The Student Government Association held a meeting in the Helma B. Constantine Forum on Monday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. At the meeting, SGA approved two amendments, both of which dealt with finances. Amendment six changed Article VIII, Section 1, Subsection 4 of the SGA Bylaws. Originally, no campus organization or individual on campus can request funds only once per semester with the exception of academic organizations. Now “individuals presenting” are also exempt from this rule. This includes graduate students seeking money for research. “(The Graduate Student Organization) is very excited about that proposition and they appreciate the investment in graduate students,” SGA Graduate School President Rex Jones said.

Amendment seven established the Programming Fund Committee, who will be in charge of grant requests. Grants the committee approves will be placed on the agenda for the next SGA meeting. SGA Treasurer Jonathan Adams will serve as the chair of the committee.

The resolution also sets guidelines for what a grant needs in order to be accepted. Organizations must provide a list of all the expenses the grant will fund and it must not exceed $1,000. It also states that grants won't be given for meals.

Jones also proposed a resolution to increase the pay for student-employees at the university. Currently, student-employees make the federal minimum wage. The resolution doesn't specify what student-workers should be paid exactly or say where the money for the student raises should come from; it is only intended to implore the university to raise the wages of student-employees.

“So again it’s not calling for an amount. It’s saying that there should be a meaningful increase (in student wages),” he said.