



**GSO Senate Resolution 14.03**

**A Resolution Opposing Non-Uniform Fees for Graduate Students Who Exceed  
Maximum Time-to-Degree Rules**

**Whereas**, the Graduate School defines a graduate student as “on time” if the student completes his or her master’s degree, or reaches all but dissertation (ABD) status, within seven years of matriculation, and if an ABD student completes his or her PhD within five years of reaching ABD status, and

**Whereas**, the Graduate School, in cooperation with the academic deans, has implemented a new requirement that any graduate student exceeding these timing rules must register for one credit of GRD 991 each semester to maintain student status, and

**Whereas**, several schools, namely Education and IST, have implemented similar fees and requirements of their own in recent years as a pilot to this new Graduate School policy, and

**Whereas**, it is not clear at this time if those additional fees and course requirements will be eliminated in the face of the single, uniform requirement implemented by the Graduate School; therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the graduate students of Syracuse University are opposed to any unit of the university assessing fees of graduate students for exceeding the maximum time to completion that are not uniform amongst all graduate students exceeding this maximum time, including requirements to register for courses, etc.