

**The Graduate Student Assembly
The University of Texas at Austin**

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Resolution: G.R. 17 (S) 10 - In Support of Providing Greater Access to Hydration Stations In Welch Hall, The Perry Castaneda Library, and the Peter T. Flawn Academic Center

WHEREAS (1): The Graduate Student Assembly serves as the official voice of graduate and professional students at the University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS (2): Among UT Austin students, 60% consume fewer than 45 ounces of plain water daily¹; and,

WHEREAS (3): While self-reported data show that the average American under 60 years old is consuming close to the Institute of Medicine’s adequate intake levels of liquid, only a third of these are comprised of plain water²; and,

WHEREAS (4): Inadequate intake of plain water may compromise physical and cognitive performance; and,

WHEREAS (5): The Partnership for a Healthier America promotes the drinking of water — including providing greater access through the use of hydration stations — in the Healthy Campus Initiative guideline; and,

WHEREAS (6): President Fenves recently commissioned the University’s first-ever Sustainability Master Plan; and,

WHEREAS (7): The Sustainability Master Plan identifies wellness as supporting a commitment to making the University of Texas at Austin a “model healthy campus; and,

WHEREAS (8): The Sustainability Master Plan pledges to provide the University community with consistent opportunities to practice sustainability in their daily decisions; and,

WHEREAS (9): The average American consumes 166 units of bottled of water every year; and,

WHEREAS (10): The University of Texas at Austin has 54,040 students and teaching faculty, meaning that our university is potentially responsible for consuming 8,970,640 bottled waters every year; and,

WHEREAS (11): The installment of additional hydration stations will encourage the use of reusable water bottles, thereby aiding the University in its commitment to become a national leader in sustainability; and therefore,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT (1): The University of Texas at Austin Graduate Student Assembly supports infrastructure improvements that promote health and well being and prompt sustainable practices; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT (2): The University of Texas at Austin Graduate Student Assembly calls for the implementation of additional hydration stations in Welch Hall, the Perry-Castaneda Library, and the Peter T. Flawn Academic Center; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT (3): The University of Texas at Austin Graduate Student Assembly will work with University administration to ensure this measure is carried out; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (4), That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Daily Texan, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean Hicke, Dean Iverson, Dean Stuijbergen, and the Office of the President.

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1 American College Health Association. American College Health Association-National College Health Assessment II: University of Texas Austin Executive Summary Spring 2016. Hanover, MD: American College Health Association; 2016.

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3. The University of Texas at Austin. (2016). Sustainability Master Plan. Retrieved from <http://sustainability.utexas.edu/documents/SMPTwo-PageSpreadView1016.pdf>

4 Ibid.

5 Ibid.

6 Ibid.

7 Ibid.