Purdue Graduate Student Senate
Bill Number: “Strengthening Graduate Education”

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WHEREAS
The Dean of the College of Liberal Arts recently released his new plan to improve graduate student quality of life and graduate program strength across the college; and

WHEREAS
We support the Dean’s goals of increasing graduate student stipends, providing guaranteed five-year funding to all graduate students, providing more research opportunities, and decreasing teaching loads; and

WHEREAS
We understand that certain units have unique needs that may be unintentionally impacted by the recent proposals designed to improve CLA graduate student education; and

WHEREAS
The continuous review of the impact on those units and continuous transparency within and between units is an important part of this project; and

WHEREAS
Fully achieving these goals for graduate education will ultimately require additional funding from the university;

BE IT RESOLVED
That Purdue Graduate Student Government urges university administration to provide greater funding to graduate education at Purdue, appeals to every Dean to prioritize graduate program excellence, and lends it voice to any Dean’s efforts to advocate for stronger graduate funding and program strength.

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