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Petition for NSM Graduate Assistant stipend increase

Whereas, Graduate Assistants in the University of Houston's College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NSM) do much of the research that makes the University of Houston a Tier One research university and,

Whereas, said students receive stipends in exchange for their work as Teaching Assistants and Research Assistants and,

Whereas, said students last received a stipend increase in 2008 and,

Whereas, inflation has devalued the dollar since 2008 and,

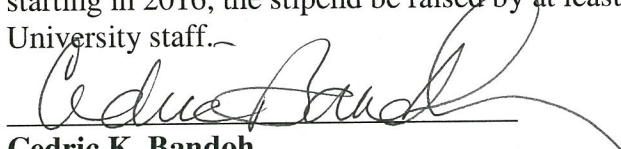
Whereas, other University staff regularly receive increases in salary of 3% per 2-year period¹ and,

Whereas, graduate student Teaching Assistants and Research Assistants may take no outside employment²

Therefore be it enacted by the Senate of the 49th Student Government Association of the University of Houston that:

the University's administration increase the stipends received by Graduate Assistants in the University of Houston's College of NSM by 10% over the course of two years, beginning in the next budget-planning cycle and

starting in 2016, the stipend be raised by at least 3% whenever merit raises are applied to other University staff.


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¹ <http://www.uh.edu/human-resources/manager-toolbox/compensation-guidelines/other-salary-adjustments/index.php> and personal communication

² ~~HOUSTON'S UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON GRADUATE STUDENT EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT~~ University of Houston Graduate Student Employment Agreement