

1 **Resolution 1819-SP-004**
2 **A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE VALUE OF GRADUATE WORK SPACE AND**
3 **GRADUATE INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES**

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6 WHEREAS there has recently been made known a decision to repurpose space currently in use by
7 graduate students and graduate associates (hereafter referred to by ‘GSs’ and ‘GAs’, respectively) such
8 that the GSs and GAs are being made to relocate their work space; and
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10 WHEREAS this decision was made without adequate consultation or involvement of the GSs and GAs
11 affected by this decision; and
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13 WHEREAS efforts by GSs, GAs, and faculty to negotiate or otherwise partake in the decision-making
14 procedure were not granted an appropriate audience or response; and
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16 WHEREAS the decision and the process by which it was reached was not viewed favorably by the GSs
17 and GAs it affects; and
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19 WHEREAS two mission goals of the Graduate School are to “[p]rovide governance to ensure integrity,
20 fairness and a base-level standard of consistency in the management of graduate students and programs”
21 and to “create alumni that have had a positive graduate studies experience at The Ohio State University,
22 would recommend [their] graduate program, and serve as advocates for the Graduate School”¹; and
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24 WHEREAS fair governance that ensures integrity requires that one involve and appropriately
25 communicate with those one is governing when engaging in decision-making procedures that impact
26 members of the governed body; and
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28 WHEREAS work space for discipline-specific graduate study and teaching support is important to
29 fostering positive experiences such that alumni would recommend the graduate program; and
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31 WHEREAS the inclusion of GSs and GAs in decision-making procedures led by the Graduate School
32 concerning graduate student space is important to fostering in GSs and GAs a compulsion to advocate for
33 the Graduate School; and
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35 WHEREAS the demonstration of support by the Graduate School for adequate work space for GSs and
36 GAs is important to fostering in graduate students a compulsion to advocate for the Graduate School; and
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38 WHEREAS it is part of The Ohio State University’s mission to “[educate] students through a
39 comprehensive array of distinguished academic programs”²; and
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41 WHEREAS work space for GAs to meet personally with students outside of the classroom but within a
42 discipline-specific environment is essential to effectively educating students; and
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44 WHEREAS “innovation” and “collaboration” are values held by the university³; and
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46 WHEREAS work space for discipline-specific communal study is essential to collaboration and
47 innovation;

¹ <https://gradsch.osu.edu/about>

² <https://oaa.osu.edu/mission-vision-values-and-core-goals>

³ Ibid.

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49 NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students strongly
50 disapproves of the actions taken by the parties responsible for the decision-making process; and
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52 LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students affirms the need for graduate
53 student representation and involvement in decision-making procedures that affect GSs and GAs; and
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55 LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students affirms the importance of
56 discipline-specific work space for GSs and GAs; and
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58 LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students supports the right of GSs and
59 GAs to sufficient and comfortable work space for their duties.



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