

GSGA39-R01

**A Resolution Calling for Equal Access and Alternative Funding for Non-DACA Recipients**

**Summary:** This resolution calls for equal access to alternative tuition assistance offered to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients for immigrants without legal documentation for permanent or temporary residency, called "Non-DACA recipients", who wish to pursue a graduate-level education at the University of Maryland.

**WHEREAS,** immigrants without legal documentation for permanent or temporary residence are referred to as "Non-DACA recipients"; and

**WHEREAS,** Non-DACA recipients are able to fulfill the admissions test requirements of most UMD graduate programs by requesting identification document waivers or accommodations, in advance of their exams; and

**WHEREAS,** the out of pocket cost for in-state graduate tuition and fees at the University of Maryland is currently \$11,136 per year; and

**WHEREAS,** tuition remission is only available for graduate students who have assistantships; and

**WHEREAS,** Non-DACA recipients, who do not possess social security numbers, are unable to accept assistantships; and

**WHEREAS,** the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) has extended the existing Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program (GPSP) to include DACA recipients and Non-DACA recipients, showing that such a program could be implemented; and

**WHEREAS,** MHEC's GPSP is not sufficient to cover the needs of graduate students at this university; and

**WHEREAS,** the Graduate Student Government believes that all persons with the aptitude to pursue graduate level education deserve the chance to do so; and

**WHEREAS,** the enrollment ratio of White to Hispanic graduate students at the University of Maryland is currently 8 to 1, with Hispanic enrollments being the lowest of all tracked ethnicities; and

**WHEREAS,** the majority of DACA recipients and Non-DACA recipients in Maryland identify as Hispanic; and

**WHEREAS,** the Graduate Student Government believes in having a diverse student body, and this tuition assistance will further that goal;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Graduate Student Government calls for the Graduate School to further equal access by implementing alternative funding and tuition remission options, such as working fellowships, which would enable qualified Non-DACA recipients to enroll in graduate programs at the University of Maryland.

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**GSGA38-R-13**

**A Resolution to Require the Establishment of Student Advisory Committee on the International Student Fees**

**Summary:** This resolution calls on the Provost to establish a student advisory committee to oversee the spending of International Student Fees starting in Fall 2019.

**WHEREAS,** Since the Fall semester in 2018, more than \$790,000 have been raised from International Student Fees.

**WHEREAS,** a public understanding of how the fees have been spent is absent.

**WHEREAS,** sporadic meetings between International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) and student leaders and reporters are not sufficient to attain the level of accountability and transparency students expect for a mandatory fee.

**WHEREAS,** all other mandatory fees have advisory committees of which student representatives are an integral part.

**WHEREAS,** the establishment of a student advisory committee for the student facility fund two years ago provides a feasible way for students to give inputs on the usage of the fee.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Graduate Student Government (GSG) urges the Provost to establish a student advisory committee to solicit student input on and supervise the spending of International Student Fees. The committee should consist of representatives from both GSG, Student Government Association (SGA), Resident Hall Association (RHA). The allocation of representatives between GSG, SGA, RHA will depend on the ratio of graduate and undergraduate international students.

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**GSGA38-A08****An Act Creating Required Onboarding for GSG Executive Committee and Executive Staff**

**Summary:** An Act that creates and outlines an onboarding requirement for incoming members of the Executive Committee and Executive staff.

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF** ensuring the necessary knowledge transfer to incoming Graduate Student Government leadership, facilitating sustained efforts that serve the graduate student community, facilitating introductions with key campus offices and administrators that work with the GSG, and communicating committee-specific goals that are in progress at the time of office transition.

**BY AMENDING THE GSG BYLAWS AS FOLLOWS, DELETIONS UNDERLINED, ADDITIONS IN ITALICS:**

*1.1 L. All members of the GSG Executive Committee and GSG Executive Staff shall participate in a formal onboarding process the semester prior to the beginning of their terms. This onboarding shall take place whenever there is an incoming Vice President or staff member. This onboarding process shall be scheduled by the outgoing continuing Executive Committee members and staff. The onboarding process shall include participation from the Graduate School Dean and Assistant Dean, the GSG Advisor(s), the Director of Stamp Student Union, the Student Organization Resource Center Business Manager, the Graduate Student Legal Aid Director, the Vice President for Student Affairs and University President's Office. The time commitment for newly elected GSG Executive Committee members and appointed GSG Executive staff will be for no less than 8 hours prior to the commencement of the official elected term. Each exiting Executive Committee member shall provide a memo in conjunction with the standard transitional materials (handbook, files, etc.) that guides the new Executive Committee member on the most needed and relevant aspects of their role.*

Renumber existing L-N to M-O.

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**A Resolution Requesting Collection of Detailed Shuttle-UM Ridership Information**

**Summary:** A resolution calling on the Department of Transportation Services to begin to collect UMD shuttle ridership information that distinguishes between student and non-student riders.

