



**Resolution No. 1617-11**

**A Resolution Requesting Data on Graduate-Professional Students' Contribution to Research Output**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

- WHEREAS,** Graduate-professional students may be employed as Research Assistants (RAs) and may otherwise be employed by Mizzou in ways that contribute to the research output of the institution; and
- WHEREAS,** The scale of the contribution made by graduate and professional students to the research output of Mizzou is unclear, particularly without data; and
- WHEREAS,** Graduate-professional students may be employed as non-academic Graduate Assistants in various administrative offices throughout the university; and
- WHEREAS,** GPC is a legacy member of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS), which as an organization is interested in data such as the research and teaching output of graduate-professional student employees at different institutions; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** By majority vote of the General Assembly here gathered that the Graduate Professional Council requests that administration at Mizzou and at UM System produce and share with GPC's Executive Board data on the research output of graduate and professional students, including the research output of RAs and any other relevant graduate students who receive money that would not be received were they to not produce research; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the research output of both tenure-track and tenured faculty be provided, in addition to the population sizes of RAs and other relevant graduate student employees as well as of relevant tenure track faculty as well as of relevant tenured faculty; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That this information should include a breakdown of the tenure-track and tenured employee research output based on whether the employee in question is exempt from teaching or not and also where this information should be broken down by discipline, where doing so will not compromise privacy, and where only research produced and credited while at the University of Missouri shall be included, where in the case of multiple author papers, each listed author should receive credit for at least one instance of authorship, and where any output that is entrepreneurial in nature shall, if included in the data provided, shall be made explicit; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That "Research output" should be understood as academic output and particularly output relevant to AAU metrics and where "research output" should not be understood as including research produced largely for other reasons, such as some functions of the nuclear research reactor and some functions of the power plant; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** Selected methods for calculating the aforementioned data shall be specified, in addition to listing any other possible reasonable methods for calculating the numbers that were not the methods selected; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** GPC also requests that the number of graduate-professional students employed by the university in non-academic assistantships such as in administrative offices such as those



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in Jesse Hall or those in the Office of Student Life be provided, where that information shall be broken down into numbers per office, except where doing so would compromise the privacy of individuals (e.g., where only one individual works in an office); and be it further

**RESOLVED,** Should the aforementioned data regarding research output and also regarding non-academic assistantships not be provided to GPC by May 1, 2017, GPC requests that an explanation be provided in writing to the GPC Executive Board; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** In the spirit of communication, collaboration, and transparency, a copy of this resolution will be sent to the Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, Graduate Studies, and Economic Development, the Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Graduate Studies and the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Graduate Education, Interim Vice President for Human Resources, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Research and Economic Development, and to other offices and employees who may be instrumental in collecting the requested data.

**SUBMITTED,**

**Alex Howe,** Treasurer

**Kristofferson Culmer,** General Assembly Representative from Computer Science