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A STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A POSITION DESIGNATED FOR ONE GRADUATE STUDENT PER ELECTION CYCLE, TO DEAL WITH GRADUATE STUDENT AFFAIRS.

WHEREAS Graduate students have every opportunity to join an undergraduate student organization, but currently have no voting rights, **AND**

WHEREAS Graduate students do not have the number or variety of organizations that the undergraduate students have access to, **AND**

WHEREAS There are over four thousand graduate students who attend this University and can provide valuable experience to undergraduates in organizations, **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED That undergraduate student organizations have the right to have one elected graduate student representative, who will have voting rights, to their executive board whose duty shall be to deal with graduate student affairs for an organization, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That those graduate students who choose to run for a position in an organization must have a full-time status at the University, as must full-time enrolled undergraduate students to be eligible, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That each graduate student who wishes to be considered for full voting rights and full membership status, or run for the possibly created graduate student affairs seat, in undergraduate student organizations will be required to first pay a $12 student activity fee once every quarter. This fee will be a temporary condition until the point that a universal graduate student activity fee may be instituted. The logistics behind the collection and authorization of the former fee will be completed at such a date prior to May 1st, 1996 through the medium of either the Business Office or the Cashier's Office, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That an undergraduate organization can create this seat contingent on the fact that they must have at least three other regular E-Board members who are full-time undergraduate students, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That this mandate does not apply to the Student Government Association because it is the representative body for full-time undergraduates, and the Graduate Student Association exists to represent graduates. No Graduate student shall serve as a special interest senator in SGA for any organization. A representative of the Graduate Student Association shall be invited to act as an observer to the Student Senate with full ex-officio but non-voting rights of participation. This resolved shall not take effect until there has been a reciprocal agreement between SGA and GSA to ensure that an undergraduate will function with ex-officio rights in the GSA. **AND BE IT FURTHER**

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RESOLVED That this bill will change the Student Activity Handbook's criteria for full recognition of an undergraduate organization, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED The term of office for the graduate seat will be decided by the undergraduate organization and specified in their constitution, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED Each undergraduate student organization shall have the right to create limitations and restrictions regarding the amount of graduates who may vote or who may participate with full voting rights in their organizations, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED The Office of Student Activities shall from time to time conduct forums regarding undergraduate leadership skills ensuring that undergraduates will receive the necessary and proper help to maintain undergraduate control of the organizations, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That this bill shall take effect beginning May 1st of 1996 but organizations can make preliminary preparations prior to May 1st. **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That this resolution in no way interferes with the right of graduate students to begin their own student organizations. Nor does it interfere with the right of an undergraduate student organization to remain completely undergraduate if it so chooses, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

Respectfully submitted, with the approval of the Student Affairs Committee,

Steve Sharobem
Senator, Arts & Sciences

Matthew Schlager
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Date: Nov. 16, 1995

Vote:
Yea 29
Nay 1
Abstain 2

Chris Schoeneberger, President

Attest:

Marc Duval, Vice President of Administration