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The Graduate Student Assembly  
The University of Texas at Austin

Resolution: G.R. 14 (F) 6                      Introduced By: The Student Affairs Committee

G.R. 14 (F) 6: In Support of Not Drastically Reducing Teaching Assistantships

Summary: A resolution that calls for any reduction in the numbers of Teaching Assistantships to be gradual and not affect current graduate students' support.

Whereas (1): The Graduate Student Association (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; and,

Whereas (2): We have concerns about the proposed reduction in the number of TAs in departments around the university; and,

Whereas (3): The proposed ten percent reduction in TA appointments in the College of Liberal Arts does not adequately achieve the stated goal of the administration to raise Teaching Assistant wages to a livable standard[1,2]; and,

24 Whereas 4 reading: Current graduate students losing all funding is not a desirable  
25 outcome;

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27 Therefore

28 Let it be

29 Resolved (1): The Graduate student opposes any drastic cut in the number of  
30 Teaching Assistantships that would leave graduate students without support.

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34 Resolved (2): The Graduate Student Assembly requests a discussion regarding the  
35 proposed reductions in TA appointments with Dr. Randy Diehl, Dean of the College  
36 of Liberal Arts, Dr. Esther Raizen, Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Dr.  
37 Gregory Fenves, Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Linda Hicke, Dean of the  
38 College of Natural Sciences, all Deans for all areas that employ teaching assistants,  
39 and Dr. Judith Langlois, Senior Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies, to discuss  
40 any changes in the number and allocation of TA appointments.

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43 Further

44 Resolved (3): That official copies of this resolution be delivered to all concerned  
45 parties and the office of the president.