The following is a motion to adopt a procedure regarding HGSA funding and reimbursements.

1. Any HGSA funding or reimbursement request totaling more than $100.00 CAD, must include proof* that requests for all applicable** sources of funding or reimbursement available through GSAED and the University of Ottawa have already been made. The HGSA funding or reimbursement request will then be considered by the HGSA as per the HGSA Constitution. If there are no applicable sources of funding or reimbursement available through GSAED and the University of Ottawa, then the HGSA request will be considered by the HGSA as per the HGSA Constitution.

*Proof in this context is an e-mail or letter of acceptance or refusal of the request by the University of Ottawa or GSAED, or an e-mail by the University of Ottawa or GSAED that they have received the request.

**Applicable means simply those funding and reimbursement options through the University of Ottawa and GSAED that the HGSA funding or reimbursement request would qualify for.

Raison pour cette motion et procédure:
Reason for this motion and procedure:

First let me say that the HGSA has been extremely smart with its finances over the last year, and that credit should go to Katie, Marilyn, and others on the executive, who have helped put the HGSA in the best financial shape it has been in the last few years. This motion is meant to help act as a procedural check, to ensure that those who apply for a large sum, be it for the annual Pierre Savard Colloquium, a guest speaker, or other miscellaneous events and supplies, are required to explore other funding options at the university in conjunction with their request to the HGSA. The Faculty of Graduate Studies and GSAED have many funding and reimbursement options available to students, to organize events, do research, and hold functions. GSAED requires that students apply to the Faculty of Graduate Studies for funds first where it is applicable, and both require that requests be made at the departmental level first. Given that our association deals in hundreds of dollars (current balance just over $1,000.00 CAD) it seems odd that we do not have a similar requirement. This procedure in no way stops the HGSA from voting in favour of a request, even if the individual has already received money from the University of Ottawa and GSAED. It simply requires that those making large sum requests explore other available options. As an association, we do not have a lot of money. GSAED and the University of Ottawa have considerably more resources.
Should we not ask people to apply to them first, when they can? Is this perfect? No. It is possible that people will make numerous small requests. But this provides a procedure for large sum requests, to ensure that when the HGSA votes on such a request, that other funding options have been explored first, helping to ensure fiscal responsibility.