

The Graduate Student Assembly

The University of Texas at Austin

Resolution: G.R. 14 (S) 12

Sponsor: Adam J. Tallman

Jaime Puente

Action Taken: _____ PASSED _____

Certified: _____



President, Graduate Student Assembly

GR 14 (S) 12: In Support of Not Implementing Shared Services at UT until pilot data have been assessed

Summary: A resolution requesting that all plans regarding the implementation of Shared Services at a University wide level be halted until data from the pilot studies have been assessed, and adequate feedback has been gathered from the relevant Legislative Student Organizations.

Whereas (1): The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA), a Legislative Student Organization recognized by the Office of the Dean of Students, is the elected governing body of 13,000 graduate and professional students at The University of Texas at Austin; and,

Whereas (2): The Graduate Student Assembly passed resolution G.R. 14 (S) 3 in support of increasing transparency in the Shared Services project; and,

Whereas (3): Part of this resolution requested that a graduate student representative be placed on the project team; and,

Whereas (4): Although the request was granted and Elizabeth Cozzolino was put on the shared services project team, the project team has not yet met; and,

Whereas (5): G.R. 14 (S) 3 asked for findings regarding the implementation of shared services in the College of Liberal arts and elsewhere, but such findings are still pending.

Whereas (6): Assessment of the data from the pilots should precede implementation of the shared services plan.

Whereas (7): Issues concerning loss of productivity, due to loss in support staff, have not been clearly addressed.

Whereas (8): The Graduate Student Assembly appreciates that the shared services project team is meeting on May 16th, but wish to have time to assess the pilot data when our representative has attended more meetings.

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): The Graduate Student Assembly asks President William Powers and Chief Financial Officer and Vice President Kevin Hegarty to extend the dialogue phase of Shared Services and that implementation of the shared services plan not proceed until pilot data have been assessed.

Be it

Further

Resolved(2): That implementation of Shared Services plan at a University wide level not proceed until resolutions have been passed in its favor in The Graduate Student Assembly Faculty Council, Staff Council, Student Senate of College Councils and Student Government following adequate feedback and graduate student participation on the shared services project team.

Be it

Further

Resolved(3): That official copies of this resolution be delivered to Mr. Kevin Hegarty, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President; Dr. Judith H. Langlois, the Dean of the Graduate School and Vice Provost; Dr. Michael White, Chair of the Graduate Assembly; Dr. Charles Roeckle, Deputy to the President; Dr. Gregory Fenves, Executive Vice President and Provost; Dr. Hillary Hart, Chair of the Faculty Council; and the Deans of All Colleges; The Daily Texan and other Texas Student Media Outlets.