Purdue Graduate Student Government
Report to the Board of Trustees

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Recent work

• ISS Host A Boiler Thanksgiving/Christmas
• First two PGSG Lectureship Series events
• PGSG Spring International Student Host Program
• Completed pilot Buddies program; in second pilot
• Next Generation Scholars, Spring Career Fair
• Graduate Student Center reservations up 25%*

*comparing Sep-Oct weekly event reservation rates to Nov-Feb rates
Topic of Focus & Concern: Competitiveness of TA Stipends

- Broad interest and concern across all of campus about TA stipend levels
- Data from Office of Institutional Research comparing Purdue with other Big10 institutions

Notes:
1. Fall 2014 data (Fall 2015 available in April)
2. 3.5% increase to general fund TA lines FY16
3. Efforts underway in CLA
## TA Stipend Situation
### By the Numbers

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Stipend</th>
<th>Rank/Institutions</th>
<th>Increase needed to match Big10 median</th>
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<tr>
<td>Agriculture</td>
<td>$15,781</td>
<td>5/9</td>
<td>$563 (4%)</td>
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<td>Biology &amp; Biomed</td>
<td>$17,147</td>
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<td>$3,030 (18%)</td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>$17,214</td>
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Source: Office of Institutional Research, AAUDE data by 2-digit CIP, Fall 2014
Why Increased Competitiveness is Important for Purdue

• Research excellence — graduate students help shape and are the workhorses in faculty research

• Faculty recruitment & retention — stronger graduate students are a substantial incentive

• Institutional ranking & reputation — placement of graduates has major impact on Purdue’s standing
What We Need to Be Competitive

- Dollars needed to be 3rd place in the Big10 in each subfield: $5,792,973
- Dollars needed to match the Big10 median in each subfield: $3,544,482

Source: Office of Institutional Research, AAUDE data by 2-digit CIP, Fall 2014
Next Steps

• Careful analysis completed by CLA Dean Reingold

• Analysis needed by other deans (different conclusions/recommendations)

Requests/recommendations to the Board:

1. 3.5% increase to all general fund TA lines for FY17, as in FY16

2. Full support of Dean Reingold’s proposals

3. Direct deans to carefully analyze graduate education programs, emphasizing competitiveness of stipends, over Summer 2016, to review Fall 2016 and implement following academic year

4. Evaluate value and effectiveness of the Graduate School for potential recurring dollar savings

5. Revisit the state of TA stipends for FY18