GPC Resolution # 0506-04

**A Resolution in Support of a Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee Increase**

**SUMMARY:** This bill would increase graduate and professional student fees by $2.20 in the 2006/2007 school year (FY07) to benefit the Graduate Professional Council.

**WHEREAS,** GPC has seen a significant increase in graduate and professional student participation in GPC-sponsored events in the current year that has caused a proportional increase in programming and publicity expenses, and

**WHEREAS,** GPC has seen a consistent increase in demand for travel scholarship awards every year in recent memory and despite overspending in all budgets of record, GPC’s actual travel scholarship awards have consistently failed to meet this need, and

**WHEREAS,** the current budget is augmented by a sizeable carry-over that accounts for more than 20% of the total combined travel scholarship and programming and publicity budget, and

**WHEREAS,** current budget projections indicate that such a carry-over sum is unlikely, and absent a similar carry-over sum, GPC will be unable to match its spending in the coming (FY07) year, and,

**WHEREAS,** the travel scholarships and programming events are closely tied to the three pillars of GPC’s mission and are among GPC’s priorities, and

**WHEREAS,** GPC has attempted to broaden its positive influence on the graduate and professional community through its sponsorship of the Graduate Professional Leadership Council, and

**WHEREAS,** a fee increase of less than 2% of the current student activity fee would allow GPC to more adequately fill these needs, and

**WHEREAS,** such an increase would also allow GPC the financial flexibility to provide Graduate and Professional students with these and other services currently offered as well as those yet unentompanied,

**THEREFORE,** be it enacted by the Graduate Professional Council that the Graduate/Professional student activity fee will be increased by $2.20 beginning in the 2006-2007 school year.

Respectfully submitted,

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