

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

**A Resolution that supports Student Counselling Service hiring
request for a Professional Counselor 1-Distance Counseling through
SAFAB funding**

Presented by Amit Ghoshal on October 17, 2017

- 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: The Professional Counselor I – Distance Counseling, in the Student Counselling Service assists provide counseling and other campus services to students who are taking distance classes and who have paid their student services fee.
- Whereas: The extra workload on the existing staff necessitates hiring of staff and equipment will need to be hired and purchased to make this possible. SCS will internally fund the equipment necessary. Staff and equipment will need to be hired and purchased to make this possible. SCS will internally fund the equipment necessary to provide this service
- And Whereas: One of the services that they describe as being essential is Counseling Services. Because Texas A&M University is accredited by SACS and faces reaccreditation every ten years, there is a very high likelihood that sometime in the near future, TAMU will be required to provide counseling to those students who are enrolled in distance classes. Additionally, some students who are enrolled at TAMU, but taking classes at a distance (Pharmacy School and Health Science Center) have requested counseling services. There is a potential for TAMU to lose its accreditation if this service is not provided.
- Let it be Resolved: The Graduate and Professional Student Council supports the Disability Services request for an increase of funding (\$63,350) to facilitate the hiring of a Professional Counselor-1 for distance counseling.

Let it be
further
Resolved:

A copy of this resolution shall be posted and delivered to:

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Action Taken:

Passed 10/17/17

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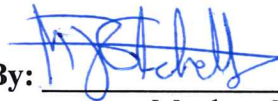


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Executive Vice President

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President

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A Resolution that supports Student Research Week Graduate Assistant position request for SAFAB funding

Presented by Amit Ghoshal on October 17, 2017


- 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: The Student Research Week Graduate Assistant acts as the Student Research Week Director in planning and coordinating the Student Research Week (SRW) which includes 100 sessions of over 800 student participants, 200 student judges and over 160 volunteers. SRW fortifies Texas A&M University's commitment of enhancing educational research opportunities for its students at all levels in addition to providing project management skills in conference planning for the student organizers.
- Whereas: In 2017 and 2018, the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies (OGAPS) have provided ½ the SRW Director assistantship funding. The GPSC seeks the continuation of ½ of the funding from OGAPS. GPSC expects SRW to expand in line with the University's objectives.
- And Whereas: SAFAB has acknowledged SRW's need for additional funding to cover the base costs anticipated to increase in Financial Year 2019. SAFAB had funded a full one-time funding covering ½ of the assistant salary for two years.
- Let it be Resolved: The Graduate and Professional Student Council supports the GPSC's request of funding (\$8,000) to facilitate the hiring of a SRW Graduate Assistant.
- Let it be further Resolved: A copy of this resolution shall be posted and delivered to:
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**A Resolution that supports Department of IT Project Manager
hiring request for SAFAB funding**

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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: The Department of IT provides support to leverage resources and develop strategies for effective and sustainable accomplishment of identified projects. Project Management is a critical function of IT project delivery. The current managers assist in various GPSC related IT projects.

Whereas: Since 2010, the IT Department has committed a full time Project Manager. However, the actual projects have increased from 31 projects in 2010 to 124 projects this year leading to the need for a new Project Manager to divide the workload. Work by external contractors cost over 175% over the full time resources.

And Whereas: Historically, line managers have been used to take care of the burden, but current workload redistribution is causing slowing down of critical projects. Self-funding a business analyst from the surplus funds will no longer be sufficient to fund the position.

Let it be Resolved: The Graduate and Professional Student Council supports the Department's request for an increase of funding (\$72,000) to facilitate the hiring of a Project Manager.

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

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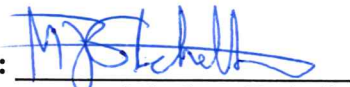
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**A Resolution that supports Disability Services hiring request for a
Graduate Assistant through SAFAB funding**

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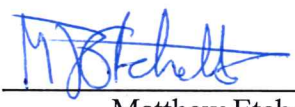
- Whereas: The Graduate and Professional Student Council exists to govern and to serve as the voice of all graduate and professional students at Texas A&M University.
- Whereas: The Graduate Assistant in the Disability Services assists disabled students with the testing administration exams administered by TAC (Testing Administration Center). There has been an 11.6% rise in the number of students using the services between Fall 2016 and Fall 2017.
- Whereas: The extra workload on the existing staff necessitates overtime and chances of error which are detrimental to students and upset faculty.
- And Whereas: In order to maintain enhanced service quality to students, the hiring of a Graduate Assistant is needed. Graduate Assistants are current Texas A&M graduate students who benefit from such work exposure by improving their Learning Outcomes.
- Let it be Resolved: The Graduate and Professional Student Council supports the Disability Services request for an increase of funding (\$12,500) to facilitate the hiring of a Graduate Assistant.
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