GAPSA & G12+ Graduate Student Governments Funding Resolution

WHEREAS the University of Pennsylvania has expressed its desire to support a vibrant graduate student community and enhance work-life balance for graduate students believing that such support is critical to advance the university’s mission of creating and disseminating knowledge and

WHEREAS the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA) and the 15 school based graduate student governments across the 12 graduate schools at the University of Pennsylvania play a vital role in that by supporting graduate students in academic and non-academic activities and

WHEREAS these student governments present the opportunity to utilize the resources to address student needs through an efficient means that offers significant administrative cost savings to the University and

WHEREAS GAPSA and the G12+ student governments are currently funded from a small fraction of the the general fees ($2788 annually for full time students) collected from all graduate students and

WHEREAS these student governments face challenges every year funding different student initiatives due to lack of funds available in their budgets, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that GAPSA and the G12+ student governments should petition the President & Provost of the University of Pennsylvania to guarantee total annual funding for these student governments at a minimum level of 10% of the total general fees received from graduate students at Penn.

Signed:
School of Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Government (SASgov)
Graduate Student Engineering Group (GSEG)
The University of Pennsylvania Law School (LAW)
Wharton Graduate Association (WGA)
University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine (SDM)
Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania
The University of Pennsylvania School of Design
University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine (VET)
Wharton Doctoral Council (WDC)