

January 10, 2020

Dear President Cabrera, Provost Bras, and Vice President Fortner,

We are two senior Ph.D. students in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Over the past several months, we have been engaged in an ongoing dialogue with many other graduate students regarding graduate student fees at Georgia Tech. As a result of these conversations, we drafted a graduate student petition calling for the reduction of mandatory graduate student fees. This past Friday we sent a copy of this petition, signed by over 1000 graduate students, to your respective offices; we have also attached it to this email.

We understand that the process of setting tuition and fee levels occurs at the state level, and that there are many competing factors at play when these decisions are made. However, now more than ever the issue of graduate student fees is a serious and growing concern among the graduate student population at Georgia Tech, as the cost of living in Atlanta increases while we and prospective students watch fees decrease at other top-tier research institutions. The purpose of the petition is to make our collective voice as graduate students heard by the administration of Georgia Tech, and we hope that you will carry our voice forward to the state level in fighting for the financial health of Georgia Tech graduate students.

Sincerely,

Greg Canal and Matt O'Shaughnessy