Date: April 6, 2015
To: Deans, Department Chairs, Head Graduate Advisors, Graduate Student Affairs Officers
From: Fiona M. Doyle, Dean of the Graduate Division
Re: GSR appointments in Self-Supporting Degree Programs

This memo reiterates a policy that became effective in Fall 2014 with regard to GSRs who hold appointments at 25% or greater for a semester. This policy applies to Fall and Spring semesters only; there are no tuition and fee remissions in Summer sessions.

A registered graduate student with GSR appointment(s) totaling 25% or more for the semester, who is enrolled in a self-supporting graduate degree program (SSGDP) and is employed by either a self-supporting graduate program or a state-supported graduate program, shall be eligible to receive a remission equivalent in dollar amount to that received as a result of a qualifying appointment by an eligible GSR enrolled in a state-supported program. Such remission includes:
- Graduate Academic Tuition
- Student Services Fee
- Health Insurance (only if the GSR is enrolled in SHIP)

A registered graduate student with GSR appointment(s) totaling 45% or more for the semester, who is enrolled in a self-supporting graduate degree program (SSGDP) and is employed by either a self-supporting graduate program or a state-supported graduate program, shall be eligible to receive a remission equivalent in dollar amount to that received as a result of a qualifying appointment by an eligible GSR enrolled in a state-supported program. Such remission includes:
- Graduate Academic Tuition
- Student Services Fee
- Health Insurance (only if the GSR is enrolled in SHIP)
- Campus Fees
- Class Pass

In no case shall that remission exceed the total charges paid by, or assessed to, the GSR to the self-supporting program, i.e. -- up to the combination of the graduate academic tuition and fees as listed above but not exceeding the amount of the actual SSGDP fee. Because the tuition and fee remission equivalent is a benefit of employment, the fund source must be the same as the salary source, as is the case with any other remission.

Self-supporting graduate degree programs subject to this provision are only those programs that have an approved self-supporting fee or charge approved in writing by the UC Office of the President. Affected Self-Supporting Graduate Degree Programs as of Fall 2014 are:
- Haas Evening-Weekend MBA
- Berkeley-Haas Executive MBA
- Master of Financial Engineering (MFE)
- Online On-Campus Master of Public Health
- Master of Advanced Study (MAS) Integrated Circuits
- Master of Information and Data Science
- Master of Engineering (MEng)
- Master of Laws (LLM)

This policy is similar to the BX ASE-UAW contract Article 11.C. FEE EQUIVALENCY FOR ASEs ENROLLED IN SELF-SUPPORTING PROGRAMS (effective June 20, 2014 – June 30, 2018).