RESOLUTION
Date: December 2008
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GSSR 09-01 Graduate Scholars Program

WHEREAS the National Science Foundation is now requiring ethics training for all grants it awards;

WHEREAS the Compliance Office, in coordination with the Vice President of Research’s Office, is in the process of introducing a new research ethics program, known as the Graduate Scholars program;

WHEREAS this program is intended to meet and exceed the scope of the current NSF requirements;

WHEREAS this program, as currently recommended, would directly impact graduate students in the physical, biological, social and behavioral sciences, engineering, and education programs as well as all PhD students;

WHEREAS participants of this program would have a notation of such on their academic transcript, a potential benefit for future employment;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Graduate Student Senate supports this initiative with the following recommendations for the program:

First, that the program be offered both in the Fall and in the Spring, so that those beginning in semesters other than Fall waste no time in their research pursuit;

Second, that since some departments currently have ethics courses that are required of their students, the new program will coordinate with these departments so there is no overlap or repeating of ethics training for the students involved.
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20 Third, that feedback is sought ongoing from both the affected graduate students and their
21 graduate advisors on the quality of the program and how it might be improved to better fit
22 within the framework of the students’ research and degree requirements.

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