WHEREAS, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) graduate and professional students are underrepresented populations at the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Graduate and Professional Student Senate is tasked with representing all graduate and professional student voices on the UW, Seattle campus; and

WHEREAS, perspectives of BIPOC graduate and professional students should be included when constructing policy and coordinating advocacy that may impact the BIPOC community and their campus experiences; and

WHEREAS, Over 4,000 graduate and professional students at UW currently identify as BIPOC; and

WHEREAS, GO-MAP has been serving BIPOC graduate students since 1970 and provides education, programming, events, and a community for BIPOC students; and

WHEREAS, GO-MAP is the primary recruitment and retention organization for underrepresented minorities at the University of Washington, providing fellowships and other academic resources; and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Advisory Board (GSAB) of GO-MAP directs advocacy, community building, graduate student success, outreach, and alumni relations, and can therefore provide sustainable support for 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 underrepresented graduate and professional minoritized 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 GO-MAP GSAB.

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