Resolution: G.R. 17 (S) 6 - General Resolution in Support of the Expansion of the Incubator Space on Campus

WHEREAS (1): The core values of The University of Texas at Austin, as per our guiding principles, include a communal enthusiasm for learning, continued search for discovery, and the ability to freely express our thoughts through a variety of channels, personal leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility; and,

WHEREAS (2): Graduate students strive to serve as catalysts for positive change by ways of traditional educational mediums as well as through the advancement of innovation fostered in research / incubator labs; and,

WHEREAS (3): The development of an innovation / incubator space on campus is essential for fostering discussion about improvements to current technology and research as well as providing a supplementary educational experience to current methods of teaching; and,

WHEREAS (4): Student Government’s Longhorn Entrepreneurship Agency and Graduate Student Assembly’s Entrepreneurship and Innovation Agency have collaborated to develop the “Co-Lab” at 2609 University Avenue, an act recognizing the importance of entrepreneurship on this campus; and,

WHEREAS (5): Currently, the “Co-Lab” consists of limited space for the collaboration and development of entrepreneurship ventures; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED (1): That the Graduate Student Assembly supports the continued use of this space for fostering student entrepreneurship on this campus; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (2): That the Graduate Student Assembly requests that the Co-Lab be further expanded to include the adjoining rooms for the continued development of collaborative spaces to support entrepreneurship; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (3): That this resolution be sent to Mr. Gregory Fenves, President of The University of Texas at Austin, Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly, Dean of Students, Dr. Maurie McInnis, Vice President and Provost, and Director Jamie Shutter, Director of University Health Services.