



**Graduate Professional Council
University of Missouri**

Resolution 1213-01

A Resolution supporting transparency and full disclosure of fees not supported by teaching and research assistantships to incoming students receiving teaching and research assistantships.

WHEREAS, the Graduate Professional Council, to be hereafter referred to as GPC, is recognized by the UM System Board of Curators and the administration of the University of Missouri as the official student government for all graduate, professional, post-baccalaureate, and post doctoral students at the University of Missouri, and

WHEREAS, GPC has been approached by many of its constituents with concerns about not having explicitly been told which fees are not covered by their assistantships during department visits or in their offer letters, and

WHEREAS, as a result of not being told which fees were not covered by their assistantships, and not knowing the full extent of their financial obligations, those constituents have experienced financial hardship due to not being able to properly plan for their expenses, and

WHEREAS, because colleges and universities around the country package tuition and fees differently it cannot be assumed that a student will know that a tuition waiver does not cover activity fees, course fees, and others, and

WHEREAS, there is currently not a policy that ensures uniformity in how departments communicate which fees are not covered by their assistantships, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the GPC General Assembly urges departments that offer teaching and research assistantships to explicitly communicate to incoming students in their offer letters that their assistantships do not cover activity fees, course fees, and other fees not supported by the assistantship, so that students can properly plan their finances, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GPC General Assembly urges the office of the Vice Provost for Extended Studies and Dean of the Graduate School to work with

departments that offer teaching and research assistantships in developing uniformity in how fees not covered by those assistantships are communicated to incoming students.

Respectfully Submitted,