

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

Resolution: G.B or G.R. 14 (F) 2

Sponsor(s): Colin Schroeder

In Support of Students Protests at Jadavpur University

Summary: Expressing the Graduate Student Assembly's support for students at Jadavpur University (Kolkata, India) who are protesting the university administration's response to sexual abuse allegations and subsequent violent police response to public demonstrations.

- 1 WHEREAS Following allegations of a sexual assault on 28 August 2014 at Jadavpur University (Kolkata, India) and subsequent alleged inaction by university officials, students of Jadavpur University demanded an official statement from the faculty administration regarding the outcome of the investigation; and,
- 2 WHEREAS Peaceful protests turned violent on the morning of 17 September 2014 when armed police forces, summoned by the university's Vice-Chancellor, injured between 30 and 40 protestors and arrested 37 students; and,
- 3 WHEREAS In response to the violence, students and other supporters are requesting the resignation of the university's Vice-Chancellor; and,
- 4 WHEREAS The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) not only supports student rights, protections, and safety at The University of Texas at Austin, but at universities around the world; and,
- 5 THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED THAT The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) expresses support for the peaceful protest by the students of Jadavpur University (Kolkata, India) in response to the inaction of university officials following an alleged sexual assault on campus; and
- 6 THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED THAT The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) condemns the violence that resulted from the protests at Jadavpur University; and

- 7 THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED THAT The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) expresses
and reaffirms support for student rights, protections,
and safety at Jadavpur University, The University of
Texas at Austin, and all other universities; and
- 8 THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED THAT The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) expresses
support for the Change.org petition entitled
“Condemn the Brutal Police Action against the
Students in Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India”;
and
- 9 THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED THAT Official copies of this resolution be delivered to the
students and administrators of Jadavpur University
(Kolkata, India) and the Office of the President at
The University of Texas at Austin.