



Resolution No. 1516-01
A Resolution to Ensure Long Term Insurance Solutions
for Eligible Graduate Students

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

WHEREAS, On Aug. 14, the Office of Graduate Studies announced the removal of health insurance subsidies for graduate students, and

WHEREAS, Graduate students have joined together in large numbers to protect their benefits, and

WHEREAS, A graduate insurance task force was convened to form a long-term solution for health insurance, and

WHEREAS, The Aug. 21 statement from Drs. Loftin, Stokes, and Foley made clear that the initial decision made by administration to rescind the health insurance subsidy for graduate student employees had been made without due diligence, and

WHEREAS, The health insurance subsidy for eligible graduate students would be reinstated only until August 2016, and

WHEREAS, This decision is only a short-term fix for graduate students, and

WHEREAS, The university has stated that departmental offer letters are valid for only one year, be it

RESOLVED, That a long term solution for graduate students, providing high quality fully-subsidized health insurance coverage, should be decided upon and communicated by the end of 2015.

RESOLVED, That departments replace offer letters with contracts that are guaranteed for the full term of a graduate student's employment.

SUBMITTED,

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