

Graduate Council Resolution

Graduate Council Resolution on the Importance of Research and Creative Activities at SIUC

Whereas, faculty involved in research and creative activity are more current with advances and opportunities in their field of study,

And whereas, research and creative activities provide opportunities for undergraduate students to gain valuable hands-on experience within their field of study,

And whereas, research and creative activity is required for all graduate education and some undergraduate degree programs,

And whereas, research and creative activities are a core priority for Tier I Research institutions,

And whereas, maintaining strong support for research and creative activities is required to maintain our status as a Tier I Research institution,

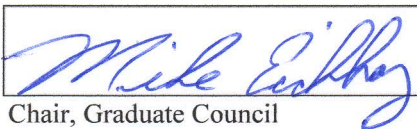
And whereas, maintaining our status as a Tier I Research institution is critical for future student and faculty recruitment,

And whereas, research and creative activities are interwoven with academics and should not be placed in a separate category for budget reduction considerations,

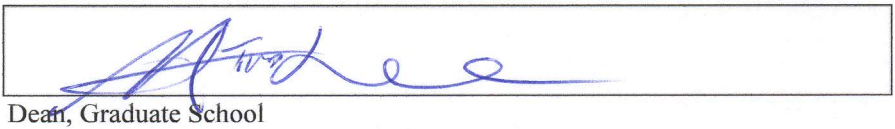
And whereas, budget cuts should be better aligned with the university's core mission as an academic and research-focused institution,

Therefore, be it resolved that the SIUC Graduate Council requests the SIUC administration reconsider the nearly 10% cut to the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research, and none of this year's proposed budget cuts be recurring until a detailed evaluation of all university programs has been concluded to allow for a more strategic approach to budget reduction.

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Chair, Graduate Council

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Date

  
Dean, Graduate School

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