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To: Gaurav Khairnar, President, Council of Graduate Students (CGS), Missouri S&T
Re: Support by *Graduate Education* for the Graduate Student Bill of Rights (GSBoR)

Dear Gaurav and Members of CGS:

The Graduate Student Bill of Rights (<https://cgs.mst.edu/billofrights/>) was presented to the Graduate Council and on April 6, 2022, Council passed a resolution of support. Shortly thereafter, on April 20, 2022, the GSBoR was endorsed as a guiding document by Dr. Colin Potts, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Richard Wlezien, Vice Provost and Dean, College of Engineering and Computing, and Dr. Kate Drowne, Interim Vice Provost and Dean, College of Arts, Sciences, and Business.

My predecessor, Dr. Costas Tsatsoulis, Vice Provost of Graduate Education was enthusiastically in support of the GSBoR and the support by *Graduate Education* for the Graduate Student Bill of Rights “goes without saying”. Nevertheless, it is my pleasure and an honor to write this letter today to add my name and *Graduate Education* formally, explicitly, and demonstratively to the list of supporters.

Making the Graduate Student Bill of Rights part of the common fabric of Missouri S&T will require broad acceptance and support by the faculty and full implementation of the spirit of the document will also require significant adjustments to procedures and practices. I can assure our graduate students that efforts have been ongoing to facilitate the implementation of the goals across the three colleges and some aspects will require engagement by Human Resources (HR), the Office of Technology Transfer and Economic Development (TTED), and others.

It is the stated mission of *Graduate Education* (<https://grad.mst.edu/about/>) to implement the values of Missouri S&T (<https://www.mst.edu/about/#ourvalues>) and *Graduate Education* recognizes that quality advising and mentorship enhance the adventure and the success of graduate education. Everyone in *Graduate Education* takes pride in serving our exceptional, diverse, and determined student body and campus community.

We want to take this opportunity to point out that Missouri S&T has well established paths for students to address concerns that might arise in their graduate careers. Students having concerns or complaints regarding their academic experience should first discuss the matter with the faculty member(s) and/or advisor(s) involved and perhaps in consultation with the chair of the department. At the next level, students may bring their issues to the attention of the respective Dean’s Office, i.e., the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education (CASE, email: case@mst.edu), the College of Engineering and Computing (CEC, email: cec@mst.edu), or the Kummer College of Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Development (KI, email: kummercollege@mst.edu). At the campus level, graduate students may contact *Graduate Education* (email: gradsupport@mst.edu, grad@mst.edu) and/or the Department of Student Support and Community Standards (email: studentsupport@mst.edu, <https://studentsupport.mst.edu/communitystandards/studentcomplaintprocess/>) for guidance on filing complaints and grievances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rainer Glaser".