

**To: The Purdue University Senate**  
**From: Chris Clifton, Chair, Student Affairs Committee**  
**Subject: Purdue Graduate Student Government Bill of Rights and Responsibilities**  
**Disposition: University Senate for Reconsideration**

~~WHEREAS, An inexplicitly defined role for graduate students in the context of the university can allow for ambiguities and misunderstanding that negatively impact their experience and success in their graduate endeavors; and~~

WHEREAS, No Purdue University-sponsored document fully describes the rights and responsibility of the graduate student body and their relation to the university, acknowledging: (1) "Purdue University Bill of Student Rights", which provide general discussion of student rights with no specific focus on graduate students, (2) "Guidelines for Graduate Student Mentoring and Advising" approved by the Graduate Council that provides discussion of expectations related to graduate student experience but represents faculty instruction to faculty, and (3) the Graduate School's "Policies and Procedures for Administering Graduate Student Programs" whose relevant sections provide important but ~~incomprehensive-non-comprehensive~~ discussion of graduate student rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, The Graduate Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities<sup>i</sup> provides a thorough and directed discussion to improve graduate student awareness of important considerations related to the graduate experience and provides the context for discourse to promote an environment of mutual success and improvement of the graduate experience;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Purdue University Senate endorses the Graduate Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities as passed by the Purdue Graduate Student Government.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Clifton, Chair  
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i See <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0By3sFdKQNugNbFB2aDBtbTF5c2c>