally to Graduate Students at the University of Arkansas.

g. Civic Ally of the Year Award
   1. Open to any elected official – city, county, state, or national.
      • Awarded to one elected official who has proven through guidance, support, word, or deed to be committed to hearing the concerns of Graduate Students, drafting, passing, or enforcing legislation to improve the lives of Graduate Students.

h. Graduate Student Congress Outreach Award
   1. Open to any Graduate Student Congress member
      • Awarded to one Graduate Student Congress member who has proven through guidance, support, word, or deed to be exceptionally dedicated to the advancement of causes important to Graduate Students and the reputation of the Graduate Student Congress at the University of Arkansas and beyond.
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Amendments: __________________________________________________________

Vote Count: Aye ________  Nay ________  Abstentions ______

Legislation Status: Passed ______  Failed ______  Other ______

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Scout Johnson, ASG GSC Speaker  Date

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Tanner Bone, ASG President  Date