Resolution #1410B
Resolution to Amend the Bylaws to Change the Graduate Assembly Project
Title from Graduate Student Support [Services] Project to Graduate Student Wellness Project

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WHEREAS the current title of one of the Graduate Assembly Projects is the Graduate Student Support Services Project Coordinator, a title that does not reflect the advocacy and coordination of this project; and

WHEREAS the majority of coordinated events under the leadership of this project increasingly focus on promoting and enhancing graduate student health and well-being, including: (1) a meditation series, explicitly designed for graduate students and (2) a financial advising event to address the stressors of funding and finances for graduate students; and

WHEREAS the focus of this project’s advocacy on campus similarly highlights and works to improve graduate student mental health and wellness, as represented, in part, by active participation in the following committees: (1) Health Fee Advisory Board, (2) Graduate Student Mental Health Advisory Committee, (3) Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Student Mental Health, and (4) Student Health Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS in partnership with GA Delegate Matt Grigorieff and ASUC Senators Justin Kong and Emily Truax, this project formed the resolution to establish the Wellness Workgroup, a group dedicated to amplifying the voices and asks of the student body regarding issues of wellness and mental health, which passed unanimously through the Graduate Assembly and the ASUC; and

WHEREAS the results of campus climate and student mental health and wellness call for more dedicated positions and projects, which serve the needs of students, particularly graduate students in getting increased provision of and access to health and wellness services; therefore be it
RESOLVED that the title of the Graduate Student Support Services Project be changed to the Graduate Student Wellness Project, to more accurately reflect the advocacy and coordination of this project; and be it

RESOLVED that the focus of the project be more explicitly related to providing support to graduate students seeking help in navigating mental health and wellness services and providing more events for and outreach to graduate students with the aim of enhancing graduate well-being; and finally be it

RESOLVED that the project advocacy remains focused on enhancing awareness of the graduate need for increased services and access to services, which aim to improve mental health and wellness.