

The Graduate Student Assembly  
The University of Texas at Austin

**Resolution:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Introduced By:** Rohan Shah

**Action Taken:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Certified:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Redding  
President, GSA

**In Support of Identifying and Tracking Student Veterans**

*Summary: A resolution in support of an electronic system designed to help various university entities assess the needs of graduate students who are active or veteran members of the military.*

**Whereas (1):** The University of Texas at Austin has shown its solid commitment to serving the student veteran population by creating Student Veteran Services in the Office of the Dean of Students; and

**Whereas (2):** Student veterans have unique needs compared to the general student body, especially those involving tuition because of federal and state grants; and

**Whereas (3):** Approximately 37% of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan deal with mental health issues<sup>1</sup>; and

**Whereas (4):** The University of Texas currently does not have a system that identifies and tracks veterans electronically; and

**Whereas (5):** Identifying and tracking student veterans allows Student Veteran Services and other student services to better serve the on campus needs of the student veteran population

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Resolved (1):** That the Graduate Student Assembly supports the creation of an electronic auditing system that identifies student veterans, monitors their academic progress, verifies enrollment and completion of courses that count toward their degree, provides guidance in understanding and using the information, provide information about mental health services from the Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC) and services for students with disabilities (SSD), and gives the student access to this information via the internet<sup>2</sup>; and

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Resolved (2):** That copies of this resolution be sent to all college deans, the Registrar's Office, Gage Paine, Vice President for Student Affairs; Soncia Reagins-Lilly, Senior Associate Vice

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<sup>1</sup> [http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster\\_shots/2009/07/veterans-mental-health-veterans-affairs-study-.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2009/07/veterans-mental-health-veterans-affairs-study-.html)

<sup>2</sup> Paraphrased from HB 1004 in the Texas State House, 2013.

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/tlodocs/83R/billtext/html/HB01004I.htm>

President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students; Douglas Garrard, Senior Associate Dean of Students, and Student Veterans Services.