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GAU Filing Chapter Grievance to Secure Fee Relief

GAINESVILLE, FL – GAU is working to secure the fee relief negotiated last summer with the University of Florida. We continue to receive reports fee relief is not currently reflected in all graduate assistants (GAs) campus finance accounts, and that students receiving financial aid disbursements have been charged the full amount of fees.

As of this time, representatives of the University have failed to provide GAU with updates. Since this issue is widespread, we will be filing a chapter grievance on behalf of the more than 4,000 GAs represented by GAU. Filing a chapter grievance means the University has violated a provision of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

Throughout this process, we continue to work to secure fee relief for those who have not paid fees, and refunds for those who have already paid fees, intentionally or inadvertently. For the average GA enrolled in nine credit hours this semester, this fee relief or refund is equal to approximately \$227.

For GAs, we continue to recommend not paying the full amount of student fees currently charged to your account until fee relief is applied.

GAU will keep the graduate community apprised of any developments.

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GAU is the official labor union representing the approximately 4,000 teaching, research, and graduate assistants at the University of Florida. UFF, FEA, NEA, AFT, AFL-CIO. For additional information, contact GAU Communication Chair Stephen C. Phillips at communications@ufgau.org or 352-575-0366.