

FINAL: BoT Timeline Resolution

WHEREAS, the Graduate and Professional Student Association exists to advocate, serve, and represent the graduate and professional student body,

WHEREAS, the Graduate and Professional Student Association saw an outpouring of concern from the graduate and professional student community on the changes to the university student health insurance plan,

WHEREAS, in order to ensure students have a voice in the process, they must be fully informed about all aspects and changes to the student health insurance plan, the reasoning behind those changes, and plans for future changes,

WHEREAS, in response to concerns aired by several graduate students at the Board of Trustees meeting on May 9th, 2014 over the timing of the agreement with Aetna, students were informed by Senior Vice President for Finance and Business/Treasurer, David Gray, that he thought the contract would not be signed until August 1st,

WHEREAS, the contract with Aetna was finalized on May 13th, 2014,

WHEREAS, information about the finalized contract and the signing of it were not made available until May 21st, 2014,

WHEREAS, representatives of The Pennsylvania State University have not explained the discrepancies of the timeline to graduate students, and it is unknown if they were explained them to Board of Trustees members,

RESOLVED, that the Graduate and Professional Student Association calls on The Pennsylvania State University to immediately make public the full timeline of when the contract was finalized, and when key decision makers, including Senior VP David Gray, were made aware it would be finalized.

RESOLVED, that the Graduate and Professional Student Association calls on The Pennsylvania State University to clarify when, if ever, members of the Board of Trustees were informed of the discrepancy in the timeline.

RESOLVED, that the Graduate and Professional Student Association calls on The Pennsylvania State University to work with the Graduate and Professional Student Association to make public a timeline for finalizing the health insurance contract for the 2014-2015 academic year.