

**FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

***Resolution in Support of Graduate Fellowships  
[as amended]***

**WHEREAS** the Faculty Senate supports our university's historical and continuing commitment to a diverse community and inclusive environment for students, faculty, and staff; and

**WHEREAS** the Faculty Senate recognizes the great success of programs which have helped SIUC increase the enrollment of minority, women, and other underrepresented students in graduate school; and

**WHEREAS** we take pride that significant numbers of minority, women, and other underrepresented students have graduated from SIUC; and

**WHEREAS** SIUC has benefited and continues to benefit from the presence, perspectives, and involvement of minority, women, and other underrepresented students;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we support and encourage the SIUC administration in its efforts to maintain the graduate fellowships, "Bridge to the Doctorate," "Proactive Recruitment of Multicultural Professionals for Tomorrow," and "Graduate Dean's Fellowship."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chancellor, Provost and Vice Chancellor, or the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean meet with the graduate students enrolled in programs which have come under legal scrutiny, and that these administrators personally assure these graduate students that their presence at SIUC is valued and their work will be appropriately supported.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Provost initiate a review of all graduate fellowships, assistantships, and tuition-based scholarships during this academic year, with special attention paid to the process by which this assistance is awarded; and that clear, consistent and transparent procedures be developed to ensure that all such programs be open to all who are eligible to apply.

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