WHEREAS, the events that different graduate student organizations put in place improve their peers' participation and their overall WMU experience in their respective programs, which in turn, translates in improving the image of our University as a whole.

WHEREAS, having substantive resources for operational expenses might deter some RSOs of charging membership fees, which in turn, would translate in an increase of their membership and participation in their events.

WHEREAS, Student Assessment Fee was significantly increased during the 2015-16 academic year, and as a result the Graduate Student Association now has the capacity to provide more financial support for graduate students programing and events. Similarly, WSA revised their caps in that academic year in response to the increase in fees; and

WHEREAS, the caps for funding under the GFAC guidelines have not been revised in more than six (6) years, while the prices of certain items and services have increased making the hosting of events more expensive for RSOs; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of GSA to support the implementation of multiple activities that involve graduate students at Western Michigan University, the current cap of $3,000 for graduate student organizations and $2,000 for mixed RSOs limits most of them to conduct just one event per academic year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Section 1. To modify the Article 5 under Title II, as well as Articles 5 and 7 under Title III of the GFAC guidelines to reflect an increase of $3,000 in event funding for graduate student organizations, for a total of $6,000 per academic year; and an increase of $2,000 for mixed organizations for a total of $4,000 per academic year.

Section 2. To modify the Article 5 under Title II, as well as Articles 5 and 7 under Title III of the GFAC guidelines to reflect an increase of $400 in operational expenses funding for graduate student organizations, for a total of $1,000 per academic year; and an increase of $300 for mixed organizations for a total of $700 per academic year.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.