

Resolution on Late Fellowship Stipend Checks for International Students

Adopted by the DSC on October 19, 2018

WHEREAS, the Doctoral and Graduate Students' Council (hereafter, "DSC") comprises representatives from doctoral and master's programs at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (hereafter, "CUNY"); and

WHEREAS, the DSC promotes the ideals of democracy both within CUNY and beyond in order to enable its students, faculty, and staff to participate in the important social, political, and economic decisions that affect the quality of the lives of their community, and their greater global communities at-large; and

WHEREAS, the DSC is comprised of both domestic as well as international students who serve as representatives in an equal capacity, without distinction; and

WHEREAS, international graduate school students are a large contingent of the CUNY workforce; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of graduate assistants and adjuncts complied with deadlines for submitting documents under assurances that they would be paid on September 11; and

WHEREAS, dozens of students have continued to work without receiving payment until mid-October; and

WHEREAS, fellowships and adjunct pay constitute the primary, if not sole, income of most students, many of whom live paycheck - to - paycheck; and

WHEREAS, graduate assistants holding a Graduate Assistant A ("GAA") position are precluded from holding other employment within CUNY and therefore it is an absolutely vital source of income for international students especially; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, that DSC finds the delay in payment of international students unacceptable, and through no fault of those affected; and let it be

FURTHER RESOLVED, that DSC requests a response from the Office of Finance and Administration of the Graduate Center that: (a) specifies the cause of the delay in Fall 2018; (b) establishes a plan and timeline for implementing proper payment in the future; (c) assures all Graduate Center students that future semester payments will be made on time; and let it be

FINALLY RESOLVED, the DSC demands that Central Office of CUNY oversee and hold the Graduate Center accountable for timely payment of employees regardless of their nationality or citizenship status.