

**Graduate Council Resolution
on Draft *University Code of Conduct***

RATIONALE:

Whereas the draft *University Code of Conduct* has no known author or source;

and whereas the draft *University Code of Conduct* has no stipulated individuals expected to abide by it, no known intended placement or audience, nor any stipulated manner in which it would be made public to individuals expected to abide by it;

and whereas the relationship of the draft *University Code of Conduct* to the existing *Code of Ethics* in the SIUC Employee's handbook is unclear, in terms of whether it is to replace or supplement the existing code or to address some perceived but unstipulated problems with the existing *Code of Ethics*, and what difficulties with the existing *Code of Ethics* may have motivated the development of an additional or replacement *Code of Conduct*;

and whereas language such as "reporting to management" dramatically changes the existing reporting mechanisms, with a marked shift from a strong tradition of faculty governance enshrined within the existing SIUC *Code of Ethics* to one which elevates even minor issues to higher levels of administration quickly;

RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that, in light of our concerns and lack of information, the Graduate Council does not support or endorse this draft *University Code of Conduct* in its current form.