WHEREAS, The Stephen F. Austin State University Graduate Council recommended that graduate student stipends be increased to $7,500 for nine months by 2003; and

WHEREAS, A survey conducted by the Stephen F. Austin State University Graduate Council indicated that Stephen F. Austin State University is behind many other Texas universities in graduate student stipends; and

WHEREAS, The low graduate student stipends offered by Stephen F. Austin State University place many programs at a disadvantage in the competition to recruit well qualified graduate students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate of Stephen F. Austin State University recommends that graduate student stipends at Stephen F. Austin State University be increased to $7,500 for nine months by 2003; and

That, beginning in Fall 2001, all local university fees be waived for graduate students receiving stipends.