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STUDENT SENATE
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SGR No. 11
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A RESOLUTION
TO URGE AND REQUEST ALL THE ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS AT
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY TO CLEARLY STATE EXPECTED
FEES FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL IN THE GRADUATE
ASSISTANTSHIP OFFER LETTER

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, MOST OF THE GRADUATE STUDENTS ARE OFFERED GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS (TEACHING, RESEARCH AND SERVICE) AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY (LSU); AND
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, THE GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP COVERS TUITION AND PAYS A STIPEND, HOWEVER, THE GRADUATE STUDENTS MUST PAY FEES AND HEALTH INSURANCE SEPARATELY; AND
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, ALL THE GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OFFER LETTER MENTION THE STIPEND AMOUNT, FULL TUITION BEING EXEMPT, AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES TO MAINTAIN THE ASSISTANTSHIP; AND
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THE GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OFFER LETTER ALSO MENTIONS GRADUATE STUDENT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FEES, BUT IT DOESN'T PROVIDE THE EXPECTED FEES, THUS NOT PROVIDING ALL SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, MOST OF THE FACULTY ARE NOT AWARE OF THE EXPECTED FEES FOR THE GRADUATE STUDENTS AND, PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS TEND TO ASK CURRENT GRADUATE STUDENTS ABOUT THE FEES AND GRADUATE LIFE AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY; AND
- PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, CURRENT WAGES AFTER FEES ARE, ON AVERAGE, SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN AN ACTUAL LIVING WAGE IN THE PARISH¹, AND MANY CURRENT GRADUATE STUDENTS FEEL IT IS IRRESPONSIBLE TO RECOMMEND PURSUING GRADUATE STUDIES AT LSU TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS GIVEN THIS IMPOSED LOW QUALITY OF LIVING; AND

¹ Data taken from MIT's Living Wage Calculator, calculated for living expenses in East Baton Rouge Parish. See <http://livingwage.mit.edu/counties/22033> for more details.

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, IF FEES MENTIONED IN THE OFFER LETTER, WOULD BETTER ASSIST PROSPECTIVE STUDENT TO PLAN THEIR FINANCIAL SITUATION AND MAKE DECISION TO ACCEPT THE OFFER, AND CURRENT GRADUATE STUDENT WOULD FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE TO TALK TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS; AND

PARAGRAPH 8: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT ALL THE ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY CLEARLY STATE EXPECTED FEES FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL IN THE GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OFFER LETTER, AND

PARAGRAPH 9: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO ALL THE ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS AND GRADUATE SCHOOL AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, AND

PARAGRAPH 10: THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY (ONE-HALF PLUS ONE) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

APPROVED:

JAMES J. MICKLER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JASON J. BADEAUX
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: _____

DATE: _____