

May 2, 2022

Sabrina Conza
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Dear Ms. Conza:

The Graduate Student Council (“GSC”) takes this opportunity to respond to your previous inquiries regarding our funding guidelines, including your most recent communication of March 29, 2022.

As you may know, the GSC is the student government for Caltech graduate students. The GSC’s mission is to improve the academic, professional, and social experience of graduate students at Caltech by engaging with campus offices, building a diverse and vibrant community, and advocating for a better quality of life. We recognize that our mission benefits from, and can be informed by, diverse viewpoints provided by speakers both within and outside of Caltech. As such, the GSC believes in asking tough questions and advocating for open discussion of all ideas, including those that may not be widely held, as part of the search for scientific truth.

As members of the Caltech community, the GSC believes in fostering an environment in which all students can feel respected and supported. To this end, and with the goals of promoting human dignity, supporting diversity on campus, and providing equal opportunities to all members of our campus community, we have spent the past few months reviewing our current funding guidelines. After careful consideration and following numerous discussions within the Caltech community, we have determined that the current guidelines are fair and appropriate. To be clear, we will continue to ensure that all voices in our community can be heard and that different viewpoints are respected. We will, as necessary and appropriate, continue to review our internal guidelines. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tobias Köhne
Chair

Melissa Li
Vice Chair