
PURDUE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE



RESOLUTION No. SP23 – R007

Resolution Concerning Graduate Staff Eligibility for Employee-based Car Rental Discounts

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WHEREAS Purdue considers Graduate Student Staff (i.e., Graduate Teaching Assistants, Graduate Lecturers, Graduate Administrative/Professionals and Graduate Research Assistants) to be employees of the University;¹ and

WHEREAS Employee benefits on car rentals which were applicable until September 2022 are no longer eligible for aforementioned graduate students; and

WHEREAS The employee benefits enabled graduate students to make use of the contract made between Purdue University and Enterprise Car rentals in guaranteeing lowest rates for business and personal use;² and

WHEREAS The definition of “employee” in the policy excludes all undergraduate and graduate students, and considers them as “students”; and

WHEREAS Car rental prices for graduate students offered by Enterprise has increased from \$35 per day to \$70 per day approximately due to the ineligibility of using employee-based discounts; and

WHEREAS The increase in prices affect student mental well-being and the inability to pay the high costs of car rental leads to restrictions in travel; and

WHEREAS Purdue refers to the Big10 contract with Enterprise for business travel which does not exclude graduate students³; and

WHEREAS Graduate student employees should still be able to make use of the contract and get discounted rates; and

¹ <https://www.purdue.edu/policies/human-resources/vif11.html>

² <https://www.purdue.edu/procurement/travel/discounts/car-rental.php>

³ <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1xFqn2kmLSju15BwWSdyMciTzl4P58eE>

WHEREAS Graduate Staff, as employees, should be eligible to use the Big10 contract for personal travel; and

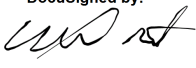
WHEREAS The mental well-being of graduate students is a part of PGSG's commitment to advocate for student voices:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Purdue Graduate Student Government calls for the reintroduction of employee-based car rental discounts for graduate students on assistantships.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution be placed with Purdue University Travel for the reintroduction of the employee-based discount on car rentals for graduate students on assistantships; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution be placed with the university wide Action Council on Student Housing and Wellbeing (SHW) for appropriate action.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 15th day of February 2023.

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President, PGSG

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Senate Chair, PGSS

Certification

I, Mary Brown, Senate Clerk of the Purdue Graduate Student Senate, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly passed and adopted by the Purdue Graduate Student Senate of Purdue University, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 15th day of February 2023 by the following vote:

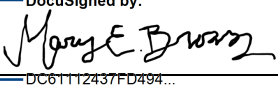
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of March 2023.

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Senate Clerk, PGSS