

Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NON-ACADEMIC VOTING SEAT FOR THE D CENTER**

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WHEREAS, graduate students with disabilities are an underrepresented population at UW; and

WHEREAS, the Graduate and Professional Student Senate is tasked with representing all graduate student needs and voices on the University of Washington, Seattle campus; and

WHEREAS, graduate students with disabilities perspectives should be included when shaping advocacy and policy that may uniquely impact their community and campus experiences; and

WHEREAS, the D Center serves a significant portion of UW's over 3,000 students who are registered with Disability Resource Services for Students (DRS) as well as large portions of students who identify as having a disability and/or being D/deaf who do not receive direct accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the D Center has served as an established cultural center and resource for students, staff and faculty with disabilities for over 6 years that continues to grow and increase engagement with students with disabilities each year; and

WHEREAS, the D Center provides physical space, across campus programming and events, education, training, and community outreach for students with disabilities, including graduate students and can therefore provide sustainable support for finding a representative for this seat; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT a Senate seat for under-represented graduate and professional minority groups be created by the GPSS under the procedures specified by Article III, Section C of the GPSS Constitution and filled by a graduate student selected by the D Center.

Presented to GPSS for approval on January 27th, 2021

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