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**WHEREAS** there has been an increase in incidents of harassment across the University of North Texas campus in recent weeks;

**WHEREAS** University of North Texas students should always feel secure against discrimination and harassment;

**WHEREAS** the University of North Texas endeavors to promote a sense of student unity across campus;

**WHEREAS** graduate students represent a key intermediary between undergraduates and the faculty and administration;

**WHEREAS** there is currently no universally codified system of protocols in place for graduate students to follow when an undergraduate, or fellow graduate, confides feelings of discrimination, harassment, or raises an issue where outside assistance may be necessary;

**WHEREAS** there may be stigma, social pressures, or personal fears that prevent individuals from engaging pre-existing University of North Texas reporting structures without familiar support;

**LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT** we create and actively endorse a program where graduate students, as well as any interested faculty, staff, or member of the administration, have the option of placing a sticker on the door of, or around, their office to alert students that they are safe to discuss incidents of discrimination, harassment, feelings of depression or suicide, as well as any other similar or related matters with those individuals. Along with the sticker, participants will be provided with a list of the appropriate University of North Texas institutions where student issues may be referred, as well as contact information for individuals to whom participants can reach out if they run into problems or have questions about a specific situation.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Senator Tyler P. Yates  
Senator Tyler Hicks

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In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Graduate Student Council has approved this document and is referred to the office of the GSC President.

Veder                      2/13/2017  
Parliamentarian      Date

**Presidential Action:**

- Vetoed  
 Approved

[Signature]                      2-7-17  
GSC President      Date

[Signature]                      2/8/17  
Associate Dean of Toulouse Graduate School      Date