

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

Resolution: G.B. 14 (F) 11
Graduate Student Assembly

Sponsor(s): Brian Wilkey, President,

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.

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| 1 | WHEREAS | The Constitution of the Graduate Student Assembly gives the President of the Graduate Student Assembly the power to create ad hoc officer positions (Art. V, §1.11); and, |
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| 3 | WHEREAS | The Graduate Student Assembly is fortunate to have many voting members return to serve in consecutive years; and, |
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| 5 | WHEREAS | These “incumbent” legislators possess a wealth of knowledge that is beneficial to both the Executive Committee and legislative body; and, |
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| 7 | WHEREAS | The Graduate Student Assembly should recognize and seek out the counsel of these senior representatives; now, |
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| 9 | THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT | The position of Senior Legislator be created as an ad-hoc officer position; now, |
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| 11 | THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT | The Senior Legislator shall be appointed by the President based on seniority and previous activity within the Graduate Student Assembly for the term of one (1) legislative session; and , |
| 12 | THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT | The Senior Legislator may serve as consultant on all legislation introduced to the GSA including any joint resolutions; and, |
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| 14 | THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED THAT | 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
RESLOVED THAT independently on all legislation; and,
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17 **THEREFORE BE IT** The Senior Legislator shall Endorse, Endorse with Revision, or
RESLOVED THAT Discourage the Assembly to pass any bill or resolution; and,
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19 **THEREFORE BE IT** The Senior Legislator shall serve as assistant to the
RESLOVED THAT parliamentarian; and,
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21 **THEREFORE BE IT** That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the
RESLOVED THAT Senate of College Councils Geetika Jerath and the President of
22 Student Government Kori Rady; and,

23 **THEREFORE BE IT** That a copy of this resolution be sent to the official advisers of
RESLOVED THAT the Graduate Student Assembly including Dr. Judith H. Langlois,
24 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.