Appendix XIII Policy Revision Form

Instructions:
The purpose of this form is to present proposed policy amendments or additions in an explicit and standard manner. Members of the Graduate Student Society of UBC Vancouver wishing to make policy amendments or additions for Council approval must use this form. Consultation with the Code and Policy Committee is strongly recommended to ensure that the language and style reflects that of the current policy manual. The Committee can be emailed at cpcom@gss.ubc.ca. As per bylaw 13.1.4 and policy 1.2.1, notice of a proposed policy amendment or addition must be posted on the Society’s website and emailed to all Council members at least seven days prior to the motion at Council. For assistance with putting forms on the website, you may contact Communications and Marketing Director at communications@gss.ubc.ca.

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What type of change is this?
Amending an existing policy
Addition of a new policy
Removal of a policy

Original Policy #: 9.4.1 and 9.4.2

New Policy # (if applicable): same

Proposed Revised Policy:

9.4.1 The maximum level of financial support for any event held in the Centre or the GSS Loft, located in the AMS Nest, will be the lesser of:
   a. Net costs of the event incurred by the organizing AO(s), and
   b. $600 per AO involved in organizing the event, until April 30, 2020, at which point the funds revert to $500

9.4.2 The maximum level of support for any other event will be the lesser of:
   a. Net costs of the event incurred by the organizing AO(s), and
   b. $400 per AO involved in organizing the event, until April 30, 2020, at which point the funds revert to $300

Rationale Behind Proposed Changes:

The amount of reimbursement offered to AOs for events within the Centre is currently $500, and for events outside the Centre is $300. This amount has not increased since the Event Fund’s inception, and the relatively low amount of reimbursement offered per AO per event may be limiting the GSS’s ability to assist its AO in hosting events.
Moreover, the Event Fund has been poorly utilized in the 2018-2019 academic year and thus only a small portion of the Event Fund was dispersed. Increased reimbursement being limited to "The Centre" may be also restrictive as the GSS Loft in the AMS Nest is also a GSS space.