

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

Resolution: G.B. 15 (F) 2

Sponsors: Membership Committee

Approval of GSA Apportionment for 2015-2016

Summary: A bill approving apportionment of Departmental Representative seats on the Graduate Student Assembly for 2015-2016

- WHEREAS** The Graduate Student Assembly divides graduate students into constituencies based on their field of study; and
- WHEREAS** The Bylaws of the Graduate Student Assembly state that “Constituencies shall be determined such that each graduate program, as defined in the most recent Graduate Catalog and Law School Catalog, is included within a constituency. Each constituency shall receive, at minimum, one representative seat and one alternate seat” (Art II. §1.3); and
- WHEREAS** The Bylaws of the Graduate Student Assembly state that “The Graduate Student Assembly shall reapportion itself yearly by no later than one (1) month before the end of the legislative session. If the body fails to pass a resolution to this effect by that time, the body shall revert to the previous year’s representational apportionment.” (Art II. §1.4); and
- WHEREAS** Apportionment has not been passed for more than three years; and
- WHEREAS** The Bylaws of the Graduate Student Assembly state that “Apportionment recommendations shall be the responsibility of the Membership Director and the Membership Committee in consultation with the Office of Graduate Studies” (Art II. §1.5); and
- WHEREAS** Membership Director Stephanie Patchett and the Membership Committee have met and consulted with the Office of Graduate Studies to discuss and determine apportionment recommendations; now

**THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED THAT** The proposed apportionment be approved for the 2015-2016 academic year; and

**THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED THAT** The approved apportionment be made available on the Graduate Student Assembly webpage; and

**THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED THAT** This legislation be filed with the Office of the Dean of Students, the Graduate School; and

**THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED THAT** The relevant departments across the University of Texas at Austin be notified.