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President, PGSG:	Alex Seto
Senate Chair, PGSS:	Josiah Davidson

PURDUE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

RESOLUTION No. SP23-R013



“Expanding upon Academic Regulation Rights for Graduate Students”

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WHEREAS, The Purdue Office of the Dean of Students’ Academic Regulations only mentions an “Academic classification of undergraduate students” as “A student at Purdue University is any person who has been admitted to the University and who is currently enrolled in one or more courses for which there will be a permanent academic record”, where the graduate student also meet this definition and should be privy and able to incur all of the regulations made by the office of the dean of students at the time of need;¹ and

WHEREAS, Coursework is only defined as tests, assignments, exams, research papers, quizzes, reports, documents, labs, or any written or practical work, etc., or “ the assessment(s) used by the instructor to determine the student’s grade, as outlined in the course syllabus” for a student;¹ and

WHEREAS, According to the graduate student employment manual, “Graduate Research Assistant performs duties related to a research project or program under the guidance and direction of faculty members. Any graduate student staff member who is assigned to perform research duties should be classified in the category, regardless of the funding source, and need not work for his/her own department. Graduate Research Assistants are considered employees of the University and are subject to the applicable policies and procedures. They are expected to fulfill their assigned research duties and assist faculty and departments in meeting their aims and responsibilities. Students must be engaged in the type of activity for which their positions are funded (i.e., students paid from instructional funds must be doing instruction, and students paid from research funds must be doing research, etc.).Departmental general funds can support instruction, learning, discovery, engagement, or departmental research.”² Therefore, graduate

¹ <https://catalog.purdue.edu/content.php?catoid=15&navoid=18634#classes>

² Graduate Staff Employment Manual, Purdue University, 2023

student work is defined outside the coursework parameters including the research supporting proposals and funding for the research group, peer-reviewed journal articles, rebuttals, etc, experimental research, data collecting, mining, processing, reviewing, interviews, case studies, and any and all work done towards their degree and to the satisfaction of faculty for a satisfactory research mark to earn the credits. Noting that there is no finite course syllabus for 69900 and 69800 courses.¹

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That PGSG urges that all work done to earn 69800 or 69900 credits be considered part of the coursework under the Office of the Dean of Students' Academic Regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That PGSG recommends that the academic regulation policy be amended to include all responsibilities for graduate students including but not limited to: responsibilities of course work, research satisfactory responsibilities, and faculty satisfaction, be subject to make up to the best of the student's ability at the time of return after an excused absence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That PGSG recommends that all language of the "Academic Regulations" be made inclusive by directly referring to graduate students and not just referencing to undergraduate students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That PGSG recommends that graduate students be made subject to all course-related regulations that the university has, and that all students be made eligible for all processes related to Academic Regulations.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND RESOLVED *[INSERT DAY OF PASSAGE]*th day of *[INSERT MONTH OF PASSAGE]* 2023.

President, PGSG

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 *[INSERT DAY OF PASSAGE]*th day of *[INSERT MONTH OF PASSAGE]* 2023 by the following vote:

AYES (0):
NAYS (0):
ABSENT (0):
ABSTAINED (0):

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this *[INSERT DAY OF CERTIFICATION]*th day of *[INSERT MONTH OF CERTIFICATION]* 2023.

Senate Clerk, PGSS