



*Giving Grad Students a Voice...*

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Regarding the proposed University and Records Document Fee, a combined one-time fee of \$225 for all students entering in the Fall of 2016:

The proposed fee will combine the fees currently paid by students on a per-case basis for graduation (1 x \$75), transcripts (5 x \$16), late registration changes (5 x \$12), and diploma replacement (1 x \$25). The proposed fee will eliminate student hassle of paying these fees whenever they make these changes. A UI student who enrolls in a different program (e.g., from a Masters to PhD) will not pay this fee again.

Graduate and professional students have over a 90% graduation rate. According to data provided by the Registrar, graduate and professional students can expect to order 5 to 6 transcripts and make only 1 to 2 late registration changes throughout their time at the University. Even assuming graduate students order 1 diploma replacement, graduate students pay \$192 to \$220 under current fees. This is less than the proposed fee of \$225.

The Executive Council of the Graduate Student Senate strongly encourage the consideration of a reduced fee to graduate and professional students (\$192). Ultimately, however, we support a one-time University Records and Document fee.

Signed,  
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