**WHEREAS,** Shuttle-UM services are used by students, faculty, staff, and area residents;  
and

**WHEREAS,** it is unclear how many non-UMD students are using Shuttle-UM services;  
and

**WHEREAS,** it is unfair and unsustainable to ask only UMD students to pay for a service used by faculty, staff, and area residents; and

**WHEREAS,** the lack of information on the usage of shuttle by faculty and staff hinders the development of reasonable cost sharing among students, faculty, staff, and area residents;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Graduate Student Government calls on the Department of Transportation Services to collect more detailed ridership information as a first step towards quickly developing a reasonable cost sharing model.

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**GSGA38-A08****An Act Creating Required Onboarding for GSG Executive Committee and Executive Staff**

**Summary:** An amendment to the Graduate Student Government Bylaws that creates and outlines an onboarding requirement for incoming members of the Executive Committee and Executive staff.

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF** ensuring the necessary knowledge transfer to incoming Graduate Student Government leadership and for facilitating sustained efforts that serve the graduate student community. In addition, to facilitate introductions with key campus offices and administrators that work with the GSG and to pass along committee specific goals that are in progress at time on term transition.

**BY AMENDING THE GSG BYLAWS AS FOLLOWS, DELETIONS UNDERLINED, ADDITIONS IN ITALICS:**

Under *1.1 Executive Committee* add

- 1.1 L. All members of the GSG Executive Committee and GSG Executive Staff shall participate in a formal onboarding process the academic semester prior to the beginning of their terms. This will include the current/outgoing GSG Executive Committee and GSG Executive Staff as well as the newly elected/incoming GSG Executive Committee and GSG Executive staff.
  - 1.1.1 This onboarding shall take place whenever there is an incoming Executive Committee or staff member.
  - 1.1.2 When the main elections take place in spring, this will be a full onboarding session. For executives and staff elected or appointed in between main elections, a smaller formal onboarding may take place.
  - 1.1.3 This onboarding process shall be scheduled by and led by the current/outgoing Executive Committee members and staff.
  - 1.1.4 The onboarding program ought to include participation from the Graduate School Dean and Assistant Dean, the GSG Advisor(s), the Graduate Student Life Coordinator, the University Senate Office, the Director of Stamp Student Union, The Student Organization Resource Center Business Manager, the Graduate Student Legal Aid Director, the Vice President for Student Affairs and the University President's Office.
  - 1.1.5 The time commitment for newly elected GSG Executive Committee members and appointed GSG Executive staff will be for no more than 8 hours prior to the commencement of the official elected term.
  - 1.1.6 Each exiting Executive Committee member ought to provide a memo in conjunction with the standard transitional materials (handbook, files, etc.) that guides the new Executive Committee member on the most needed and relevant aspects of their role.



- 1.1.7 Topics will include but not be limited to shared governance, ethics, organizational and communication structure at the university, GSG governing documents and procedures, budget policies and processes and projects being transferred from term to the next.
- 1.1.8 The onboarding process for those elected in the main annual elections must be completed prior to the end of the spring academic semester.

Renumber existing L-N to *M-O*.

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GSGA38-R12

GSGA38-R12

**A Resolution to Support Legalizing Collective Bargaining for Student Employees in the University System of Maryland**

**Summary:** This resolution calls for the Maryland State Legislature to legalize collective bargaining for Maryland's Graduate Assistants (GAs) and other graduate student employees.

**WHEREAS,** Maryland law currently denies collective bargaining rights to any student employees, including teaching assistants, research assistants, and other graduate employees within the University System of Maryland (USM); and

**WHEREAS,** the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) ruled that graduate research and teaching assistants are entitled to collective bargaining under the National Labor Relations Act at private institutions, reversing previous decisions against collective bargaining for externally-funded research assistants in the sciences, as well as graduate student employees at other private institutions; and

**WHEREAS,** the Meet and Confer Agreement was established in 2012 for USM to address cost of living concerns; and

**WHEREAS,** collective bargaining serves as an effective means to address cost of living and employment concerns, as well as to provide vulnerable employees, such as international students and marginalized races and genders, with protection from harassment and workplace exploitation; and

**WHEREAS,** in the absence of these rights, student employees are unable to have formal and binding negotiations with the university administration to address employment concerns; and

**WHEREAS,** the Meet and Confer Agreement has not been a sufficient alternative to collective bargaining rights and has been ineffective in addressing serious labor concerns of graduate student employees;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Graduate Student Government supports efforts to legalize collective bargaining as a method for graduate employees to negotiate their conditions of employment.

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## GSGA39-A01

### Outdoor Activities Act

**Summary:** An Act revising the FY2020 budget for the Graduate Student Government to allocate funding for GSG sponsored Adventure trips for Graduate Students.

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF** revising the FY2020 budget by reallocating discretionary funds to provide funding for GSG sponsored Adventure Trips for graduate students. Adventure Trips are outdoor trips to promote Graduate Student involvement in outdoor events. The cost for the events will be shared between GSG and the students. The Social and Sports Committee will be responsible for managing and utilizing these funds

**BY** transferring \$1,000 from the “External Programming” category in the “Event Funding Requests” line item to the “Internal Programming” category in a new “Outdoor Activities” line item.

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