

Resolution F12-002 – Resolution to continue the GSA’s “Common Grounds” Voucher Program

Whereas the Graduate Student Assembly’s Steering Committee and the Dean’s Office of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences strongly support the notion that mentoring constitutes an indispensable component of each graduate student’s success towards the completion of his/her degree,

Whereas the Graduate Student Assembly aims to provide a contribution towards fostering the student-advisor relationship whenever possible,

Whereas the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences funds “Meals for Mentoring” (M4M) and “Free Eating Attracts Students & Teachers” (FEAST) as efforts to foster the relationships between graduate students and their advisors/teachers,

Whereas a Coffee Voucher Program, organized by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, used to be in existence until the end of the academic year 2010/2011, which provided a good complement to M4M and FEAST,

Whereas the “Common Grounds” program initiated by the Graduate Student Assembly in spring 2012 proved to be successful,

Whereas taking the responsibility for a continuation of the former Coffee Voucher Program by continuing the “Common Grounds” program will surely enhance the visibility of the Graduate Student Assembly and increase the positivity of its perception among the graduate student population,

Therefore be it enacted by the Graduate Student Assembly that a total of \$450 from the line-item "Giveaways" under “Orientation” of the "Outreach" portion of the GSA budget will be made available to fund vouchers for the “Common Grounds” program,

Be it further enacted by the Graduate Student Assembly that the rules governing the “Common Grounds” program are as follows:

1. The program is run under the auspices of the Academics and Professional Development Committee’s Chair.
2. The program will start in October 2012 and will conclude in June 2013, which is the end of the fiscal year 2013 for the Graduate Student Assembly.
3. Only graduate students within the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences are eligible to participate.
4. Each eligible student (see (3)) can only use one voucher during the time period specified in (2).
5. In order for a voucher to be redeemed, the student must be accompanied by a member of Yale’s faculty.
6. Participating locations for the program are the Blue Dog Café, the cafeteria in Bass Library, KBT Café, and Marigolds.
7. Each voucher accredits an eligible student (see (3)) to spend up to a maximum of \$6, without any restrictions on the items to be purchased at the participating locations (see (6)).