

## Graduate Student Senate Resolution: Increase in the GSS Fee for Graduate Students

### University of Vermont Graduate Student Senate

#### Resolution No.: Resolution 2024-2-06

**Date: 2/06/2024**

**Title: Resolution to Increase the Graduate Student Senate Fee to \$15/\$25, respectively, for credit hours at or below four or at five and more, to begin in the 2024-2025 Academic Year, in order to increase the GSS Budget**

**Whereas** the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) at the University of Vermont has been consistently dedicated to supporting the diverse needs and interests of the graduate student community;

**Whereas** the GSS effectively oversees more than 20 active clubs and over 6 committees, which are instrumental in enhancing the educational, social, and professional experiences of graduate students;

**Whereas** the current GSS fee of \$7 for four or fewer credit hours and \$10 for more than five or more credit hours per graduate student each semester has been deemed insufficient to sustain and expand the quality and range of services, activities, and resources necessary for the holistic development of the graduate student community;

**Whereas** an increase in funding is necessary to meet the growing demands of the graduate student body and to ensure the continuous improvement of the quality of life and academic excellence at the University of Vermont;

**Be it resolved** that the Graduate Student Senate proposes an increase in the GSS fee to \$15 for graduate students taking four or less credit hours per semester and \$25 per graduate student taking five or more credit hours per semester;

**Be it further resolved** that this increased funding will be strategically utilized to enhance existing stipends and develop new initiatives, structural support, and funding for club and committee activities, and to address the evolving needs of the graduate student body;

**Be it finally resolved** that this resolution be put forth to the relevant university authorities for approval and implementation, ensuring that the Graduate Student Senate continues to foster a vibrant, supportive, and enriching environment for all graduate students at the University of Vermont.

Adopted by the Graduate Student Senate on [Insert Adoption Date]

Signature:

GSS Executive Board