



**Associated Students
of Madison**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

ASM Student Council, 25th Session
Legislation 25-1031-01

Title: AMENDED Resolution on Mandatory Segregated Fees for Graduate Assistants
Sponsored by: Representative Moreno, Chair Downer, Chair Swanson, Chair Welsh

1 **Whereas**, this resolution is co-sponsored and co-written by the Teaching Assistants' Association;

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3 **Whereas**, the Constitution of the Associated Students of Madison charges the body both (a) to
4 ensure the greatest participation by students in the immediate governance of and policy
5 development for the University at all levels and (b) to provide an official voice through which
6 the opinions of the student body may be expressed;

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8 **Whereas**, graduate assistants are graduate students who are employed by UW-Madison as
9 teaching assistants, project assistants, research assistants, lecturers, and fellows;

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11 **Whereas**, equitable working conditions attract and retain talented and experienced graduate
12 assistants and enable them to fulfill their professional responsibilities more effectively;

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14 **Whereas**, more than half of peer Big Ten institutions¹ provide significant coverage of mandatory
15 fees for their graduate assistants;

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17 **Whereas**, the administration of UW-Madison was able to provide a 13% pay increase for
18 standard teaching assistants and project assistants for the 2018-19 academic year² without
19 adversely affecting other services or other students;

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21 **Whereas**, mandatory fees for graduate assistants constitute as much as 10% of their salaries;

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23 **Whereas**, international graduate assistants face additional fees and restrictions on their work;

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25 **Whereas**, these fees impose material hardship on many graduate assistants who are required to
26 return a portion of their compensation in order to work for UW-Madison;

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28 **The Associated Students of Madison acting in Student Council do enact as follows:**

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30 **Therefore be it resolved**, the Associated Students of Madison join the Teaching Assistants'
31 Association in their call for the administration of UW-Madison to fully cover mandatory fees for
32 all graduate assistants at this university.

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¹ <http://taa-madison.org/campaigns/seggregated-fees/>

² <https://ecals.cals.wisc.edu/2017/12/06/uw-madison-announces-13-3-percent-stipend-increase-for-ta-and-pa-appointments/>

