

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

Resolution: G.B. 14 (F) 11

Sponsor(s): Brian Wilkey, President,
Graduate Student Assembly

Creation of the Position of Senior Legislator

Summary: A bill creating the office Graduate Student Assembly Senior Legislator for the remainder of 2014-2015 term.

- 1 **WHEREAS** The Constitution of the Graduate Student Assembly gives the
2 President of the Graduate Student Assembly the power to create
 ad hoc officer positions (Art. V, §1.11); and,
- 3 **WHEREAS** The Graduate Student Assembly is fortunate to have many voting
4 members return to serve in consecutive years; and,
- 5 **WHEREAS** These “incumbent” legislators possess a wealth of knowledge
6 that is beneficial to both the Executive Committee and legislative
 body; and,
- 7 **WHEREAS** The Graduate Student Assembly should recognize and seek out
8 the counsel of these senior representatives; now,
- 9 **THEREFORE BE IT** The position of Senior Legislator be created as an ad-hoc officer
10 **RESOLVED THAT** position; now,
- 11 **THEREFORE BE IT** The Senior Legislator shall be appointed by the President based
12 **RESOLVED THAT** on seniority and previous activity within the Graduate Student
 Assembly for the term of one (1) legislative session; and ,
- 13 **THEREFORE BE IT** The Senior Legislator may serve as consultant on all legislation
 introduced to the GSA including any joint resolutions; and,
- 14 **THEREFORE BE IT** The Senior Legislator shall be delivered any bill submitted to the
 Administrative Director for inclusion on the agenda; and,

15 **THEREFORE BE IT** The Senior Legislator shall have the opportunity to speak
16 **RESLOVED THAT** independently on all legislation; and,

17 **THEREFORE BE IT** The Senior Legislator shall provide historical context in relation
18 **RESLOVED THAT** to any bill on the floor, and,

19 **THEREFORE BE IT** The Senior Legislator shall serve as assistant to the
20 **RESLOVED THAT** parliamentarian; and,

21 **THEREFORE BE IT** That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the
22 **RESLOVED THAT** Senate of College Councils Geetika Jerath and the President of
Student Government Kori Rady; and,

23 **THEREFORE BE IT** That a copy of this resolution be sent to the official advisers of
24 **RESLOVED THAT** the Graduate Student Assembly including Dr. Judith H. Langlois,
Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies and Dr. Gage E.
25 Paine, Vice President for Student Affairs including Dr. Soncia
Reagins-Lilly, Dean of Students at The University of Texas at
26 Austin.