



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Resolution

31st Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution #: 5

Sponsored by: Representative Wesner

Date: October 16th, 2023

Whereas: Florida State University's current [FSU Graduate Bulletin](#) under Standard Full-Time Load and Underload Definitions deems full-time graduate student status at twelve credit hours which adversely affects graduate student veterans, graduate students who married to veterans, and the children of veterans; and;

Whereas: this policy causes the Department of Veterans Affairs to prorate their G.I. Bill housing stipends to graduate students who are taking less than twelve credits; and;

Whereas: this policy results in the reduction of G.I. Bill payments by a significant amount each month to graduate students, even if they are considered to be enrolled full time by their department; and;

Whereas: the average age of student veterans at Florida State University is 34, and many of these student veterans are employed and have children which hinders their ability to enroll in twelve credits; and;

Whereas: most graduate programs on campus consider students to be in full time status with a 9-credit course load; and;

Whereas: this policy is contrary to the stated values of Florida State University and its student body, which professes to support and honor our veterans and their families.

Be it resolved by the Thirty-First Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State

University that: it hereby proclaims full support in favor of Florida State University changing its full-time enrollment policy for graduate students from considering 12-credits to be full time to considering 9-credits or the amount of credits which is considered full time by their department.

Be it finally resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to:

Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University,

Ms. Bridget Birmingham, Faculty Senate President,

Mr. Jackson "Jack" Hitchcock, Student Body President of Florida State University,

Dr. Jim Clark, Provost of Florida State University,

Dr. Mark Riley, Dean of the Graduate School of Florida State University,

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs of Florida State University,

Mr. William (Billy) Francis, Director of the Florida State University Veterans Center.

Read: 10/16/2023

COGS Vote: 17-0-0

Passed: October 16, 2023

CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY

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Deputy Speaker for Finance