



GSA Bill #5

A bill authorizing the GSA executives to write to the University of Nebraska- Lincoln Administration

1 **WHEREAS**, the Graduate Student Assembly exercises student governance of affairs
2 representing all Graduate and Professional students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and,

3 **WHEREAS**, the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) is a unique population with roles as
4 students, instructors, researchers, and/or staff; and,

5 **WHEREAS**, the current governance documents (e.g. Responsibilities and Rights of
6 Students from the Board of Regents, Student Affairs Code of Conduct, and the Conduct, Academic
7 Integrity, and Related Policy) insufficiently clarify expectations for the diverse roles Graduate and
8 Professional students occupy at the University of Nebraska- Lincoln; and,

9 **WHEREAS**, there arise instances where these rules and policies are applied in a manner
10 raising questions of fairness toward graduate students.

11 **THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, that GSA will draft a letter that will be presented and
12 voted by the Assembly which, if approved, shall be conveyed to the Chancellor and Vice-
13 Chancellor registering our concern that Graduate student rights and responsibilities are susceptible
14 to prejudicial definition and enforcement due to the ambiguity, and insisting on clarification and
15 transparency in all disciplinary or administrative action toward Graduate students.

Submitted by	President Da Silva and Vice-President Clausen	DATE	09/17/2017
Referred to	Assembly	DATE	09/19/2017
Committee action	Not applicable	DATE	
Floor action	Adopted by voice vote	DATE	09/19/2017
Presidential Signature	(s) President Da Silva	DATE	09/20/2017