

1 **Resolution 1819-SP-002**
2 **A RESOLUTION REJECTING CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF**
3 **GRADUATE ASSOCIATESHIPS**

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7 WHEREAS the Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body of all graduate students
8 enrolled in The Ohio State University (established by Article II.I of the CGS Constitution); and
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10 WHEREAS as of the 2018 Autumn Semester there were 11,113 graduate students enrolled at The Ohio
11 State University; and
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13 WHEREAS Graduate Students are an indispensable contributor to the University's research mission—
14 both conducting independent research and supporting the University's faculty and staff researchers; and
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16 WHEREAS Graduate Associates currently receive benefits in line with the positions' relationship to
17 graduate students' academic pursuits (or program); and
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19 WHEREAS changes to the interpretation of the Fair Labor Standards Act by the University has put into
20 jeopardy the status of Graduate Associates benefits as it relates to their academic pursuits; and
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22 WHEREAS Section 11 of the Graduate Student Handbook states:
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24 *“These benefits help support students as they pursue their graduate degrees while balancing*
25 *academic, employment, and personal goals.”*
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27 WHEREAS the Council of Graduate Students Government Relations Committee conducted a survey of
28 the Delegates and the overwhelming response was to keep the current method of administration;
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30 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students rejects any efforts to
31 change the status of Graduate Associateships from the current method of administration; and
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33 LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Council Graduate Students directs its President to distribute
34 this resolution to the University's Administration, University Senate Leadership, and any other affected
35 parties.
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37 **Council of Graduate Students**
at The Ohio State University