

Texas A&M University
Graduate and Professional Student Council
General Assembly
2017-2018 Session

A Resolution in Favor of Maintaining Net Neutrality Rules

Presented by Jessica Benson and Brenna Lin on April 3, 2018

- Whereas: The Graduate and Professional Student Council exists to govern and to serve as the voice of all graduate and professional students at Texas A&M University.
- Whereas: Net Neutrality refers to the principle that internet service providers must treat data from all domains equally and forbids prioritization of access to some domains over others.
- Whereas: Current net neutrality rules and regulations prohibit blocking and throttling of content by broadband providers.
- Whereas: On December 14th, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) approved a sweeping set of regulatory changes to dismantle current net neutrality standards.
- Whereas: Most institutions of higher education and libraries subscribe to online resources (e.g., full text journal and newspaper articles; legal, health, employment, and learning information) that can only be accessed via a robust and consistent Internet connection. Additionally, these institutions increasingly rely on remote access to, and storage of, data.
- Whereas: Many services, used to support learning, depend on robust and open networks.
- Whereas: The ability to restrict certain sectors of the internet behind paywalls would introduce additional financial burdens that would limit the sources graduate students would have available to acquire information, compromising the quality of research.
- And
Whereas: An open Internet is vital to the learning, research, and public service missions of higher education institutions and libraries.

Let it be
Resolved: The Graduate and Professional Student Council at Texas A&M University wants to strongly urge our political representatives to take legislative action to codify net neutrality as law.


Let it be
Further
Resolved: A copy of this resolution shall be posted and delivered to:

Ajit Pai
FCC Chairman
Sen. John Cornyn
U.S. Senate
Sen. Ted Cruz
U.S. Senate
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Action Taken: Passed

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Executive Vice President

Date: 5/3/2018

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Matthew Etchells
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