

# Graduate Student Senate



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*The GSS Health and Wellness Committee submitted the following letter for the consideration of the Graduate Student Senate on 4/13/2020.*

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To Whom it May Concern,

On February 10, 2020, Stacey Hall, Executive Director of Student Engagement and Development), met with the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) to reveal the proposed plans for renovations to the Memorial Union Building (MUB). GSS is committed to improving students' experiences at UNH and we believe the MUB plays an important role in those efforts. While we are happy to support initiatives geared toward the improvement of student experiences of all UNH students, we'd like to emphasize the needs of graduate students. In order to foster more graduate student utilization of MUB space, and in order to promote the continued growth and success of the graduate student population, we ask that space be reserved in those new plans which can accommodate the following:

- A room large enough to hold 40+ students.
- Dedicated storage spaces (like secure closets) for GSS and other graduate student related groups/organizations for their advertising and event materials.
- Adequate technology for workshops, trainings, and other graduate school related events (projectors, TVs, smartboards, etc.).
- Appropriate furniture for individual and group work and activities.
- Secure storage spaces (similar to the number and type of lockers Dimond Library provides) for graduate students who might otherwise lack a place to safely deposit their personal and professional belongings while on campus.

The space considered in this request should be distinguished from any GSS specific space. While we are writing this letter in support of the proposed MUB renovations, that support is contingent on the guarantee that the graduate student community receive adequate space for the above listed accommodations.

*\*This letter was approved by the Graduate Student Senate on 04/27/2020.*

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