

The Graduate Student Assembly  
The University of Texas at Austin

Resolution:

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**Revision of the Graduate Student Assembly Bylaws**

*Summary: A bill amending the Graduate Student Assembly Bylaws to allow Executive Board Members to voluntarily lower their stipends during their term in office.*

**Whereas (1):** The Constitution of the Graduate Student Assembly may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote; and,

**Whereas (2):** Concern regarding the amount in stipends received by the GSA Executive Committee has been expressed by various organizations within the University, such as the SSBC, as well as members of the Assembly; and,

**Whereas (3):** The bylaws currently have provisions where the Assembly can change stipends in consideration of budget and behavior, but the officers themselves cannot voluntarily decrease their own stipends, a situation which occurred this year when certain Executive Board members wished to decrease their stipends but found they could not do so with their own executive power; and,

**Whereas (4):** The Finance Committee of the Graduate Student Assembly, in conjunction with a few members of the Executive Committee, has reviewed and endorsed changes regarding the matter of Executive Committee stipends;

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Resolved (1):** Article VII, Section 1 of the Graduate Student Assembly Bylaws shall be amended as follows:

**Section 1. Officer Compensation.** ~~The President, Vice-President for Internal Affairs, Vice-President for External Affairs, Administrative Director, Communications Director, Programs Director, and Financial Director~~ Each member of the Executive Committee shall each receive financial compensation as budgeted during the period for which he or she shall be serving as an executive officer, and the amount of financial compensation shall ~~neither not~~ not be increased ~~or decreased~~ after election or while in office, though the amount may be voluntarily decreased by the officer him- or herself at any point during the term. If funds are available, administrative officers may receive compensation during the period for which he or she shall be serving as an executive

officer, and the amount of financial compensation shall ~~neither~~ not be increased ~~or~~ ~~decreased~~ after appointment or while in office, though the amount may be voluntarily decreased by the officer him- or herself at any point during the term.

**Be it**

**Further**

**Resolved (2):** The revised and amended bylaws of the Graduate Student Assembly is sent to all of the necessary and proper channels for approval.