

GSG42-R01
A Resolution in Support of Increased Voter Turnout
During the 2022 Midterm Elections

Summary: The resolution supports efforts to increase Voter Turnout among University of Maryland students in the upcoming Midterm elections.

WHEREAS, the upcoming midterm elections will take place on Tuesday, November 8th, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to register to vote for Maryland is October 18th, 2022, and many other states also have deadlines in mid-October; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to request an absentee ballot in Maryland is November 1st, 2022 and many states have an earlier deadline; and

WHEREAS, both undergraduate and graduate students move regularly and may need to register in their new state of residence or request an absentee ballot in their permanent state; and

WHEREAS, voting is one of the fundamental rights and responsibilities in a democracy.

THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Graduate Student Government supports efforts to increase voter registration and voter turnout in the entire University of Maryland student population.

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GSG42-R02
**A Resolution In Support of Gathering Data on Graduate Student
 Workers' Rights Violations and Abuses**

Summary: The resolution supports gathering information about workers' rights abuses and violations that are occurring to graduate students at the University of Maryland, College Park. The aim is to record and quantify experiences that currently exist only through memory.

WHEREAS, Graduate Assistantships are not classified at employees¹; and,

WHEREAS, Graduate Assistantship positions are not held to federal nor state workers' rights laws, but by the Graduate Assistantship Policies set out by the Graduate School; and,

WHEREAS, when those policies have been violated the Graduate Assistant only has the Grievance Process laid out by the University to go through; and

WHEREAS, there is no information on the amount of assistantship grievances nor what the grievances are about, nor how the resolutions of the grievance process; and,

WHEREAS, workers' rights violations and abuses are only kept through word of mouth with no written document, meaning there is no way to track any changes in the violations and abuses.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Graduate Student Assembly supports gathering both quantitative and qualitative data to understand the scope and extent of abuses the graduate assistantships face. It calls on Legislative Action, Student Affairs, to work with Fearless Student Employees, in gathering this information.

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¹ Rathore, Khushboo. (February 19, 2021). "At Maryland hearing, USM grad students once again fight for collective bargaining rights". *The Diamond Back*.
<https://dbknews.com/2021/02/19/usm-graduate-students-collective-bargaining-rights/>

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GSG42-R03**A Resolution to Quantify the Impact of Graduate Student Fees**

Summary: This resolution calls upon the Graduate Student Government (GSG) to continue quantitative and qualitative research on the impact of student fees as they affect Graduate Students. Building upon the survey research of the GSG from the Academic 22-23 year, this resolution hopes to compile survey data from current students so as to ensure the relevance and accuracy of this data.

WHEREAS, all Graduate Students at the University of Maryland are asked to pay a standardized amount of student fees each semester, and

WHEREAS, all part-time graduate students are asked to pay \$312.50 per semester and all full-time graduate students are asked to pay \$605.00 per semester for the 22-23 academic year, and

WHEREAS, financial concerns among graduate students remain the number one issue voiced by graduate students at the University of Maryland¹, and

WHEREAS, the 21-22 GSG Assembly compiled fee survey position papers on each graduate student fee, based on the results of this data and therefore creates a significant foundation upon which to compile new, updated data, and

WHEREAS, the prevailing sentiment among graduate students is that many student fees are either opaque in their application to graduate student life or otherwise inapplicable to the majority of the graduate student community, and

WHEREAS, further documentation regarding demographic information is required to understand the impact of these students based on identities such as race, gender, program affiliation, education classification, credit status, and other identities they choose to self-disclose, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Graduate Student Government calls upon the GSG Student Affairs Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee, and the Committee for the review of Student Fees (CRSF) to reassess the impact of student fees on both full and part-time graduate students for the 22-23 academic year.

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¹ Fearless Student Employees (February 2020). *SUPPORT for the Graduate Assistant Collective Bargaining Fairness Act*, Senate Bill 658 (HB 214).
https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/cmte_testimony/2020/fin/4371_02212020_105947-422.pdf

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