

**The Graduate Student Assembly
The University of Texas at Austin**

Resolution: G.R. 13 (F) 5

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Action Taken: _____

Certified: _____
Columbia Mishra
President, GSA

Requesting the Adoption of a Graduate Student Bill of Rights

Summary: A resolution requesting the University of Texas at Austin Graduate School to adopt and enforce a Graduate Student Bill of Rights.

- Whereas (1):** The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA), a Legislative Student Organization recognized by the Office of the Dean of Students, is the elected governing body of the 13,000 graduate and professional students at the University of Texas at Austin.
- Whereas (2):** The GSA recognizes the variety of circumstances that graduate students face over the course of their study, and recognizes the opportunity to partner with the Graduate School at the University of Texas at Austin to address these issues.
- Whereas (3):** The GSA, as a representative of the Graduate School student body, understands that despite the diversity of program requirements and student needs, there are common concerns and broad issues that can have a large impact on the careers, lives, and well-being of all graduate students across the board.
- Whereas (4):** The GSA, recognizes the commitment of the Graduate School and the University in promoting and preserving a healthy environment to facilitate scholarly discourse and research.
- Whereas (5):** The GSA, recognizes the benefits of having a common standard documentation outlining the important and enforceable rights and terms of conduct for graduate and professional students across the University.
- Whereas (6):** The GSA is aware of similar documentation of the rights and responsibilities of graduate students adopted by the graduate student bodies at several peer Institutions across the country.

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved (1): That we draft a Graduate Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities in cooperation with the administration, faculty, staff and students at the University.

Be it

Further

Resolved (2): That we request the University of Texas Graduate School to adopt the Graduate Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities after its approval by the GSA.

Be it

Further

Resolved (2): That official copies of this resolution be delivered to Judith H. Langlois, the Dean of the Graduate School; Terry Kahn, Associate Dean of Graduate Student Services; Dr Soncia Reagins-Lilly, the Dean of Students; Dr. Gage E. Paine, the Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr Hillary Hart, Chair of the Faculty Council; Dr Marvin D. Shepherd, Chair of the Responsibilities, Rights, and Welfare of Graduate Student Academic Employees Committee; Members of the Graduate Assembly, and the University of Texas President's Office.