

**University of Colorado Student Union  
Legislative Council**

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**Graduate School Senator**  
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**A Resolution**

**Resolution History**

The United Government of Graduate Students (UGGS) is the governing body for Graduate Students at the University of Colorado, Boulder. UGGS acts as an advocate for Graduate student needs at a university level as well as at a state and national level.

The Graduate School and the United Government of Graduate Students have made a budget request to the university to cover 100% of health insurance (Buff Limited) for graduate students on appointment. The university currently covers 50% of the cost for these students.

We believe that increasing the share of health insurance paid by the university will improve the quality of life for our current students and allow CU to be more competitive in recruiting the very best students to our university. Everyone is aware that this is a difficult budget year and that the university has limited resources. Nonetheless, we think that paying for a larger share of the health insurance plan for graduate students should be a top priority for the university.

The Chancellor is asking for input from different parties, including the deans of the various colleges. The graduate students ask UCSU to support this initiative.

**Resolution Summary**

- Whereas:** Graduate and professional students on appointment at the University of **Colorado contribute** greatly to the teaching and research achievements **of** the University and as such should be compensated adequately.
- Whereas:** UGGS has voted in favor of increased health insurance coverage for **graduate students**.
- Whereas:** The current coverage is not competitive. Of our 27 peer universities, 23 pay a larger percentage share of health insurance for their graduate students. The health insurance plans offered by these universities appears comparable and in many cases, superior to the plan currently offered by CU.
- Whereas:** **lii** many departments, the stipends are also not competitive given the high **cost of living in Boulder**.
- Whereas:** **Paying for a** larger share of the health insurance plan for graduate students **should be a top priority for the university**.
- Whereas:** **This** is an important need for the University of Colorado's current graduate **students and this will help in making each department more competitive in the recruitment of future graduate students**.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the <sup>56</sup>th Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, **THAT:**

**Section 1:** UCSU acknowledges the need for increased health insurance coverage for University of Colorado graduate students on appointment, in order to adequately compensate graduate students for their work and to maintain a competitive standard of benefits with peer institutions.

Section 2: UCSU supports 100% health insurance coverage for graduate students on appointment at the University of Colorado.

Section 3: UCSU recommends the administration of the University of Colorado at Boulder to support 100% health insurance coverage for graduate students on appointment beginning in fiscal year 2003-2004.

Section 4: This resolution takes effect upon passage.

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Passed

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