

**UH MĀNOA GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION**  
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**Resolution to approve an increase of the graduate student fee from \$15 to \$20**

- WHEREAS, The Graduate Student Organization (GSO) represents approximately 4,500 graduate students at University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa; and
- WHEREAS, The GSO currently receives a \$15 student fee per semester from each qualified graduate student, i.e., each graduate student who meets the requirements for GSO membership, in order to fund its programs; and
- WHEREAS, The largest and primary GSO program is the Grants and Awards Program, which provides financial assistance for research and travel to graduate students; and
- WHEREAS, In recent years the GSO has been able to budget approximately \$50,000 each year for the Grants and Awards Program; and
- WHEREAS, In recent years, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and the Chancellor’s Office have appropriated an additional \$50,000 and \$25,000 each year, respectively, for the Grants and Awards Program; and
- WHEREAS, In recent years, the total amount of funds for the Grants and Awards Program has been approximately \$125,000 each year; and
- WHEREAS, The total number of funds requested last year was approximately \$250,000 and in recent years has been as much as \$350,000; and
- WHEREAS, The demand for grants and awards greatly exceeds what is currently provided by the GSO fee and the only way at this time to support more applicants is to raise the graduate student fee; and
- WHEREAS, A \$5 increase in the graduate student fee from \$15 to \$20 per fee-paying graduate student per semester could yield approximately an additional \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year for the Grants and Awards Program, bringing the total amount to \$165,000 to \$175,000 each year; therefore
- BE IT RESOLVED, That the Graduate Student Organization approves of an increase in the graduate student fee to \$20 for the purpose of increasing the number of grants and awards; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, President David Lassner, UH Mānoa Interim Chancellor Robert Bley-Vroman, Interim Vice Chancellor for Students Lori Ideta, and Dean of Graduate Education Krystyna Aune.