

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

Sponsor(s): Stacia Cedillo, GSA Representative
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Resolution: G.R. 18 (S) 1 – RecSports Access and Delayed Costs for Graduate Students during Summer

WHEREAS (1): Graduate students at the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) regularly work on campus over the summer on continuing research projects with or without being enrolled in summer classes; and,

WHEREAS (2): UT Austin Recreational Sports (RecSports) student memberships are included with tuition. An interim summer student pass for students not enrolled in summer classes costs \$78 for access to RecSports facilities June 7 – August 28 (\$26 per month)¹; and,

WHEREAS (3): Graduate students not enrolled in summer courses are not eligible to receive stipends and may not have the income or savings to afford membership costs on their summer budget; and,

WHEREAS (4): UT Austin has encouraged fitness and recreational activities as essential for maintaining physical and mental health for graduate students in all fields of study; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT (1): The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) calls upon UT RecSports and Financial and Administrative Services to allow for graduate student summer access to recreational and fitness facilities on the UT Austin campus by postponing membership payments to the Fall, billing under “What I Owe,” when stipends or other sources of income are available to graduate students; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT (2): The GSA will work with the Office of Health and Student Services and RecSports to advertise summer gym resources to all graduate students to promote physical and mental health; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT (3): Copies of this bill be sent to RecSports, UT Financial and Administrative Services, the Office of Health and Student Services, the Counseling and Mental Health Center, and the Dean of the Graduate School.

¹ “Students.” UT RecSports. Accessed Jan 20, 2018. <https://www.utrecsports.org/about/students>

PASSED by the GSA General Assembly, January 24, 2018

Signature of the GSA President 