

Texas A&M University  
Graduate and Professional Student Council  
General Assembly  
2016-2017 Session

**A Resolution that supports Veterans Resource and Service Center  
request for SAFAB funding**

*Presented by Alisha Ahamed on October 18, 2016*

- Whereas: The Graduate and Professional Student Council exists to govern and to serve as the voice of all graduate and professional students at Texas A&M University.
- Whereas: The Veteran’s Resource and Support Center (VRSC) houses the MAPIT program, (Military Admissions Program for Integrative Transition) which provides personalized services and a support network that recognizes and engages student veterans to support graduation rates and successful career outcomes.
- Whereas: There are currently two full time and one part time staff in the VRSC that average approximately 50 hours per week to service currently enrolled student veterans while additionally reaching out to 200+ prospective students every month.
- Whereas: Due to new federal regulations of FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act) that go into effect December 1, 2016, these employees who were previously overtime exempt will now need to be paid overtime.
- Whereas: In addition, the VRSC has a recurring shortfall in operating expenditure that has led to poor availability of workstations and lack of printing support requiring creative rotating scheduling between all staff.
- Let it be Resolved: The Graduate and Professional Student Council supports the following requests made by Veteran Resource and Support Center:
- Additional part time staff for MAPIT program
  - VRSC Office Equipment/Cost Adjustment
- Let it be Further Resolved: A copy of this resolution shall be posted and delivered to:
- Col. Gerald Smith  
*Director of Veterans Resource and Support Center*  
SGM. Donald Freeman

*Veteran Programs and Outreach Coordinator*

**Josh Fuller**

*Chair, Student Affairs Fee Advisory Board*

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*Advisor to the Graduate and Professional Student Council*

**Action Taken:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Certified By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Christian Nygren**  
*Executive Vice President*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Duly Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Paul Taele**  
*President*