

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

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Resolution: G.R. 17 (S) 11 - Resolution in Support of a Graduate Career Placement and Transition Task Force

WHEREAS (1): The mission of The University of Texas at Austin is to achieve excellence in the interrelated areas of undergraduate education, graduate education, research, and public service. The university contributes to the advancement of society through research, creative activity, scholarly inquiry, and the development of new knowledge. The university preserves and promotes the arts, benefits the state's economy, serves the citizens through public programs, and provides other public service; and,

WHEREAS (2): College career-service centers help students find careers that will lead to successful futures, the importance of professional development services, career services, and corporate engagement services is paramount to a university's ability to benefit students after college and to benefit the state's economy; and¹,

WHEREAS (3): The University of Texas at Austin has 11,331 graduate students in 223 different degree programs; and,²

WHEREAS (4): The vast majority of graduate students will find work after graduation outside of academia and would benefit from a strongly resourced career services strategy that addresses graduate student needs; and,³

WHEREAS (5): Many university degree-program rankings also factor in school placement or job placement to determine an academic program's repute so a strong career-placement record also benefits academic departments and the university as a whole; and⁴,

¹ <http://gppreview.com/2012/12/03/superpowers-the-american-academic-elite/>

² <https://www.utexas.edu/about/facts-and-figures>

³ <http://www.smartsiencecareer.com/become-a-professor/>

⁴ <http://www.education.uw.edu/cirge/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/so-you-want-to-become-a-professor.pdf>

WHEREAS (6): The current career-services network at The University of Texas at Austin is comprised of disparate service units that represent their own respective collegiate entities and do not make this university a friendly climate for interdisciplinary corporate engagement and graduate degree corporate recruitment; and,

WHEREAS (7): The graduate school currently uses the Liberal Arts Career Services center that is under-resourced to adequately address the needs of all graduate students seeking non-academic careers; and,

WHEREAS (8): Currently, graduate students have access to the BTT Gateway Career Services platform and the HireUTexas, but do not have access to a wider variety of jobs that are suited for them and their graduate degrees; and,

WHEREAS (9): Graduate students would benefit from a career-services network that promotes a more interdisciplinary approach to job recruitment rather than encouraging silos of career service and corporate engagement within each respective college; and,

WHEREAS (10): Corporate employers would benefit from a career-services network that promotes a more interdisciplinary approach to job recruitment, allowing them to tap into a larger pool of candidates without the need to repeatedly go through the application process. In turn, possibly increasing the employment rate of students prior to and after graduation increases student satisfaction and university reputation; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED (1): That the Graduate Student Assembly of The University of Texas at Austin advocates for the creation of a Graduate Career-Placement and Transition Task Force to address the needs of graduate students seeking non-academic jobs; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (2): The task force should address the need for a more consolidated career-service network and unified platform for jobs posting that encourages a friendlier corporate engagement climate at our university; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (3): The task force should address how TRIS is currently utilized by employers and how college-specific career service offices and TRIS interact within the university career-services dynamic and how this dynamic can be enhanced to better support graduate students; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (4): The task force should address the needs of students in interdisciplinary fields to apply for jobs that are traditionally tracked through a few restricted college-specific career recruitment portals; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (5): That this resolution be sent to the Dean of the Graduate College, the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, John Dalton, the Vice President of Student Success, the Office of the Dean of Students, and *The Daily Texan*.