

1 **Resolution 1819-AU-001**

2 **A Resolution Supporting Appropriate Representation of Graduate Students on the University**
3 **Research Committee**

4 Sponsor: The Executive Committee

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6 WHEREAS the Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body of all graduate students enrolled in
7 The Ohio State University (established by Article II.I of the CGS Constitution); and

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9 WHEREAS as of the 2018 Autumn Semester there were 11,113 graduate students enrolled at The Ohio State
10 University; and

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12 WHEREAS Graduate Students are an indispensable contributor to the University’s research mission—both
13 conducting independent research and supporting the University’s faculty and staff researchers; and

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15 WHEREAS there are ten (10) voting and one (1) ex officio, non-voting, graduate student members of the
16 University Senate; and

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18 WHEREAS the Membership section of the Rules and Responsibilities of the University Research Committee
19 states:

20 *The university research committee shall consist of sixteen voting and three non-voting members.*

21 *(1) Twelve faculty members drawn from no less than eight colleges. Faculty with joint appointments across*
22 *colleges may be chosen to represent either college. The term of service is three years.*

23 *(a) Eight faculty members appointed by the executive committee of faculty council, at least three of*
24 *whom are members of the senate and at least one of whom is a distinguished university professor*
25 *or Ohio eminent scholar.*

26 *(b) Four faculty members appointed by the president.*

27 *(2) One research scientist, or comparable staff member engaged in research, appointed by the vice*
28 *president for research. The term of service is three years.*

29 *(3) Three student[s] appointed by the respective governing bodies to one-year terms.*

30 *(a) Two graduate students.*

31 *(b) One undergraduate student.*

32 *(4) Ex officio members, non-voting (or their designees).*

33 *(a) The vice-president for research.*

34 *(b) The dean of the graduate school.*

35 *(5) The senate fiscal committee chair, or her or his designee, nonvoting.*

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37 WHEREAS the University Research Committee is currently not in compliance with the Rules of the University
38 Faculty; specifically, rule 3335-5-48.14 University Research Committee, approved by The Ohio State University
39 Board of Trustees; and

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41 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students rejects any efforts to reduce the
42 number of voting graduate student members of the University Research Committee; and

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44 LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students supports the addition of a professional
45 student on the University Research Committee as a voting member; and

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47 LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students directs its Senators to vote against any
48 proposal to reduce the number of voting graduate student members on the University Research Committee; and

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50 LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED the Council directs the President to distribute this resolution to the
51 University’s Administration, University Senate Leadership, the University Research Committee, and any other
52 affected parties.