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**Resolution of the Graduate Student Senate**

WHEREAS, The process to separate the tuition scholarship and stipend of graduate assistantships was decided upon without giving the general assembly of the Graduate Student Senate the opportunity to engage in the process, thereby circumventing the mechanism of shared governance afforded to the graduate student body.

WHEREAS, The reduction of the budget for graduate tuition scholarship will be reduced by 9 million dollars, or by 30%, over the next biennium without communicating a clear rationale, or providing supporting evidence for why such a drastic reduction is necessary.

WHEREAS, A result of the reduction to the tuition scholarship has resulted in the “earned summer waiver”, the contractual benefit of graduate assistantships for a six credit hour tuition waiver for the summer semester following the term of their contract, not being honored as stated despite a commitment made to hold current students harmless.

WHEREAS, A result of the reduction to the tuition scholarship has led to a recommendation of the closure of graduate programs by college Deans, quoting the first sentence in the recommendation memo from the Deans: “The reduction in the graduate scholarship budget by 9 million dollars over the next biennium has made it impossible to sustain all the graduate programs at BGSU.”

WHEREAS, The actions taken by the administration as listed above towards graduate education in the absence of a strategic plan for graduate education has instilled an atmosphere of distrust in the vision that the administration has for the future of graduate education.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Graduate Student Senate requests the administration to provide clarity to the graduate student body regarding the necessity of these major changes to graduate education this year and the process by which these decisions were made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Graduate Student Senate will be consulted about the appropriate and clear mechanisms that will be created to help facilitate communication between the Graduate Student Senate and the administration so that the Graduate Student Senate will be an active participant in decisions impacting graduate education in the best interest of Bowling Green State University.

Submitted by: The Senate Executive Committee of the Graduate Student Senate